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### \* The Sanctum. \*

THE destinies of the ATHENÆUM are now necessarily controlled by hands yet inexperienced. The law of change, which one must learn to recognize and yield to, has been faithful in its operation, and now Old Time ushers strangers into the sacred Sanctum and offers to them the vacated editorial chair. In accepting his proffer we are conscious of assuming an important trust. A college paper should indicate faithfully the pulsations of feeling in the institution, setting forth the views of all, from the learned utterances of the venerated Doctors to the deep groans and distorted benedictions of the man tossed gently in the blanket. To attain this end will require much careful observation, and the patient consideration of the fluctuating opinions rife among the busy throng of students. Yet we do not shrink from the task. Whilst Acadia ascends with certain step the granite stairway of solid prosperity her sons should be able to give expression

to this fact by the improved tone of the work that they offer to the public. We are the more willing to assume our duties, since, in the hands of the retiring Editors, the ATHENÆUM has maintained a worthy literary standing. Untiring effort will be put forth to make the paper worthy of its record. We shall seek to fill our columns with fresh, original thought. Articles, literary, educational, or of kindred interest will be welcomed as contributions, and though much of the matter may prove of local interest yet we hope to be able, by dealing with questions of live importance, to gain an interested and intelligent audience from our respected subscribers. Our aim will be rather to deserve praise than to please, and we shall seek to obtain this object by an independent course.

AN entailed inheritance is calculated to make the heir feel comfortable; an entailed debt quite the reverse. We, standing in a neutral position, can only retain an impassive stolidity. Our financial inheritance consists of a few hundred dollars of bad debts; our liabilities are *nihil*. With this issue we meet our patrons with an honest name and an empty treasury. This statement can only be made as the result of a determined effort on the part of the managers of the paper to be free from the burdens which have proved so harassing in the past. In the course of this effort it has been found necessary to strike from our list the names of many persons whose interest in Acadia's students does not appear to be equal to the required dollar per year. Contrasted with this painful duty we have had the pleasure of adding to our list the names of a number of friends. Acadia was founded by the strong desire for improvement, progress, and culture, which arose in the hearts of our people. Her prosperity is the outcome of their loyal affection, and it is upon this that she confidently bases her expectations for continued and increasing support. Allied with her interests are ours, and we appeal for the generous support not only of the Alumni but of all true friends of our Institution.