

content to let every trifling circumstance form an excuse for the neglect of regular work, if he has allowed himself to forget the necessity of promptness and has been satisfied with a view of the surface of his work, the degree is far from indicating success. The casting aside of the plausible excuse and the formation of regular habits of work, the determination to be in the right place at the right time, the digging for the hidden treasures of knowledge, constitute the heat, dust and toil of the struggle for success, in college life. Many, who have avoided all these, write B. A. after their names. What will your degree mean to you? To make it mean *success* is yours.

WE are always glad to notice any advance towards the fuller equipment of the Gymnasium. Within the last month a neat spring-board has been placed ready for use. This addition to the apparatus, we understand, is due to the efforts of Mr. Shaw. Assisted by the Acadia Double Quartette, Mr. Shaw has given a number of recitals in the interest of the Gymnasium funds. The first one was given at Canning, Nov. 12th, where an appreciative audience gathered to listen to some of Mr. Shaw's excellent readings, interspersed with a number of selections by the Quartette. The readings were rendered in Mr. Shaw's usual happy style, and the music by the Quartette was well appreciated.

On the 27th Nov. this recital was repeated at Kentville, and we understand that some other places will be visited soon. We hope that these generous efforts of Mr. Shaw and his colleagues in behalf of the Gymnasium will meet with good success.

AND now comes "the most unkindest cut of all." The dread *ipsa dixit* has gone forth the invitations for the Junior to our neighbors across the way will not be accepted. In all probability the "powers that be" had a wise purpose in view, but in our humble opinion we may be permitted to say that we doubt the expediency. There must be a cause, else the custom of the years that have passed would not have been thrust aside. We confess that we see the departing shadow of what might be thus considered. A few years ago certain privileges were

abused by a then existing element; the present may be considered *nil*. Why, then, should a sentence due in the past be withheld until the present? We do not understand. However, we can see the relation of the withdrawal to us as students, and do not feel flattered thereby. We are thankful for advanced information on the subject. It is really a charitable act to prevent the uncomfortable feeling that would naturally arise from a *may*.

ERRATUM.—In our last issue, under the head of the "Class of '91," we omitted to mention

HOWARD P. WHIDDEN.

who matriculated with his class from Horton Academy in the spring of '87, and entered college with a year's experience of student life. Possessed of a well trained tenor voice, he gave valuable assistance as a member of the college quartette. Thoroughly honest, even with himself, he lived a consistent life and held a high place in the esteem of his fellows.

He is now studying at Newton Theological Seminary preparing himself for his chosen work; and in that work, whether done at home or among the natives of India, we wish him every success.

Literary.

THE ARCHER.

At every eve of day's accomplishment,
The Archer, still with victor-wreath unwon,
Looks on another day that deeds be done.
Since first before his eye the bow was bent,
His hope, beyond his arrow quicker sent,
Shot straight into the center of the sun;
Yet have the missiles swerved to earth, outrun
As yet by quicker glance, their force soon spent.
Success needs tighter string and higher aim,
A bolder trial, a firmer clasp of hand;
No timid curve achieves a worthy flight.
He stands within the very reach of fame—
Once more the bow must bend ere he may stand
Among the victors, laureled and bedight.

Wolfville, N. S.

J. F. HERBIN.