

the balance of this year, but for a longer period they will not do. To suspend the school for a year would not seem advisable. The current that now sets in this direction should not be allowed to turn another way. Students and teachers are patient, and endeavoring to make a virtue of the inevitable for the present. They confidently hope for better things at an early day.

If an Academy Hall is to be ready by August, work should be begun at once. We presume the Governors are moving in this matter, and that before many months work will be commenced. If the building is started and well under way by the close of the term, in June, it will have an inspiring effect upon the students.

We would not forget the Ladies' Seminary. Too long has that essential part of the educational work been neglected, or held in abeyance. A building for the young ladies is needed at once. At the present date there are seventeen young ladies attending the Academy more than could be accommodated in the present ladies' dormitory, and who had to seek boarding places in the village. The number of ladies attending the school has more than doubled during the last four years: provide accommodations and the number will double again very soon. A dormitory for the young ladies should be ready for occupancy not later than the first day of September next. The pressure demands it. Shall the building be ready at that date? The Baptist women and friends of female education can best answer that question. Upon you a great work is thrown. Now is your opportunity, one of the grandest that ever offered to any people, and one that may not soon come to you again. Now is the time to bestir yourselves. Take hold of this work with as much energy as you did that of the Foreign Mission work a few years ago, and it will be accomplished. Send up your prayers to the throne of Grace for direction in this important hour. Send out your influence on all sides, among your neighbors and friends, and solicit their interest and help in this noble enterprise. Send along your money and subscriptions to the Governors to enable them to take action at once, so as to have the building completed by September; and then

send your daughters to fill its rooms, and you will accomplish a work the magnitude of which eternity alone can reveal.

Why could not all the contemplated buildings be completed before the end of the year on which we have just entered? Want of money is the only thing that will prevent this desirable end. This is the Jubilee year of these institutions. What grander celebration of this occasion could there be, than the erection of these three buildings. Let not the celebration be in talk, but in action; not in words, but in deeds.

Enough money has already been pledged to warrant the beginning of the work. Now is the time for letting contracts, while labor is cheap and business dull. A few months may change things materially. We shall anxiously look for a notice of a meeting of the Governors, to deliberate on these important matters. The Winter is slipping away, the Spring will soon be upon us, and we hope anniversary day will find the work on some of the buildings well under way.

We trust all the brethren and friends will see eye to eye in this critical time; that in regard to building material, style of architecture, location, etc., there will be substantial agreement; that all differences of opinion and unpleasantness of the past will be forgotten, and that we shall witness, in this our year of Jubilee, a triumph of culture and Christian manhood.

OUTSIDER.

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MR. JACOB SCHURMAN, one of our old students, who obtained the Gilchrist scholarship, has just obtained the highest honors in Logic and Moral Philosophy. He also won a scholarship of £50 sterling a year, but as he is over the specified age, he gained nothing by this.

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