

wept and prayed together, and tried to say from the heart, O! God "thy will be done." To Dr. Cramp the furnace was scorching, but he came out of it without the smell of fire upon his garments. Never did I witness a more impressive illustration of the mighty power of the Christian faith.

Then how true to life is the description of Dr. Cramp's devotion to Acadia College,—his skill in management, his readiness to yield to the force of circumstances, his untiring industry, his self-sacrificing spirit, his remarkable success and, last, but not least, his glorious departure to his eternal home.

Allow me to say, as I stand upon the verge of the infinite future, it does me great good to see the young blood of Acadia unfolding itself in utterances that have the right ring, and all energized with the life and nerve of this progressive age.

From my heart of hearts, my dear Athenæum, I wish you and all your patrons a joyous and prosperous new year.

Sincerely yours,

I. E. BILL.

Letter From Brown University.

MESSRS EDITORS.—Your request for a letter was received long ago. I will venture to write a few words at this late day, and if my communication escapes the waste-basket, I shall think patience is well cultivated at Acadia.

The three colleges which draw the largest attention and patronage from people in Southern New England, are Harvard, Yale and Brown. The first two are widely known and frequently mentioned in the papers; their glory and reputation almost eclipses the fame of 'Old Brown,' which in a more favorable locality might be better appreciated.

It is not my purpose to give a description of our buildings, nor a detailed account of the faculty and courses of study. If any of you are interested in these things I respectfully refer you to our Registrar, who will send you a catalogue as soon as requested. Be it sufficient for me if I can give you an idea of how Brown boys fare in the ordinary run of college life. The Seniors and Juniors get along with each other on very peaceable terms, one class seeming to be almost as much concerned

for the honor and welfare of the other, as for its own. The same friendliness exists between the Juniors and Sophomores, though perhaps not manifested quite as freely; but between the Sophomores and Freshmen a year's acquaintance is necessary to make peace and harmony. Whatever occurs to create a disturbance and noise about college is laid to the Sophs and Freshies as a matter of course. The first collision between the two classes comes in the fall, immediately after the matriculation of the Freshmen. The Sophs, in accordance with a time-honored custom, feel in duty bound to try the mettle of the new class in a football match. Both classes enter the arena in a body and contend for athletic supremacy. Not infrequently the football may be at one side of the field, and the contestants pushing and scuffling in the centre,—but victory usually rests with the Sophs, as they have the advantage of acquaintance with their men, and more practice. A challenge to a game of base-ball, a cane rush and boat race follow, and the only perceptible result of these contests is a crowd of greatly elated Sophomore's, and another crowd of indignant, crestfallen Freshmen, thirsting for revenge. During the rest of the year the Freshmen endeavor to take every advantage possible, and the Sophomores remind them of their proper place by playing tricks and cracking jokes upon them. Among the latest is the following: The Freshmen were about to form a class society, and proposed to close their meeting with a supper at one of the city restaurants. The Sophomores heard of the order which had been left at the restaurant, and shortly before the appointed time some of them went there and called for the supper which was to be prepared "for the college boys." The proprietor entirely ignorant of the trick, set the food before them, of which they partook freely, and left the room just as the Freshmen were entering. Such is a sample of what may be expected at any opportunity, so that when the trying ordeal of Freshman year is passed, there is very little attention paid to class distinction at Brown.

The entire body of students is divided into Societies, and these form the most marked basis of distinction. Each society is composed of men whose tastes, purposes and attainments are most suitable to the majority of its