

the parts of society,—individuals and groups,—that each individual suffers the minimum hindrance and enjoys the maximum freedom from the other parts and from the whole in obtaining the satisfactions of complete life. In all our efforts to produce effective citizens, we should not lose sight of this fact.

The difficulties before us are many, and it may sometimes seem that our puny efforts are futile. But we must not be discouraged. A careful study of social relations brings us nearer to social truth, and instead of simply crying out

“Cursed be the social wants that sin against the strength of youth !

Cursed be the social lies that warp us from the living truth !”

we can go on the better realizing the ends of our existence by supplying the wants of human nature, and illuminating the world with the glory of an idealized humanity working toward a common end.

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The Early Days of the Athenæum and Reminiscences.

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The “Acadia Lyceum” preceded the ATHENÆUM. It came into being Sep. 9th., 1854 and continued until Feb. 9th., 1860, when in consequence of certain regulations by the Faculty restricting its independence the society was dissolved. But soon afterwards the class of '62 led an agitation for the formation of another. In committee J. E. P. Hopper suggested that it receive the name of “The ACADIA ATHENÆUM” and a motion to that effect was unanimously adopted. The old name and the new were both appropriate. The former was the designation of the ancient enclosure in Athens where the youth of the city resorted for various exercises, and whose quiet shades were the delight of the famous philosophers of the day. The latter was derived from a building of that name in the same city in which literary men recited their compositions, and discussed the various topics that engaged their attention.

The new society elected M. P. Freeman, President, J. Melburne Parker Secretary and S. B. Kempton Critic. The early records were unfortunately lost. The meetings were held in the Lecture room of the west wing of the old college building. The Library was sometimes placed at their disposal when requested for the accommodation of friends invited to enjoy the rare luxury of listening to words of wisdom, and flights of eloquence most wonderful. For public Lec-