

This difference in the two standards of matriculation is greatly increased from the fact that the *element of time* enters more fully into the Academy course, the success of the student not depending upon the issue of examinations through a period of a few hours but upon a long series of examinations and of daily recitations, all of which are necessary to final success. Again, ability to make a required percentage on an examination may not be a fair evidence of sufficient knowledge of the subjects embraced in the examination, if several subjects are included in one paper, in which case, the candidate may not touch some of the subjects at all.

The effect of the discrepancy pointed out between the two standards of matriculation at once becomes obvious. If young men and young women can enter college one year earlier by *not* attending H. C. A., they will quite naturally follow the easier plan without counting the cost of harder work and lower standing in the future. To look for immediate benefits and to neglect those more remote, though greater is a characteristic of humanity. Hence, so long as no remedy is applied, the attendance of H. C. A. must remain at a low ebb. The College will be reinforced yearly by a large number of poorly prepared students, to whom the intellectual and religious life of the Hill is entirely new. Behind at the start, the whole College course will be an uphill task with but little leisure for mental digestion.

The disease suggests the remedy in this case. If the Academy standard of matriculation requires no more than sufficient thoroughness of preparation, let the examination set for matriculation by the college authorities require, at least, *as great* preparation. Indeed, if either standard is to be higher, let that one be the college standard. No more than an equality of result would be thus produced. If this keeps away some students from entering College in a given year, it will not keep away those who are *fit* to enter and fit to intelligently and successfully cope with the College work. But there will not be, in the end, any diminution of attendance at college. The Academy enrolment will be increased, and through this the college enrolment will be sustained with a *better* and *steadier* attendance.

In order to stimulate work on the part of would-be candidates for matriculation, and to give them a definite idea of the work they will be expected to meet, it would be almost necessary to have the exami-

nation papers prepared by a committee of the Senate, appointed for that purpose, and to have the last year's papers open to distribution on the plan followed in the provincial examinations for teachers. What has proven effective in the one case cannot fail to be equally effective in the other case.

This article does not dictate to the college authorities, but arises from a *real* conviction of a *really* needed improvement.

### FOOTBALL AT ACADIA.

The story of life at Acadia tells of considerable excellence in athletic sports. When cricket was the popular game in the Maritime Provinces, her victories were numerous and she distinguished herself by defeating that leading club, the Wanderers. In football has she won her chief laurels, and it has ever been a question whether the Abegweits, Dalhousie, the Wanderers or Acadia should take the van among the many teams of the lower provinces.

We go back to '76 to find the first football on an Acadia campus. In that year Rupert G. Haley, now engaged in business at St. John, entered the sophomore year from McGill, where he had filled a position on the Varsity team. He agitated strongly toward the introduction of the game and that year a football club was formed. Granville B. Healey, now practising law in Iowa, was the first president, and Everett W. Sawyer, secretary. The style of game adopted was Association, the team being composed of 12 forwards, 2 half-backs and a goal. For the first three years, however, it did not flourish as well as might have been desired, on account of inability to get on matches with other teams.

It was not until '79 that Acadia met any outside club. On Nov. 1st of that year a team from Kings College came to Wolfville, and met a fifteen of the sophomores and freshmen, captained by E. A. Corey. The Acadians won with the very handsome score of 2 goals, 1 touchdown to nil. In 1881, H. R. Welton was chosen 1st Captain and A. L. Calhoun, 2nd Captain.

On Nov. 25th, '82, Kings revisited Wolfville to redeem their lost laurels, but again met with defeat by a score of two goals to none. The Acadia team was as follows:—

Forwards—F. Cline, (Capt.), T. S. Rogers, H. R. Welton, H. B. Ellis, Whitman, Sr.