

circles, is sufficient proof of her extensive experience and rare accomplishments. To those who are not acquainted with this famous school it may not be superfluous to offer some explanations. The fact of it having an entrance examination, is a marked evidence of its superiority to many of the renowned German Conservatories. The board of examiners is chosen from the most prominent artists of that musical land, and the examination is so strict that out of about two hundred and fifty applicants yearly, seldom more than ten or twelve are admitted. Hence, to be granted an entrance, alone means possession of distinguished ability. We have no hesitation in affirming that the Seminary has been unusually fortunate in procuring an artist of such recognized merit, and now this important branch of culture offers opportunities which in this country are rarely found.

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Our numbers this year are not surprisingly large though we boast a healthy increase. The Academy has seventy students, being twenty more than were in attendance at the same date last year. The Academy home is well filled, and as three teachers now occupy rooms in the building much valuable assistance is thereby rendered the student during their study hours. In the Manual Training Department thirty students have enrolled and one hour a day, of very agreeable work, is devoted in this course. The Seminary is especially prosperous. Over sixty now board in the building, the new part of which is completely full. The day students number about twenty-three, making at present a total of eighty-five. The old part of the building, which is not completely occupied, is capable of accommodating from twenty to thirty. After the Christmas vacation the number is expected to be swelled to this if not beyond. In the University itself the Freshman Class numbers about thirty-five. The Sophomores number about thirty, the Juniors twenty-five and the Seniors twenty, making in round numbers, one hundred and ten.

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The experience of last year's lecture committee with the Maritime Lecture Bureau showed conclusively that a change was necessary if we wanted a course of lectures at Acadia, which would be a benefit to her students. Accordingly, last spring an effort was made to improve our facilities for obtaining lectures by enlarging the committee and securing the co-operation of the Faculty; so that, during the summer, lecturers could be engaged and a definite course