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ACADIA ATHENÆUM.

THE progress and character of Acadia has been constantly inspiring her sons to fresh efforts.

To-day, students crowd to her halls in greater numbers than ever. These are attracted by the good all round education given. Special attention is directed to moral and intellectual education under the best influences. Taking moral education as basal, the necessity for developing man in all his parts is admitted. A sound mind demands a sound body. College students are more likely to neglect physical than mental exercise and they are as apt to err in the one as the other. True, our surroundings and physical constitution impel us to take physical exercise but it cannot be denied that environment and mental constitution train us to use our minds. If it be pointed out how good physical training young men get in private walks and exercise on the campus, it might also be shown how good mental discipline is got in private study and meeting fellow students. Thus, the necessity for providing good physical

development and discipline depends on reasons as strong as those for intellectual education. In other words, this says we need at Acadia a thoroughly equipped gymnasium.

This is no new idea. For quite a time we had a small gymnasium, but two years ago it passed peacefully away from a poor inefficient existence. Several attempts have been made to develop a plan for a new gymnasium and have failed for want of organization. The Governors were laying out efforts to develop the efficiency of the college. Within the past few years two new chairs have been founded and there is urgent need of two more. The Governors with but little means, plainly had enough on their hands. The grand effort for a gymnasium must come from the students themselves. Their temper was plainly shown when it was debated in the Athenæum society whether a library or gymnasium was more beneficial to a college student. Several speakers pointed out that where the best results had been obtained in systems of education careful physical training was a part of the course. Even before this, the seniors had determined to do all in their power to make the gymnasium an actual fact before another college year. They resolved to subscribe largely, mature plans and secure the hearty co-operation of the governors and students of the college and academy. A plan for a building 35x70, a statement of what the class would do and what they expected the other students would raise was laid before the governors. They appointed an active committee with full power to take the matter in hand. Since this, it appears that the students by classes have resolved to raise about six hundred dollars. The matter has been well discussed and the necessity of a large and first-class building under the full control of the faculty and governors, the best gymnasium arrangement and apparatus, and a thoroughly competent instructor fully apprehended.

Other colleges already present the attraction of a good gymnasium to intending students, and Acadia