

than fully realized. Feeling then that we have a goodly heritage, how could we fail to show our appreciation by connecting ourselves with the educational work in some systematic way? As young men interested in our Alma Mater, our fervent wish is to see our beloved Acadia advance with the times. We cannot stand idly by and allow ourselves to be outstripped by our friendly and energetic competitors. We must keep abreast with the times; and as members of the Alumni that shall be our endeavor. In joining it is not for name, but for work. We appreciate the hearty resolution of welcome which greeted us, and shall try to prove ourselves worthy of such recognition. In short, we join the Alumni to make ourselves felt. One thing we believe, that though separated by ocean and continent, the graduates of our institutions never lose that love of Acadia which four years of association and training have indelibly stamped upon memory's scroll; Acadia becomes a home, and we can say with Goldsmith—

"Such is the patriot's boast where'er we roam,
His first, best country ever is at home."

THE year which has just ended has been one of unusual prosperity for the institutions in all their departments. The number of students in attendance has been the largest in the history of the College, and the increased interest manifested among the patrons of higher education bespeaks great things for the coming years. The people are beginning to feel the influence Acadia College has had in elevating thought, and enlarging the views of life of our people; and they are coming bravely forward to still further increase her usefulness. What we need most at present is money. If the people could only grasp the situation more fully we feel assured that the Governors would not long be compelled to practise an economy which is not economical. We are pleased to notice during the year the same gradual increase in thoroughness which has marked the various departments of the College for a number of years back. The course is surely and steadily being "stiffened," and we may hope that the good work will go on until the standard of matriculation has been considerably raised, though compared at present with other institutions we believe it fully up to their level. But we must advance. What gives Harvard her high standing in Arts? The severe requirements of matricula-

tion, and the general advanced standard of her course. During the present year the College has taken upon itself the title of a University. It sounds rather large, but, as one of the Governor's explained, the original charter gave all the powers of a University without the name, hence we may as well have the name and sail under true colors. For our own part we must confess that we prefer the name of College plain and simple, and believe it would have answered our purpose for a few years at least; but it is a matter of small importance, for "what's in a name?" We have noticed that the Arts Department has flourished during the past year, 139 students being in attendance, the largest number in the history of the College. But there is another department which claims our attention. Some one says "what about Theology?" Well we are not going to say much about that. There has been one student in the patched-up two year's course for infirm, married and lazy ministers. He has taken a few lessons in Arithmetic, Homiletics, Grammar and Pastoral Duties. Another general student of the College was persuaded to take part of the same course, and he does not seem to be perfectly satisfied. To sum up, Theology at Acadia has not been a decided success, and the enticing two years' course, encouraging men who enter the University late in life to do with a practical education, has not worked as magnetically as its promoters anticipated. We don't believe in that two years' course, and believe the sooner it is dropped the better for the institution. However, it appears now to be rather a harmless novelty.

Next comes the Seminary, and here we find evidence of careful work done. Miss Harding has performed her part well. In the department of music we may confidently say that never in the history of the institution has there been such an amount of talent in the Seminary as the music of the exercises of Wednesday afternoon and evening made evident. Now that the school has increased in popularity among our lady friends, so that the Governors are taxed with the erection of a new and commodious building, we would solicit for it still further confidence, that this grand work may be speedily accomplished. We need some leaders to advocate its claims before the public. Should not the principal be one of these?

The Academy continues to do its work; and, judging by the essays delivered by the matriculating class, very effective work too. In the face of financial