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Our friends will understand, and therefore excuse, the lateness of this issue. The Anniversary was unusually late in June, and consequently the ATHENÆUM is correspondingly late in making its appearance.

We aim in this number to give our readers as full an account as possible of the different exercises held during the Commencement Season. For this reason we have little room left for the classes of matter that are generally represented in our columns. A letter from "Nemesis" in reply to "Grad," on the Marking System is crowded out,

but it is quite probable that this interesting discussion will be again taken up next year.

WHAT College Hill now wants to give it a more finished and still more beautiful appearance is a hedge around the whole plot in front of the building. President Sawyer is succeeding admirably in his attempts to improve the looks of the Hill; but it seems that there is still something wanting. A spruce or thorn hedge could be set out at very little expense, we should think, and it would be well that this be the next step in the direction of improvement.

In presenting our readers with this our last issue, the board of editors has to thank many of them for their prompt payment of subscription and their many words of encouragement during the year's work. It can hardly be imagined by those unacquainted with college journalism what many difficulties we have had to contend with; but we forbear making an extended farewell address. If we have at all succeeded in raising the standard of the paper, our best hopes are realized.

THE FUTURE OF OUR COLLEGE is in the hands of the Baptist Denomination. During the vacation, Associations and Conventions will meet, and in these educational matters will doubtless be subject for deliberation and legislation. What the issue will be we will not venture to predict; nor will we attempt to discuss the heresy of the so called "one college doctrine," nor yet urge its claims to consideration. But we would seek to impress upon one and all the gravity of the present crisis and obtain for Acadia the attention she merits. It may be, as the Baptist papers say, that the educational policy is settled; but however clearly and emphatically it may have been embodied in words, we dare to say that these have not been supported by strong tangible evidence. Evidently the denomination is either insincere in its utterances, or does not understand the nature of the burden it has assumed, for otherwise, why would the college be left so miserably unable to cope with the demands of ad-