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### The Sanctum.

WITH this issue, the monthly visits of the ATHENÆUM again commence, and the occupants of the sacred Sanctum stand up before their readers and make the formal bow. As we recall the names of our predecessors in office during several years past, we confess to a slight fluttering about the heart, inasmuch as our high aim is that especially in this year of Acadia's Jubilee, our paper descend not from the high ground of literary excellence on which it has been placed. We do not wish to make rash promises but think we may affirm that we will do our best to merit the approval of our numerous subscribers. We will lift our voice for the cause of truth. We will be honest to our convictions, and keeping to the path of duty will remain unmoved alike by frown or smile. We will ever seek to represent the throbbing thought of our institutions and their interests will be first, last and always in our minds. All this means work and we do not feel to shirk the responsibility. It must be remembered however that this paper belongs to our Athenæum Society, not to

the editors. The latter while disposed to perform faithfully their duty realize at the same time that other matters demand their attention of greater personal moment than the superintendance of the College paper. We would have all the students therefore to feel a measure of responsibility and of interest in its management. The columns are open for all. If you want room to air your opinions here is an opportunity. Literary contributions will be welcomed from all the students and free discussions so long as beneficial to the institutions or the interests they represent. We invite friendly criticism and suggestion, and utter fraternal greetings to our College exchanges.

THE present number of the ATHENÆUM was arranged on the supposition that a "Jubilee number" would be issued containing a concise account of the exercises held in connection with the 50th anniversary of our Alma Mater and including some of the most interesting papers and addresses.

For the present however this project is delayed by the action of the governors of the College, in reserving the most desirable manuscripts for a Jubilee volume. In the present issue we give a few facts in connection with that event and if we fail in obtaining the necessary materials for the proposed Jubilee number, other items will be published during the year.

WE believe the sessions of the Convention and Jubilee Exercises held in the College in August, were productive of much good to the institutions and thus indirectly to those who enjoy the advantages they afford. There are also a number of incidental benefits that have come as the result of this festive occasion, and of which the students are already reaping the gain. No elaborate preparations were made but still we notice a few improvements. The grounds look a good deal better for the new fences that surround the hill and the campus. Assembly Hall was probably, only enlarged a little sooner than it otherwise would have been but thanks to,