

number of occasions, to "speak first." And both these parties, together with the departed Sem., long for notes from the Ladies' Seminary. Such notes we occasionally attempt to render, from the limited knowledge we are able to glean, and, behold, some old chaps out in the country, who have very vague and blue ideas of matters here, and who cannot tell a joke from a grindstone, hold up their hands and roll their eyes in sanctimonious horror at "the doings o' them gals up at the Semery," and "thank their stars to grashus" that their "gals ain't ben learned no such nonsense." They are the chosen generation who take and read the *ATHENÆUM* as long as they think some one has enough sense of their importance to send it free; but as soon as they receive the customary request for 50 cents, discover that the "*ATHENÆUM* contains nothing either instructive or amusing," and hint that we "had better stop it at once." They are the peculiar people who groan in prayer-meeting and look solemn at a wedding, who wouldn't admit the sun shine into their houses unless it fell in just such regular rectangles upon the floor. Do we chance to remark that it is pleasant to see the incipient skatress from the Sem. buoyed up by the friendly arm of a young companion from the institution, these jugs of condensed propriety, thinking they smell a rat, fail to notice the orthography and forget that the "Sem." and "the Institution" may be one and the same. Do we observe, in the early days of May, that young men and maidens may be seen strolling off, two by two, in different directions, over the fields, in search of the sweet spring blossoms; these too watchful guardians of the public weal think they descry another lamentable lack of wholesome regulation, forgetting that the usual custom at such institutions is to walk two and two, and that it is perfectly proper for the different departments to go off in different directions. So it goes on, and meanwhile those among whom we live and who are best capable of rendering a correct judgment, see no reason to be disturbed. To them the "rules" are sufficiently stringent, the conduct of the literary damsels sufficiently "proper" and exemplary. We find no valid reason why we may give the news concerning two of the three institutions, and yet must expurgate the word "Sem." from our "local" columns. The Seminary is not the College—"ergo," says one, "any thing concerning it is out of your province." No more is the Academy the College. "Shall the hand say that because it is not the eye it is not of the body?" The three Institutions are one and inseparable. Together they form that educational trinity, Acadia. We are all inter-dependent; what interests one, interests all, what amuses one, amuses all, what benefits one, benefits all. Hand in hand, figuratively, but no less, really—not literally, thou too liberal censor of the times—we climb the hill of Truth. Those who have been here know this, and when

they take up the *ATHENÆUM* they expect Seminary items as well as those anent the male departments. Our very limited means of learning the incidents of Seminary life make these items too seldom. Any locals, instructive or ludicrous, connected therewith, which may be handed in to the editors, will be most acceptable. Young ladies, please step forward.

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