

of an instructor in Elocution. We believe that this is a retrograde step that ought to be remedied as soon as possible.

In the last twenty-five years there has been a great revival in the study of Expression, and a speaker who has failed to take advantage of this study, is apt to have a mode of delivery that will subject him to a great deal of adverse criticism. An address may be filled with practical wisdom and a model in logical arrangement, but if it is delivered in a harsh unnatural voice, accompanied by uncouth gestures, it will lose much of its effect.

The great influence exerted by the speeches of the Athenian statesmen upon the people may be accounted for by the fact that they spent years of study in their schools of oratory. The definition of eloquence given by Demosthenes is familiar to the readers of this paper.

Forty percent at least of the students now at Acadia intend to become public speakers, and in their behalf we would respectfully suggest to the Board of Governors the advisability of obtaining an instructor in Elocution as soon as possible.

### The Christmas Season.

MANY pleasant and happy associations cluster around the word Christmas. There is a magic charm in the word itself that sets the chords of memory vibrating harmoniously. It awakens in us thoughts and emotions that often find expression in a higher and purer mode of living. It takes us back to the days of our childhood when this present prosaic world of ours seemed to be "apparelled in celestial light the glory and the freshness of a dream."

The people of every country hold in observance special days in honor of national heroes or of some notable events in their history. Different nations commemorate different days, but all christian countries unite in keeping Christmas as a holy-day in memory of the Nativity of Christ at which was heard a chorus of angelic voices singing praises unto God "Glory unto God in the highest and on earth Peace good will to man."

Many Christmas days have been marred by the crash of arms, the bursting of death dealing shells, and the roar of cannons, as armies of men have fought desperately for victory on the field of battle. We trust however, that the time may soon come when the note of Peace struck by the master hand of angels at Bethlehem, and which thrilled the hearts of the shepherds as they watched their flocks by starry night may come with such sweetness and power to men that war will cease and an era of eternal peace come in.

Almost all look forward to Christmas with pleasant and happy anticipations. But it appeals especially to us as students, for it brings not only freedom from severe mental work, but also reunion with friends and relatives. Before the next issue of our paper ap-