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The Sanctum.

THE Athenæum Society has secured Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., Pastor Berean Baptist Church, New York, and son of the pioneer missionary, Adoniram Judson, to lecture in Wolfville on the 23rd inst subj: "The Church and the people." The lecture coming as it does, so near the anniversary exercises, it is hoped that many of the friends who are planning to visit Acadia this season, will avail themselves of so good an opportunity of hearing this popular speaker.

THE site of our College is justly famed for its beauty. Scenes of poetic and historic interest are all about. Yonder the river, the Basin of Minas the Grand Pre meadows and 'away to the north-ward Blomidon.' To harmonize with such a setting of beauty it is only fitting that the immediate grounds

of the institutions should receive careful ornamentation. A good deal has been done in this direction especially during the past year: and it may be safely guessed that other improvements are only awaiting the co-operation of the mighty dollar. In the mean time there can be something done and at a trifling expense. Three years ago an uncontrollable mania for tree-planting seized the collegians. With great enthusiasm and not a little ceremony they covered a large part of the grounds with what seemed to contain the promise of classic groves and cool retreats. That those efforts have to a large degree proved futile is no reason for a cessation of all trying. Were an Arbor Day observed every year the students could readily be encouraged to take upon themselves the burden of the work. Another project which lies rather in the realm of use than ornament has been more than once referred to in these columns. There is need of a good gymnasium. It is certain that the students would all do what they could, many of the alumni would add their help and within two or three years a large building could be finished and furnished. The only trouble is no one will make a commencement. The Freshmen ought to be the most interested in securing a beginning *now*, for they would enjoy its privileges before their course is completed.

HOW frequently the remark is contemptuously made of some certain one that "he has high ideals." But as a matter of fact a very high compliment is paid to that person. It has been rightly observed that a man will never rise above his ideals,—indeed, if he has the right conception of life he is not likely to attain to his ideals, but it is also true that, other things being equal, the higher the ideals cherished, the higher the man will rise. To have no such ideals is to be contented in any condition—to be satisfied to drift up and down on the currents of fortune without hope or ambition. It is not to be inferred from this that we would have each one narrow