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The Sanctum.

XMAS Holidays have come again and all are looking forward to an enjoyable time. Those who go home are jubilant over the reception that will be given them when they meet Father, Mother, Sister, Brother and ———. The Christmas cheer of home will be enjoyed by all. The boys of Chipman Hall did themselves credit at least one time in the history of Acadia, since no Sophomore racket sounded and resounded through its halls. This was largely due to the fact that Mrs. Kempton, mother of our esteemed matron, had not fully recovered from the effects of a fall some time previous. The boys are to be congratulated on their good sense, and their kindly consideration for the comfort of the occupants of Chipman Hall. What means this noise and commotion in the building across the way? Have the Sophs. found their way in there to celebrate

the closing of the term? We look about and find that the boys of the building are all quietly sleeping, until aroused by the sound of tin horns, horse-fiddles, &c. These instruments must then be made use of by some persons other than the boys of the Hall.

The holidays are ended. Boys, say your farewells to Father, Mother, Sister, Brother and ———: but particularly to ———, as the impetus received from such *adieux* is grand. The work of the terms following will call forth all the latent energy stored up during vacation, so we hope you have made the best of your advantages.

AMONG Acadia's students a large proportion depend solely upon their own exertions for support. Young men, with no capital but ambition and pluck, find here a kindly welcome. There is about the place something of the brave spirit of the Fathers, meeting which a young man, struggling, storm-tossed, over-burdened, is helped; and moving under its influence takes fresh courage for the onward fight to victory.

There is not an institution on the continent where a man can receive first class advantages, such as Acadia affords for so little money. We have no bursaries, no scholarships, no fund from which a needy student can gain support, yet our attendance is the largest of any Maritime Arts College—and the future promises to eclipse the present in this regard. As we have said, among this ever increasing number, a very large proportion have no financial support, except the small earnings of the summer vacations and the pinched savings of a starving economy during term time. Since this class of men, so numerous at Acadia, have within their reach neither Bursaries nor Loan Fund, this problem forces itself upon our attention—how can they be aided in their manly struggle for an education and still maintain their independence? We believe the establishment at