

checked before it becomes chronic. Evidently the demonstrations referred to are the result of thoughtlessness, but this fact will hardly make an *impropriety* a propriety.

WE acknowledge with pleasure the courtesy of the Dalhousie students in inviting representatives of Acadia to their George Munro drive and dinner. The kind request was most cordially received by our literary society, and prompt means taken to secure the attendance of proper persons. Unfortunately, however, the drive had to be postponed.

To friends of the college who may be anxious to know the result of the "new departure," we would say that the indications are hopeful. There is no evidence of friction in the faculty, and the students appreciate very highly the instruction of the new professor. At present the work in the department of education includes physiology with the freshmen, psychology with the juniors, and the history and philosophy of education with the seniors.

WE learn from the Preceptress that the outlook for the Seminary is highly encouraging. Miss Hitchings, of Yarmouth, who succeeded Miss Harding as teacher of vocal music gives evidence of great natural and acquired skill in her department. She studied for some time under Miss Morel, of Lassell Seminary, Auburnvale, Boston, and has since been teaching music very successfully in this Province. Instrumental music has become so popular under the professional care of Miss Dodge that an extra teacher in this subject has been provided in the person of Miss Hattie Gourley, of Great Village. The instruction in elocution by Miss Wallace is reported to be of an interesting and excellent character.

In general the work of the institution is moving along smoothly and well. The students now number 60, 30 of whom are boarders. There are seven from New Brunswick.

WE are in receipt of a small book of 138 pages, entitled, "The history of American College Journalism," by J. M. McClure. It gives the history of journalism in connection with 24 colleges. Each sketch is written by a different author, apparently a student or graduate of the college represented. We observe with regret that the *Record* and *Athenæum* are the only Canadian journals noticed. This omission is, we presume, the fault of the papers themselves and not of the editor of the book. We suppose he received no response to his request for historical sketches from the papers whose histories do not appear. Though the book contains a number of typographical errors and is unsatisfactory in some respects, it is, never theless, well worth its price to those interested in the subject.

The editor, in his preface, makes the following remark: "College journalism is an institution peculiarly American. Its origin is comparatively recent and its *raison d'être* is a question still unsettled."

Now that Parliament is in session it may be well for the student to give political matters some attention. The idea that obtains with some virtuous folk that to tamper with politics is to handle moral poison, arises from mistaken ideas of fact and misconception of duty. It is surprising to note how far some people seem to get above the institutions of their country, and how virtue and intelligence seem to make them independent of civil and political life.

This weak notion of Christian morals and Christian duty is sometimes used to check the young aspirant to political knowledge. Surely man's relation to man is such as to make indifference to the interests of government and liberty, culpable. It may be well to teach a young man to hold up his hands in holy horror at every exhibition of political vice, but in the very same breath he should be taught that this is but the trail of the serpent polluting another part of the total life which it is his duty to reclaim to a Christian