

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*Messrs. Editors:*

In looking over a late issue of the ATHENÆUM our eyes fell upon an article entitled "Health and Exercise," a subject which is of the utmost importance to every student, male and female. The writer, in the article referred to, says that after a time walking becomes "monotonous," the Rink is conducive to "colds," and concludes that it is the Gymnasium alone that develops the physical powers. This would seem to imply that the writer had in mind that exercise alone which is adapted to masculine requirements. Such a scheme is admirable, but it is not broad enough. Our girls! What has been done for them in this direction? Has no philanthropist been found, with large heart and larger purse, who will provide them with some better facilities for gaining that physical development which is so necessary to vigor of mind and health of body? At present walking is the only exercise that is available. This is good, but it lacks variety, and besides is impossible in stormy weather. Hence the temptation to stay in-doors during study hours is often too strong to be resisted. In this County tobogganing is becoming quite popular with both sexes as an outdoor sport during winter. We remember, in our childhood days, that nothing contributed so much to bright eyes, rosy cheeks and voracious appetites as an hour's coasting on some pleasant hill-side with the thermometer at zero. At Wellesly and other schools large play-grounds are provided for the young ladies, where riding, tennis and calisthenics can be indulged in without restraint. Cannot something be done for the physical wants of the young ladies of Acadia Seminary? It would cost but little to put within their reach suitable means for calisthenic or gymnastic exercise. While we give due praise to the worthy instructors of Acadia, we feel that in a great measure they do not take sufficient interest in the physical education of the lady students under their charge.

OBSERVER.

## PERSONALS.

WE are pleased to record the ordination of Mr. Arthur C. Chute, B.D., at Stilman Valley, Illinois, on the 23rd of December last. Mr. Chute, it will be remembered, graduated from Acadia with Honors in '81, and a year ago, received his B.D. from Morgan Park Theological Seminary.

WE notice with pleasure the ordination of O. C. S. Wallace, A. B., '83, at Lawrence, Mass., on Jan. 28th, over the First Baptist Church of that place. Rev. O. P. Gifford, of Warren Avenue, Boston, preached the ordination sermon. We heartily wish 'O. C. S.' success in his labors at Lawrence, as well as elsewhere.

## LOCALS.

A LARGE number of the students are taking Honors this term.

DOUBTLESS there is a good opportunity for making caricatures in church; but if that Soph——

A FAIR Junior recently inquired of a Soph if his poetic wings were budding. The Soph in confusion felt his ears.

THE Seniors are reading Bowen's Metaphysics, Fisher's Evidences, Creasy's Constitutional History and Spencer's Education.

SOME of the Cads boarding in the Hall are a little too noisy during study hours. A *midnight visit* to their rooms is suggested.

THE character of Macbeth was under discussion recently, when a Soph innocently inquired, "Where did he hold forth?"

A CERTAIN Theologue is responsible for the following: "Soon the curtains will be drawn around our pale forms and the cold waters of death be hovering over us."

GALLANT Junior (to lady classmate during a terrific rain-storm).—"If it keeps on raining, Miss ——, you will be compelled to go home in a boat."

L. C.—"I'm afraid so. Can you accommodate me with one of your rubbers?"

On dit, that a recent sleigh-drive furnished an excellent opportunity for the study of the heavenly bodies. A Senior who was present, either by means of his Junior-year lectures in astronomy, or from *experience gained from other sources*, is said to have traced a circuit of *V'nus*.

THE following syllogism was found on the floor of the class-room during a recent lecture in Logic, with the *bona-fide* signature of a prominent member of the class affixed:—

All liars shall have their part, &c., &c.

I am a liar.

Therefore, &c.

Let no one hereafter question the benefits of Logic.