

will be able to devote himself to special studies in his favorite line of work, whether English, Classics, Science, Philosophy or any other branch. Such an innovation will be very desirable, for it will operate very strongly to turn out better men, men better fitted to enter upon the work or studies of their chosen profession. The plans of the faculty are being printed and when these appear the ATHENÆUM will make more extended reference to the matter.

The results of the last terminal examinations show lower marks generally and a larger percentage of failures than usual. Whether this is due to a lack of study among the boys or to a higher standard of marking on the part of the faculty, we do not know, but are inclined to think that these two elements combined to produce such deplorable results, the former probably predominating. There are some students, if they can be called such, who are not at all concerned about their standing so long as they obtain a pass mark, and who consider the time and labor spent in bettering that, as wasted. Now, in order that the honest hard-working student may get his deserts as well as the lazy one, would it not be well to publish in the ATHENÆUM a graded pass list at the end of each term? This is done in many colleges and must surely act as an incentive to better work to those who have no higher motive, but who may some day be thankful that there was something to make them work when at college. We will venture the assertion that if this course were adopted there would at least be fewer supplementary examinations necessary than at present.

A particular in which Acadia's students differ from those of most other institutions is the large percentage of those who pay their expenses here by work done during the summer months. As Acadia's scholarship fund is very small the student has to help himself, and fortunately he has found good opportunities so to do. These have been mainly the school system, which by its arrangement of terms has given an opportunity for teaching during the vacation, and the system of supplying the home mission fields with students during the same period. Besides these two lines of work, many of the students have met with much success in business occupations, chiefly in agencies. The average class has fifty per cent. or more of workers among its numbers. Of the 44 of '91 about 24 were accustomed to engage in summer occupations. The 26 of '92 had an unusual average of about 18. In the present senior and junior classes the average is about half. The large proportion of those who thus give their vacations to the raising of funds for the prosecution of their studies indicates a good share of push and energy active in the breasts of Acadia's men. This practical component of their education is important even when placed beside the intellectual element which is acquired during the winter.