


manding site about 50 rods to the rear of the College. It is octagonal in form, the foundation and the cross sections are of solid masonry, laid in mortar and cement. The building will be 15 feet 7 in. in diameter, 48 feet in circumference, and ten feet high, with a double dome, through the lower part of which there will be openings to admit the tube of the telescope, and so arranged that a view of the whole horizon can be obtained. The students, male and female, will soon be able to do their star gazing more conveniently.

The "cap and gown" question has at length been settled. No student is allowed to take his place in the College lecture halls without being clothed upon by his gown; and it is deemed essential that he should wear the prescribed College cap, going to and from lectures, or while moving about the campus in the capacity of a student. The change is generally approved of by the students. Some, however, who were seemingly elected from all eternity to find fault, and striving to make their election sure by growling in reference to this, in their estimation, unnecessary appendage.

All the rooms, save two, are now taken in the New Building. Where was during last year some confusion and irregularity in the building which could not be obviated on account of Collegians and Academicians occupying rooms under the same roof, without any separating wall; the Authorities erected during vacation a partition dividing the part occupied by the former from that occupied by the latter. The plan works to a charm, or rather guarantees charming work on the part of the students, and perfect satisfaction to those holding the reins of power. All we have to say is: We hope the middle wall of partition will long continue to divide the house.

Arthur W. Armstrong, A. B., Class '79, having been elected to the Vice Presidency of the Academy, entered upon the duties

of that office at the commencement of the present term. From what we know of Mr. Armstrong's scholarship, his tact for teaching, combined with his enthusiasm and diligence, we conclude that the Governors have shown wisdom in the appointment. We prophesy a pleasant and successful year for the Academy. No doubt a large class will matriculate into the College next June.

The article upon mosquitoes in another column leads us to call attention to the following scientific question which recently came under our notice, viz: "Why did a beneficent Creator endow the mosquito with the power of punctuation?" Scientists satisfactorily answer this by showing that "the sting of the mosquito effects a subcutaneous injection of quinine, and that these insects most abound where quinine is most needed." Of course we'll kill no more mosquitoes, but enter upon a free exchange of commodities with them—allowing them the carrying trade and the privilege of landing their goods *Sub Cute*. Observe that humanity must abide by the mosquito estimate of exports and imports.  *Notice to Mosquitoes.* Human blood given in exchange for quinine. Early calls solicited.

#### A CHARACTER.

With lordly strut he passes by;  
His mouth with filthy oaths is filled;  
He wisely winks his sensual eyes  
And glories in his noble build.  
He boastingly recounts the deeds  
Both vile and virtuous by him done;  
And even modestly concedes  
That highest praise he's always won.  
His whiskers loftly is stroked,  
By fingers covered o'er with rings;  
And from his brain so whiskey-soaked  
The vilest jests he deftly brings.  
O friends, it is not hard to find  
A beast that looks much like a man!  
A dirty ape, with filthy mind,  
That proudly calls itself a man.

*Omega.*