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The autumn term of '79 is again upon us, with its burdens and pleasures, its forebodings and hopes. Again the literary quiet of the Old Hill has been disturbed by the rustic shouts of the Academician, or the more musical note of the Seminarian. The freedom from toil and restraint during vacation was pleasant indeed, but we have had enough of it, and we gladly welcome the return of College life, and submit to its duties and discipline.

Wolfville, too, is beginning to have a home-like appearance, and as the time draws near when we shall bid it adieu, we learn the better to appreciate its good qualities, while

over its faults—if any there be—we are disposed to cast a mantle of charity.

The Athenæum again goes forth hopefully to greet its friends and patrons. This year we make some changes for the better in the appearance of the paper. Two additional editors have been appointed, which will enable us to widen the range of subject-matter for the paper, and we hope make it still more interesting to our friends; while we continue to publish it cheaper than any other College paper we know of.

Hitherto we have received much encouragement from our friends, while the reverse has occasionally come from supposed friends. Our old graduates, especially those of them holding prominent positions, have frequently spoken words of cheer and commendation, for which we are duly grateful, and particularly as when their "God speed them" was accompanied with some of that which is a necessary evil—even among editors. Old graduates and friends who can send us any notes, literary or scientific, personal, etc., will confer a favor on the editors.

MODESTY AND CONCEIT.

Persistency in remaining in the background, and jostling efforts to be in the forerank are two extremes among men. Of these the latter is perhaps the preferable, though not the most respect-commanding trait. Those who are ever ready to assume responsibilities for which nature has not fitted them, are likely sooner or later to be forced into their proper place, but those who have an oppressive feeling of inefficiency, accompanied with genuine power, are not so likely to be sought out and brought forward. In the case of superficial and conceited individuals there cannot but be seen a wise and merciful provision. Lacking ability there is compensation in those feelings of vanity and superiority consequent on the low standard of imitation which their shallow minds are capable of erecting. Those of defective self-esteem are pushed out of sight and made to suffer through the empty inflation of these