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The Alumni of a college have a triple function: they are guardians of whatever is fine and noble in its past; critics of its present, and promoters of its future. It is their business to help in its natural evolution not by insisting on imitation of what is doing in other institutions but by finding out and strengthening its weak points, furthering its best tendencies.

A college could not have a better body of ideals to build on than those with which Timothy Alden started off Allegheny, any more than it could have a finer center for its physical being than Bentley Hall. The gallant struggles of a succession of college generations has brought it where it is. If we can carry on as bravely as our predecessors we need not fear the future. Allegheny's problem is to serve with increasing insight and intelligence the youth who seek her - arousing them to tackle with ardor and patience the greatest of all human tasks - the up-building of individual character and intellect. If Allegheny can do that her future is secure - nothing else matters. Small college? Big college? There is room for both. There will always be both. The small which are healthy and energetic grow - the big which become fat and lazy decline. Size is no criterion, service is the test. Our business as Alumni is to help our College in every way that we can to develop the youth that seek her.