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THE first regular meeting of the "Athenæum," for the present Term, was held on January 9th. The President's Hall was as lively as ever, and the Students all in their places according to the *rule* not the *exception*. No Debating Society can flourish, when the interest is so small that but few attend, and these few lukewarm in their attachment, and consequently not to be depended upon. We can say with pleasure that we are troubled with no such supineness on the part of the members of the "Athenæum," as preys upon the peace and prosperity of some Debating Societies, with which we are acquainted. They all believe the discipline of such societies to be good and act upon that belief. Refreshed and invigorated, they have returned to enter upon their work with renewed enthusiasm, and, if they bring that spirit into our weekly meeting, we predict for our society a successful and useful Term's work. Appearances are every way favorable, and we hope the Students will make good use of the privileges thus afforded them, so that five months hence

each member may show that opportunities have not been neglected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—

B. Rand, *President*; W. H. Robinson, *Vice-President*; J. M. Longley, *Corresponding Sec'y*; P. W. Campbell, *Recording Sec'y*; J. O. Reddin, *Treasurer*; and W. G. Parsons, *Critic*.

"THERE'S IN HIM STUFF THAT PUTS HIM TO THESE ENDS."

The study of human nature has always been pleasing. We love to note the various peculiarities of men and their different shades of character; but perhaps no better field for observation could be found than an institution of learning. Here, we meet with all kinds of persons, those from the humbler walks of life, those who never made the acquaintance of poverty and her sister, toil. On a common platform they take their stand, and here begin our observations. A young man comes to the institution determined to get an education, and filled with such a noble scheme, he presently begins to feel himself a person of consequence. This is a natural result.

He is now fully impressed with the idea that the intellectual status of the future is in some measure intrusted to him. A noble resolve always produces a feeling of this sort. We look at him as he perambulates the streets with head erect; why not? he is under the influence of an exalted impulse. It is but natural he should eye the stars, for *sic via ad astra*. His arms also play an important part in the act of ambulation. They swing with a sort of majestic movement, as if they would call attention of every passer by: "You see here a man of genius, *Ecce homo!*" You meet him on the street. Of course you do not know him. How he pities your ignorance; but he looks up into your face, with a pleasant and confidential smile, as much as to say, "How do you do sir, happy to meet you," or perhaps, in his magnanimity and condescension, he bows. Of course, he bows his best, and his hat is touched by the most graceful of movements, so *he* thinks, and then passes on with the full assurance that he is some-

body. And so he is. He is just the stuff of which men are made.

In a few years these exuberances are toned down by the discipline of an educational course, and he goes forth into the world well prepared to begin life's noble work.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.

ACADIA COLLEGE was founded in 1838. Horton Academy having been about ten years in operation, with very encouraging success, it was judged that the time had come for the establishment of a higher Institution. A Provincial Charter was obtained for the purpose, and the first Matriculating Class, consisting of 19 students, commenced their College work in January, 1839. The Rev. John Pryor, A. M., now Dr. Pryor, was appointed Professor of the Greek and Latin Classics; and the Rev. E. A. Crawley, A. M., now Dr. Crawley, Professor of Moral Philosophy, Logic and Rhetoric. They were joined, in 1840, by Isaac Chipman, A. M., as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. There was at first no President.

Dr. Crawley resigned his connection with the College in 1847, and Dr. Pryor was constituted President. He left in 1850, and was succeeded, in 1851, by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., who had been some years President of the Baptist College, Montreal.

A great calamity befel the College in 1852. On the 7th of June in that year, Professor Chipman and four of the students, W. H. King of Onslow, Benj. Rand of Cornwallis, Anthony E. Phalen of Rawdon, and W. E. Grant of Sydney, C. B., were drowned in the Basin of Minas, while returning from a Geological excursion to Cape Blomidon. That sad event seemed to shake the College to its very foundation.

A change took place in 1853, when the Institution was divided into two parts; the *College*, of which Dr. Crawley became President, and the *Theological Institute*, Dr. Cramp being the Principal. That arrangement did not last long, as Dr. Crawley left the Province in 1855. On his resignation, in 1856, Dr. Cramp took