

fact is, the whole literary, scientific, and practical world walk by the light of a few such torches, set up here and there along the highway of the ages. The world of the emotions falls into rank, and marches to the beat of some great sympathetic hearts, who stand out in high relief along the line of history.

Neither is it necessary that such men should become great authors in order to perpetuate their influence. The noblest intellect that ever exerted itself on this earth of ours, used no such means, but seemed so complete in itself as to be independent of them. That individual who possessed it, has left us no writings of his own. The writing on the same has long since been obliterated; yet we take this as an example of indistructable influence, since it has permeated the whole ground work of human society.

A misunderstanding often arises in regard to the education of men who have accomplished a great deal in life. We often hear some of the founders of our college praised, because without themselves enjoying the benefits of education, they so appreciated those benefits as to seek to confer them on posterity. We are willing to accord them all the praise, but we do not admit that they did this work as uneducated men. They were, indeed, educated men, who had got their education during long lives of costly experience, and at the expense, doubtless of much failure and disappointment, and hence their desire to procure for their successors the means of obtaining the same discipline under more favorable circumstances, and at an earlier period in life. This is what colleges profess to do, viz., to give in the shortest possible time, and at the least possible expense, that culture which is requisite for the pursuits of life. But the subject still grows on us, and must be deferred to a future time.

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THAT spirit of insubordination which has been manifesting itself through the columns of the *Star*, seems not yet to have subsided. We have not followed very closely the arguments adduced in support of the grounds

taken by these reformatory individuals, and hence are not in a position to criticise their actions very much. As journalists, however we give full countenance to liberty of speech. That the truth be known is always best for all concerned, and we hope that the present discussion will tend to this end, and to this end only. If this be the object, then we hail the occurrence, though it may look like doing evil that good may come. We would just suggest to writers on the subject, that it is so easy to find fault even with the most perfect organization, that it is quite possible for them to carry this matter to an extreme and thus defeat their own object.

That any student who has completed the course here, has learned too much about mathematics, we are not disposed to admit, though perhaps this study may, under present arrangements receive too large a proportion of time, as compared with other things. It appears to us that in order to have anything like a complete course in mathematics, at least very nearly all that is at present studied must be retained. It remains to be said, however, that the drill in this work previous to entering college, is accomplished in too short a time, and that the text book used is entirely too elementary. We are also of opinion that the standard for matriculation in classes should be much raised, thus giving room to substitute other languages at a more advanced stage of the course. In regard to the department of natural science, it does seem that there is more work than one man has been able to accomplish. We think it a pity that more class work is not done in this department.

To build up a museum is very well, and especially at the present time is quite necessary, but men, not museums, are the great want of the age. We hope that at no distant day the Governors of the College will see their way clear to appoint an assistant Teacher in this department. Then class work can be extended, and we can have a course in botany and other necessary additions in this line. Yet it needs to be remembered that everything cannot be done at once.