

subscribers ; but could they see just how much the paper stands in need of that which is due from them, we believe they would confess their thoughtlessness to be inexcusable. We trust that all subscribers will bear this in mind, and in this direction give better support to our successors than they have accorded us. We have to thank those contributors who have provided us with such excellent articles during the year, and trust that they may continue to lend such able support to the ATHENÆUM. We believe there are many others who have graduated from Acadia's walls who might do much to improve the ATHENÆUM in this respect. The new editors will be glad to hear from you. In withdrawing from the editorial staff of this paper, the editors thank one and all, those who have helped them in their work during the College year now closed, and hope that in the coming year the ATHENÆUM will far excel what it has been under their feeble management.

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WE have been asked to give more space to a report of the closing exercises of this year than has been given it in the past. Request has been made to publish in full the papers read at the Senior Class Day exercises. When this number will have reached its readers, the Anniversary will have been long past. However, the ATHENÆUM does not profess to be a mere newspaper, and the contents of this number, though not fresh to all, will at least be valuable to those readers whose friends have this year been graduated from the University. We are inclined to think that the suggestion to make the last number an Anniversary number is a good one. Every student will eventually become a member of the graduating class. As each student leaves his alma mater for the last time, the Anniversary number of the ATHENÆUM would become to him a memento—more valued as the years go by—of his college days.

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WE would suggest that in the future the new editors of the ATHENÆUM begin their work with the June number, rather than with the October number. It requires no little time for the new managers to become acquainted with their work, and the assistance which might be given them by their predecessors is beyond their reach in the Autumn. If the editors became acquainted with their work in the Spring, much could be done by them in the vacation for the coming Winter. Contributors would be secured ; new lines of work thought out. We trust that this suggestion may be acted upon in the future.

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IN the present issue of the ATHENÆUM will be found a reply to some points urged by Mr. Shaw in his article on the Bridgewater Normal School, printed in the May edition of this paper. As the reply does not deal with all the points raised in Mr. Shaw's article, we will make