

cannot afford to be backward in this respect. The students, have already laid the foundation for success in the undertaking. They are naturally anxious to see the whole cost of the building and apparatus subscribed this year and thus not tax the energies of the governors. If every graduate would send a few dollars to the gymnasium fund or if every friend of the college would not neglect to forward the amount he is quite willing to give to so worthy an object, the result would be accomplished, the building which is to complete the quadrangle on the hill would be free of debt and Acadia would keep equal step with the best of the Maritime colleges in this as in other respects.

THE work in the institutions is moving along steadily but surely. In the college nothing very striking has transpired of late, every one moves along peaceably and quietly trying to make the very best of their time knowing that a college course is something to be enjoyed only once in a life time. This is true at least of the average man as he comes here only to fit himself that he may be better able to overcome the rough places to be encountered in daily life. He is not *flush* by any means, consequently his expenditure is limited. We are sorry the same cannot be said of the academy. A few nights ago three or four of the boys thought to take charge and literally run matters in the boarding house. But he it said to the honour of the Principal, associate teachers and the better thinking students that they did not permit such a state of affairs to exist long in their midst. A consultation was held and it being the second offence for these law-breakers they were summarily dismissed. Let it be universally known that the teachers of the academy mean to run the school with an eye to its best interests and that without fear, favour, or affection. No two or three boys need get the idea that they are in a position to take charge of more than sixty-five law-abiding ones, together with a firm staff of teachers. Those who desire to obtain an education and are in earnest about it will find a most genial and efficient staff of instructors in our academy who are ever ready to do all in their power for those who come under their charge. But for the healthy growth and success of all, obedience to rules of decency and order must be enforced.

The Seminary is doing good work and everything moves along smoothly. According to indications at present it will be well for those expecting to attend the Seminary next year to make early application as the outlook for a full attendance is good.

WE do not believe in dunning and this year our columns have been free from it. Yet we do believe that everyone has a right to his own and would add that we just now are in need of our own. It is more pleasant and profitable for all if debts are paid when due. Apart from hoped for results, rendering bills whose contents are perfectly understood by the debtor and dunning are tasks not congenial to human nature. This, however, is the painful duty of our Secretary-Treasurer. Out of sixty bills each amounting to two dollars or more mailed last Autumn, twenty responded. Again this term forty rerendered aggregating one hundred dollars encouragea three more to pay. Calculation shows it to be economical not to dun more than twenty times. Most of our subscribers are friends of the college but they should reflect that it is not taking the paper, but paying for it that is the friendly act. If the ATHENÆUM comes to you the yearly subscription is ours, therefore, please do not retain it any longer than possible but enclose the trifling amounting due us which you are only too willing to pay, and address it to the Secretary-Treasurer of ACADIA ATHENÆUM who is now especially in need of such commendable consideration.

VERDANCY sometimes stands out so prominently that it makes itself obnoxious to the average man, who has been fortunate enough, if he ever had any, to get rid of it. When a youth makes his first appearance on the "Hill" he invariably takes it for granted that it is necessary for him to appear as smart as possible. He comes here from some second rate town, or some country village on the banks of the river whose waters lave the shores of the principal county town. He dons the most consequential air, and struts about with a knowing everything look in his countenance. When a youth arrives at the academy or to take the first year in college he feels quite fresh to say the least. He has been the smartest, or at least the second