

own." It is now as much in fashion to call an essayist a thief, as a politician a liar. But happily all politicians are not liars, though so called. Would it not be well for those critics to ask themselves, just for once, upon what they base their criticisms. Have they been able to refer paragraphs to any particular authors? In the majority of cases, even this simple question would be sufficient to show their own unfairness and ignorance, rather than the guilt of the criticised. We do not undertake to defend all our essayists. Mortals are heirs of errors. But let the criticisms be fair and just—let the critic be willing to criticise publicly and not seek to utter defamation darkly. If every commendable effort is to be treated as a crime, originality will be placed at a discount, and honest work discouraged. Persevering study, resulting in the assimilation of the thought of the great, and even in its reproduction when imbued with another's personality differs from plagiarism. Distinctions are necessary and will be made by fair minds. The patient, independent essayist may find consolation in the fact that he has a higher court of appeal than that instituted by mere cavilling, prejudiced, dyspeptic critics—his own inward consciousness of self-dependence.

THE increased attendance at our institutions has made it necessary to provide for additional accommodation in the boarding department. A proposition is now being considered for putting up a building that will accommodate thirty or forty students for a dormitory; the students to take their meals in Chipman Hall. The proposed site for this building is on the rising ground to the south-west of the old Academy boarding house. The latter building would no longer be used as a boarding house, but would be fitted up for other purposes. The matter was discussed at length at the late meeting of the board of Governors, and various important questions arose, affecting the main question, which have by no means been decided. In taking such a step it was felt necessary to proceed in such a manner as to allow for the fullest expansion of our University. One contingency that presented itself was the possibility of the College requiring the use of all the ground on the hill. Should the proposed building be of wood or brick? Should the Seminary be removed to some other site? Should the present system of mixed classes be maintained, or

should the Seminary or Academy be made entirely distinct? These and other questions have been referred to a committee for solution. The subject is an important one, and it is to be hoped that present necessity may not be overlooked in a desire to provide against hypothetical emergencies.

SOME one has blundered; according to our Calendar the Junior Exhibition should have been held on the 21st, whereas it came off a week earlier. As we learn from the Class the case stands thus. By some arrangement the Academy and Seminary were to close the 15th, or rather the night before, and as it was desirable that all the departments should have an opportunity of attending, it was thought best by the class to hold it with that in view. The Faculty gave permission, and the Exhibition took place before the middle of the month. That the class did the best thing, in fact the only thing reasonable under the circumstances none will pretend to deny; but why it became necessary to do so is a matter for any one, we think, to enquire into, and with reason. Why one department should close at one time and another at another are matters which concern those whose good judgment regulates them. But why they should close at times quite different from those advertised, just why six months should revolutionize the catalogue and muddle the public, why extra trouble should be entailed upon the class are open questions. So far as the Calendar gives an outline of the studies prosecuted it is all right, but when dates are mixed in so inexplicable a manner, the thing becomes a nuisance. They are supposed to be matters of convenience, but convenience is out of the question in these. If we are to have them at all let them be reliable and not a delusion.

WE note with pleasure that the tide of prosperity at Dalhousie has not yet begun to abate. Her next step will be to obtain suitable accommodations. The old college building which appeals so feebly to the artistic taste, and which has long been found to furnish insufficient room for her various purposes, will at length be abandoned. By means of the funds obtained by the sale of the old building, and those received in bequests from beneficent friends, a new building will be erected creditable