THE public opinion of the character of the students of an educational institution is formed largely from their behavior when assembled together in large numbers. It is natural for a number of young men united by the bonds of college life to indulge in slight excesses, knowing that their number is too large and the offence too small to warrant the using of sufficient force to bring them to justice. Such actions are always made to appear much worse than they really are through the medium of the public press, and public opinion is formed accordingly. The public does not consider the fact that such actions are done by a comparatively small number of the students, and that the occurrences are few and far between. Again, the offence is seldom more than sacrificing the comfort of one portion of an audience to the amusement of the other. Be it as it may, it is always better for students to avoid exciting public comment and bringing censure upon the institution which they represent. Whether there are a hundred or half a dozen students together, they are considered as representatives of the institution of which they are members. It is necessary to bear this in mind, and be more careful when in large crowds than when in small bodies.

WE would in no way reflect upon the management of the Institute, but we feel it almost a duty to call the attention of the students here to the condition of our fire apparatus. Soon after the opening of the present school year, part of the men petitioned for instruction and practice in the use of the apparatus, and their petition was granted. It was understood that action would be deferred until spanners to fit the hose couplings could be obtained. No instruction, however, has yet been given. It may be seen at a glance that the apparatus is not at present in a condition to be used with any great effect. It is understood that attempts to use the hose for local purposes have not been eminently successful, and also that an examination of the so-called extinguishers has failed to demonstrate their present readiness for use. Our fire buckets are supposed to be always in place; we have seen them, however, used for carrying sawdust about the halls, and recently three of them were placed to catch the drippings from a leaky skylight. In the basement there are a number of "automatic sprinklers"; in case of a fire at night, and possibly under some other circumstances, these might be of some use, but only in that part of the building.