

appears to us to be especially urgent. We refer to the Library. There is a growing desire on the part of the students for a more free access to the Library. This is rendered necessary by the change that has taken place in the methods of instruction. But while here, we do not comprehend the full measure of our loss. As our students go to Harvard, Brown or Cornell they become aware of the great loss they sustained while at Acadia by the exceedingly limited range of our library and more especially by the lack of facilities for obtaining the information contained on its shelves. A college library should be a work room accessible to the student at any hour of the day or evening; when he could quietly consult the latest and most authoritative authors upon whatever subject he may have under consideration. This all important function our library does not at present supply. It contains many valuable books, but they are not always within easy reach of the students.

The only remedy would appear to be a new library building. Such a structure is necessary on the ground of safety. The present arrangement exposes the books too much to the risk of fire. They should be placed in a fire-proof building without delay. At a moderate expense a building sufficient to meet the demands of the next twenty-five years could be put up. The material used in construction should be brick or stone. It is not necessary here to indicate the design, size or internal arrangement of such a building. It suffices here to say that some change is much needed. The present condition of things is not satisfactory.

But how is the change to be effected? The mere knowledge of the fact that such a pressing need exists at this college now entering full of hope and promise on the second half century of its history, should quicken the benevolent impulses of some person whose present store contains ample to erect such an enduring monument to his memory and leave sufficient to minister to the necessities of the life that now is. Will not some friend whom a kind providence has blessed with more than enough to provide for the physical wants of this life, ask the Board of Governors for the great privilege of erecting such a building for the Library of Acadia College, and thereby perpetuate his name, and long after he "sleeps with the fathers" transmit his influence and good works to the generations yet to come?

It is with pleasure we notice the interest manifested by alumni in their alma mater. We have during the year received contributed articles, and letters, all savouring of progress and good cheer for the future. If we are to advance, then we must keep in line with the times. On several occasions we have tried to set forth the needs of the institution, and they are many. First of all we have advocated making the Arts department strong enough to stand by itself financially; then the other things considered so necessary by a certain body of our denomination may receive attention. Again we would desire to emphasize, that in our estimation the greatest immediate need is a library building. The building should combine utility and ornamentation, and be fire proof in the latest sense of the term. Not less than \$1000 or \$5000 is needed to start with, and additions can be made as required. Among those who have favoured us with their suggestions, first stands Mr. M. C. Smith, D. D. S., M. D., of Lynn, Mass., a former student of the institution. We shall be glad to hear from one and all on this important subject. Below we give a short contributed article.

The undergraduates of Acadia seem to have made a move in the right direction when they advocate a stone building for Library and Museum, perhaps it would be better to separate the question and bend all your efforts for a library building and when that is completed then shout for a museum. Say you must have a stone building, fire proof in every sense or the word, to be known as the college library.

This is something Acadia must have and to start the enterprise you can put me down for \$50.00 which may seem small to start so great a work, but it is the small contributions that has placed Acadia where she is.

I think it would be well for the Athenæum Society to make a decided call for help, open a subscription list, let every member of the society see how much he or she could get pledged, do this independent of the Governors and when an amount was pledged sufficient to erect the building, I have no doubt but that the Governors would take the list and be glad to commence the construction.

Yours,

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