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It is gratifying to know that there are so many boarders at Acadia Seminary, but that there are not so many as there should be will at once appear when we say that the building is not filled. For some time the denomination felt the need of a large and commodious structure solely for the purpose of female education; and when the old College was destroyed and efforts began to be put forth for the purpose of getting funds to erect a new College, the claims made upon the denomination for a new Ladies' Seminary were strongly urged. There is every reason for satisfaction and congratulation at the result. The alleged want has been met in the completion of a suitable building, well equipped in all particulars; and a good staff of teachers has been provided, so that excellent opportunities are now offered to young ladies seeking a liberal education. Why, then, are there so many vacant rooms in the Seminary? Is it not largely because of indif-

ference on the part of parents about giving their *daughters* educational advantages as well as their *sons*? There are towns and villages in this and the adjoining Province where wealthy Baptist families are numerous, which have not a single representative at the Seminary toward whose erection they so liberally contributed. It appears to us, if we may be allowed to venture an opinion, that one of the most pressing duties devolving upon those in the denomination who have daughters, is to give them the advantages of mental training now placed within easy reach, and thereby receive ample returns for all their contributions. If the value of education were adequately felt the Seminary which now adorns the Hill would not be large enough to accommodate the numbers who would seek admittance. Perhaps we have not got at the cause of there not being more in it than there are at present; but one thing is sure and that is, there is some obstacle in the way, and whatever it may be it should be sought out and removed as soon as possible.

In our local column reference is made to a lecture delivered before our Society by one "Prof." Tripp. He came to us with testimonials of the high best order from many of the most prominent educationists and statesmen in America. His lectures were recommended for their excellence as oratorical, as literary, and as intellectual efforts, and also for their great historical worth. In fact it would not be easy to speak more highly for any productions than some of these testimonials spoke of "Prof." Tripp's lectures. After making no inconsiderable discount, the least we could have expected from him would have been a lecture of average value; but this he did not give us. Oratory, forsooth! Why the man has not the ghost of a qualification of an orator. How in the world is it that he carries such flaming testimonials? Is this "Prof." Tripp and are the testimonials genuine? Whatever the facts may be in the case, there is little doubt but what many