

Realizing the importance of the Academy and its work in relation to the College, we look with interest on its present condition. The boarding hall has been somewhat improved this year by the fitting up of a neat and convenient bath-room. And at present we understand that the enrollment of students shows an attendance of about fifty. Owing to the standard of matriculation being raised two years ago, a number of students have been held back, and consequently the present matriculating class is an advance in numbers on the one of last year.

With the same staff of instructors as last year, who are aiming at solid preparation rather than the number of students that they send into College, we are confident that continued success will fall to the lot of the Academy.

Few changes take place in the College Faculty this year. In the curriculum, some change has taken place in the arrangement of studies, and some additions have been made.

In the department of Elocution, an advance has been made. The experiment last year of introducing this decidedly practical factor of an education among the Freshman studies, has proved beneficial; and this year elocution is a regular subject in the first year of the Arts course, provision also being made for continuing the subject throughout the entire course. H. N. Shaw, B. A., under whose fostering care elocution has grown at Acadia, has fortunately accepted the appointment as instructor in this department.

Dr. Young has been retained as instructor in English. A. De W. Barss, M. D., is now on the staff of Acadia as lecturer in Physiology and Hygiene.

With the present body of instructors in our institutions, and with the goodly number of students attending their classes, we look forward to a successful year, and trust that the results will not be disappointing.

WE have had one year's experience in the new Gymnasium, and looking back on that year we feel that a long felt need has been supplied. Last year, under the instruction of Mr. Croy, good work was accomplished. This year promises equally good results. Mr. Shaw, who has completed the summer course at Chautauqua School of Physical Culture, takes charge of the exercises. Some new apparatus has been placed in the building, and improvements

made in the system of exercises. Mr. Shaw's instruction so far is well appreciated, and promises a solid course of training for the winter.

DURING the past few years, there has been a growing sentiment among the students that the Library did not afford as much practical assistance in their course of study, as it might. This was owing principally to the fact that its doors were open so seldom and for so short a time. A change to remedy this defect has been made. The student can now obtain access to the Library for two hours every afternoon, in addition to the hours of which it was formerly open. No doubt this arrangement will prove valuable in many ways.

THE appointment of C. M. Woodworth, B. A., '91, as one of the governors of the University, should have the very desirable effect of bringing the students and governing body still more into sympathy with each other, and to ensure that co-operation which is essential to the successful issue of any plans for advancement.

M. R. Edward Rhodes, of the Academy, has very kindly presented a bundle of wands to the gymnasium. Both students and instructor return thanks, and hope that his good example may be followed by others. We are in need of apparatus, and the friends of the institution will find here a good field for their benevolence.

THE first meeting of the year of the Inter-Collegiate Lecture Bureau of the Maritime Provinces, was held at Sackville, N. B., on the 16th of last month, a fair number of representatives being present.

They were:—A. R. Hill '92, of Dalhousie; B. G. Baxter '92, and F. P. Yarston '92, of the University of N. B., H. S. Ross '92 and J. E. Wood '93, of Acadia.

Mr. Schurman, '91, Dalhousie, who was unable to attend, was appointed President. The other officers appointed were: B. G. Baxter, Vice President, H. S. Ross, Corresponding Secretary and J. E. Wood, Secretary and Treasurer.

Some changes in the constitution of the Bureau were discussed and will be brought before the colleges before the next meeting, which will be held in April.