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The Sanctum.

THE students of the College and Academy are fortunate in having for use as a campus, several acres of land well adapted for athletic sports. Owing to its situation and the nature of the soil, at a comparatively small cost it could be made one of the best grounds in the Maritime Provinces, but at present it is in wretched condition.

Two years ago the authorities of the college had a large part of it ploughed and some of the worst places, levelled up, but the work was never completed.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, it was decided that the Association would at its own expense, undertake to put a part of the field in good condition.

This is a move in the right direction and if the experiment succeed, no doubt a similar attempt will

be made next year, and thus in a few years the campus could be one of which no student need feel ashamed, and would be a source of satisfaction to those who had had a share in its improvement.

AT the recent meeting of the Board of Governors, the committee on ways and means, relative to a Manual Training Department, reported that a canvass for money had been begun. In Amherst and Wolfville, something over \$3,000 had been pledged, and that other towns would be canvassed soon. The Board appointed a committee to select a site; also a building committee, and authorized the selection of a suitable teacher. It is expected that a suitable building will be begun in the spring. In connection with this the academy voted \$200. The matriculating class of '91, with whom we believe the idea originated, has contributed, and hopes to see the department started on a sound basis.

At a special meeting of the Athenæum Society, Principal Oakes and Mr. Rhodes laid before the students the main features in connection with the scheme. Both of these gentlemen are thoroughly interested. In the course of his remarks, Principal Oakes called attention to the fact that the Academy, though upwards of sixty years old, has never yet made an appeal to the public. This being the case, we hope that this her first will not be lightly treated. We have heard it whispered, the ATHENÆUM does not vouch for the reliability of the statement, that a gentleman who is interested in the Academy has offered to build and equip the building, provided the salary of the instructor is guaranteed. We do not wish to appear too often with the hat, but it would be very satisfactory to see some of those interested step forward and place the M. T. Department on a solid financial basis. The Academy could not but be stimulated, and thus Acadia would be helped forward.