

ment of Arts, the other department claims a disproportionate share.

Again, we think it is generally conceded, that the regular work of the B. A. Course is sufficient to engage the mind of the majority of undergraduates. To those who can do extra work, and desire to take it in that line, the provisions for Honors will be satisfactory. Three comprehensive courses are open in Biblical study: I, Historical; II, Ethical; III, Literary. As in the other Honor work, standard authors will be placed within the students' reach. But most of our ministerial students intend taking a theological training at some of the larger Institutions, and so prefer their Honors in other branches, in which they will have less opportunity for study. To those who have no ambition for Honor certificates, two or three hours a week, taken out of the regular time for study, is a matter of no small importance, and will make itself a reality at the end of the term. As a result, we see a liberal chance for an inferior lot of graduates in Arts, and consequently an inferior lot to undertake theological work. While we hail with satisfaction the Honor Course held out, we cannot see the permanent advantage of the present arrangement of affairs. If there were even one Chair established and placed under a separate Theological Department, we can see what it might mean for Acadia. A well equipped Department of not less than four chairs is what is needed. When that shall be done, no true friend of Acadia will have a word to say in opposition.

**A** MUCH felt want of Acadia has been at last supplied. It is a well established principle that the education of mind and muscle should go hand in hand. In the days of the old gymnasium, we had a building of small dimensions, poorly heated and ventilated, and supplied with an amount of apparatus adequately insufficient to meet the growing demands. Impressed with this fact, the Governors converted the building into a debating room for the Athenæum Society, which had previously held its meetings in the college building. This was a step in the right direction. It gave recognition to the needs of the society and dispelled the illusion of having a gymnasium, when it was in reality only a name. The deprivation with its losses, small though they

were in our case, helped the students and authorities to appreciate what an immense advantage a real, active gymnasium would be. For three years this state of affairs continued. Various solutions of the difficulty were from time to time suggested, the great question being how to raise the necessary funds. The Governors were already burdened with supplying the demands of the rapidly developing child. How was the difficulty to be overcome?

Realizing the situation the students resolved to show their attachment to Acadia in a substantial way. The senior class of '90, nobly led the way and pledged themselves for an amount which reflects credit upon them. The other classes quickly responded, and the Academy was not to be outdone in the work. Promptly the Governors fulfilled their part of the arrangement, to bear the additional cost of erection and proceed with the work. Upon more mature consideration, it was found that the careful and extensive plans submitted for their approval would have to admit of considerable expansion, involving additional expense. This extra, they readily assumed, looking to the ultimate advantages. To-day the building stands complete, and compared with others of a similar character, we think it will bear inspection. The situation is all that could be desired, standing as it does about seventy feet to the south of Chipman Hall, and adding one more to the number of large and showy structures, which adorn the Hill. In dimensions it is 82 by 42 ft. with 18 ft. posts. The general form of architecture though not elaborate, and modeled more for utility than show, is not unpleasing. There still remains an important part of the question for solution. Now when the building is complete, how are we going to use it? A large amount of apparatus is necessary, and an efficient instructor must be supplied. Where shall the funds necessary for these things be found? It will not do to leave the work only half completed. Here is a chance for some friend of Acadia to do a grand work. You could not put your money to better use. Help us equip the gymnasium in first class style. As this matter is of vital importance to every student, we know they will come forward and give their assistance. When the best plan is decided upon, which seems to be a moderate tax upon each individual, we feel confident that unanimously they will give it their hearty co-operation. By the middle of November we hope to have the gymnasium in good working order.