

their utmost for the students who come under their influence. But, in spite of this, there are many who nominally complete the matriculation course, having acquired a fair knowledge of classics and mathematics, but are very faulty in the elementary English branches. The Academy, hampered by financial straits, cannot, under its present circumstances, seem to remedy these difficulties; but, if the authorities of the University would insure the gradual advancement of the College, they should begin at the source and see to it that the Academy has the attention and equipment which, in the nature of things, it should receive. If students, who enter college from other schools, could see that they were at a disadvantage by not having attended our Academy, then the Academy work would have assumed its proper shape and the college would reap the benefit. Too frequently is it found that those who come from other schools are better prepared than our own Academy graduates. Again, is it advisable to admit to College, even as general students, those who have taken a course in the Academy but failed to obtain the matriculation diploma? Ought not these students, as a rule, be compelled to attend the classes of the Academy rather than those of the College? It would seem that the vital importance of a thorough academy training is thus partially ignored by the College.

But some maintain that stringency in this respect would cause Acadia to suffer a loss of students, and this she cannot afford. With a few moments serious consideration this idea can be seen to be invalid. The history of every educational institution has proved it false. Such strictness might diminish the attendance for a year or two, but the future increase both in number and quality would more than recompense for all present loss. The higher the entrance requirements the greater would be the inducements for those who desire to become truly scholarly. Thus, in the end, more students would be reached and a high standard of scholarship would be more nearly universal among our graduates.

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Under the regime of its new officers the Y. M. C. A. has already taken a step in the right direction. As a body we have long stood in need of a suitable apartment in which to entertain visitors among us. It is now arranged that one of the large rooms on the ground floor of Chipman Hall is to be equipped as a Parlor or Reception Room for the use of the students and for the entertainment of the stranger within our gates. This is undertaken by the Y. M. C. A. and to their efforts, assistance is rendered by the Governors of the College. The