

and renewed appreciation of their work and worth. The Alumni in New England are alive and in earnest, and their example could with much profit be followed by the general Alumni Association. The report of the Boston banquet makes the mouth fairly water for one here. What's the matter with the Alumni Association of the provinces? Are they all right? If so, why can't they arrange something inspiring and profitable for anniversary occasion? If the senior class cannot be allowed the evening of graduating day for a grand entertainment which would be a source of pleasure and financial gain to the University, why not have a first class banquet? It ought to be understood that a second-rate affair at such an opportune time is but a lost opportunity. It is time for some one to wake up.

Fire-Proof Building Needed.

THE ATHENÆUM has asked the attention of its readers to this matter before. The seriousness of the need calls upon us to refer to it again. The treasures of the Library and Museum are far too valuable, and their loss would be too grave an experience to continue their further exposure to the risk of fire, lodged as they are in a wooden building heated by stoves. They should be preserved with the greatest care in a stone structure. There are a number of convenient and beautiful sites on the Hill for the location of such an edifice. The rooms now used as Museum and Library are pressingly needed for class-rooms. It will be said, doubtless, that the strenuous effort necessary this year to make the *Forward Movement* a success, suggests the inopportunity of reference to the subject at this time. In reply, we say that the urgency of the need alluded to, constitutes an added stimulus towards raising the *Forward Fund*, in order that, the present financial programme being successfully completed, the construction of the needed fire-proof Library may be at once begun.

The Place of English in the College Curriculum.

ENGLISH should undoubtedly have a prominent place among college studies. The thorough knowledge of our language seems more important than that of the forms and peculiarities of the classic tongues of antiquity. English classics should be given precedence over the literature of other nations, past or contemporary. Men give their thought to the study of the magnificent productions of the early authors who are sadly ignorant of the beauties of Shakespeare, Milton, Tennyson, or Ruskin. These should be learned, nor should the former be thoughtlessly neglected. English is rich in classic lore of no mean quality and these closing years of the century are witnessing the incorporation of many valuable contributions among her treasures. This is not to say that too much attention is being given to the standard works in other languages, but quite possibly, too little to the masterpieces of our mother tongue. It is not to the credit of any man to possess the degree of bachelor in