

upon a particular evening of the week, not remembering that the missionary spirit at present existing among us has been created and fostered by these very meetings held upon this particular night.

We hear the Governors express hopes for the continued existence of a vigorous christian life and for the prosecution of evangelistic work among us, and then they forthwith conclude that the only meeting which has so far to any marked degree accomplished *both* of these desired effects at once must be discontinued, because it is held on the same evening that a meeting is held in the village, and hence has the appearance of a rival service. Such conclusions seem to us hardly fair. Supposing the institutions were two miles from the village church, would a college meeting held then on Sunday evening be objected to? Certainly not, for the village church would say they had no more right to object to such a meeting than the Amherst, Moncton or Fredericton Churches. What difference a distance of two miles can make in the principles underlying this case is beyond our power at present to conceive.

We would therefore once more urge the establishment of an independent church on the Hill, having an ordained pastor, to be paid by the yearly contributions of the students and by the Governors. This question is no mere sensation. It is a grave one and must be settled. No one man can do the pastoral work necessary for both the church here and the institutions. The establishment of an independent church on the Hill with its own pastor, deacons, chapel, &c., would mean not a rival, but a *sister* church. We both want to advance the cause of Christ. If by our present arrangements we are hindered beyond measure in carrying out this purpose, let us have a change. We wish only to place ourselves in what manifestly is the best possible position for caring for the unsaved, building up moral character, and advancing Christ's precious Kingdom generally among the numerous sons and daughters of old Acadia.

CRITICISM is one of the bug-bears that confronts most beginners in any enterprise. It should not be dreaded but rather desired. It is the best thing one can receive from a friend, the gift that should be sought with the greatest eagerness, and given with the greatest readiness. If it is

given in a kindly spirit and with the object of improving the party to whom it is given, it should be received as the greatest favor that could be conferred upon anyone. If we have faults, and who has not, we are not usually the first to detect them ourselves, but when pointed out to us by our friend we wonder why we have not seen them before. But if given in an arrogant spirit or possessing an air of conscious superiority on the part of the giver, we do not, nor have we any right to thank the friend. Instead of feelings of gratitude springing up within our breasts a feeling quite the opposite is generally found there. Friends of the *ATHENÆUM* having any criticism to offer with a view to improving its contributions will be sure to have the thanks of the Editors, as their object is to make the paper first-class and one of which its patrons need not be ashamed.

IT does not require a very smart man to become proficient in the profession of *loafing*. Any old log can drift along the stream and strand on any projection that may lie in its way until the first full stream sweeps it beyond to another place. One place of rest is just as good for it as another, but it likes some quiet retreat. The student who spends more time in some other fellow's room than he does in his own is not much in advance of the old log. Young man, if you keep your powers of observation up to the necessary standard you cannot fail to see that success depends upon the amount of earnest perseverance with which you prosecute your studies.

IS it to be regretted or commended that Acadia permits other institutions to outstrip her in recognizing the worth of her graduates and conferring honours upon them? It is a fact that several of her men have won for themselves golden opinions from those who are considered competent judges. Three particular cases come to us at present, but we do not mean to say that the list is exhausted. Rev. Charles H. Corey, M. A., '61, received from Richmond College, Baylor University, the degree of D. D., in '81. Rev. J. E. Hopper, M. A. '70, received from Morgan Park Theological Seminary, the degree of D. D., in '82. Rev. W. B. Boggs, M. A., '74, received from Williams College, the degree of D. D., in '89. These institutions all rank high as seats of