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The Sanctum.

WITH this issue the contemplated changes in our paper are completed. The rose tint did not seem to retain its holiday appearance under atmospheric impressions, and "harmonic poise" made also necessary the change of cover.

ARE we to have a sanctum? Ay! Thus unanimously voted the Athenæum Society at a recent meeting of that body. The executive committee were authorized forthwith to secure and furnish a room in keeping with the limited means of this paper. "Henceforth," as said the critic on that occasion, "the sanctum of the ATHENÆUM will no longer be a vague phantom existing only in the brain of its editors, and used on set occasions for rhetorical effect, but an accomplished reality." Our patrons are invited to give us a call, and we will promptly acknowledge the same in the list at the end of the LOCAL column.

TO the excellent and practical communication of "Alumnus" which appears in another column of this paper, we gladly give space and most heartily commend it to the careful consideration of our readers. It has ever seemed strange to us that such a society as "Alumnus" proposes had not long since come into existence in connection with Acadia Seminary. Like those of the affiliated schools, the former students of that institution are drawn to their *alma mater* by many strong ties which neither time has caused to decay nor space to sever. In short, they love the Seminary, and we believe, are only waiting an opportunity to give tangible proof of their attachment to her. The opportunity is at hand. Could not the present students, who have no less attachment to their *alma mater* than their predecessors, take the matter in hand and make the preliminary arrangements for carrying forward this laudable enterprise? When such plans as they consider will best subserve the interests of the proposed society are formulated, let circulars be issued to each of the former students explaining the nature and design of the proposed society, and naming the place and date of the first meeting. A scheme of this kind, we believe, will meet with a hearty response; and an Alumnae Society in connection with Acadia Seminary must, we feel assured, prove a mighty inspiration to the cause of higher education among the young ladies of the Baptist denomination in the Maritime Provinces.

BUT the students of Acadia Seminary—present and past—are not alone in their indebtedness to these institutions. In looking over the records of the graduates of Acadia College, it is worthy of note that out of the three hundred and seventeen men and women who have received the degree of B. A., a round fifty of these hail from Annapolis County, N. S., while twenty of the present undergraduates—fourteen of whom are in the two upper classes—are natives of the same constituency. In this respect, Annapolis sustains to Acadia a relationship analogous.