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The Sanctum.

IN one respect, at least, the students of Acadia are at a disadvantage with those of our sister Canadian Colleges. We have no gymnasium. And, worst of all, no one seems anxious enough about the matter to make a move towards getting one. For some years a small building on the College grounds was devoted to such purposes, but owing to the growing demands for class-room accommodation, this building had to be fitted up for other uses. Now, the question is, who should meet the want thus created. When the importance of physical exercise to the student is taken into account and its connection with the work of the class-room rightly recognized, no college can be said to be in any sense properly equipped, which does not provide some opportunity

for gymnastics. On the other hand, no body of young men, such as a community of students, should be willing to leave a matter of such vital importance to the supervision of some other body. And further, are there not advantages in having an institution which must be so completely under the control of the students, also owned by them? Whatever opinions may be entertained about this matter, the desirability—may we not say the urgent necessity, of having such an institution must be acknowledged by every student of the College and Academy. Why not have one, then? The students at Kings went to work in real earnest; opened a subscription list and made appeals to friends of that institution, and they have been able to erect a gymnasium at a cost of \$1500. At Toronto University similar steps have been taken, and already about \$3000, obtained for the same purpose. It may not be possible for the students of Acadia to complete and equip in one year a gymnasium worthy of our grand institutions and to compare with our neighbours, but the same amount of public spirit and united determination would very soon accomplish the thing. The chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors has expressed the willingness of that body to provide a site for the building, and already one or two graduates have guaranteed liberal subscriptions. Who will lead off in this enterprise?

THE *Parsity's* proposal for an Inter-Collegiate Press Association has received from several of our contemporaries comments favorable and otherwise. It is certain that interchange of thought among those engaged in similar work is of mutual advantage. This principle would certainly hold among college editors. Whether, however, the obstacles to the successful working of such an association could be obviated readily enough to warrant its