

thought ; the mind goes through exactly the same process in solving a problem in higher mathematics as that involved in the simplest arithmetical calculations. But, in the one case, there must be that ability to take in a wider scope of relations ; and, in order to be effective, to do it readily ; this is mental discipline, which gives the possessor that mental bearing so desirable in a professional calling.

The importance of the knowledge acquired by a college course is not by any means to be overlooked. We may be for a long time in the dark as to what possible use the medley of facts, which we daily glean, can be put to ; but these are the blocks we build with. We may rest assured that this confused mass of apparently irrelevant ideas will by and by take on a shape. We know, when looking at a system of distant objects or at different parts of the same object, the eye fails, at first, to catch the design in its entirety ; but, continuing, it recognizes more or less suddenly the *conspectus*, clear and entire, and then the eye finds pleasure in contemplating the unity and design of the whole. Likewise, the young mind, in dealing with the world's facts will, after a time, from what it has gathered, build up a mental structure which becomes the leading principle of the man's life.

THE late election of the editorial staff was such as to make it necessary to elect two more members for

the remainder of the present term of office, as two of our number are members of the present graduating class. Hereafter, it will be the rule to exclude the Senior class in the selection of new members. The constitution of the editorial staff, now being drawn up, fixes the beginning of the staff year with the first issue of the spring session, thus giving the outgoing Seniors additional leisure during their last term. In making up the staff two members are to be chosen from the Freshmen, three from the Sophomore and three from the Junior class ; the newly chosen Editor-in-Chief is to appoint the business manager, who, in turn, shall have the right to appoint his assistant.

The retiring members take the opportunity to express their satisfaction in seeing the new FREE LANCE on so good a footing. The position it now enjoys as a literary medium is much above what was at first expected. But the publication is only in its infancy ; with the promising outlook for the college and with the continuance in office of the present efficient and trustworthy business manager, it cannot but grow in merit and esteem until, as a college journal, it will be found second to none in the ranks.

We bid adieu to the palatial sanctum, and wish our successors all possible success, and may the FREE LANCE always be an acceptable monthly visitor at the hands of all.