

the progress already made in this department, though he has often worked under most adverse conditions.

The Governors have decided to furnish an opportunity for ministerial students to receive some instruction in the various subjects bearing upon their work. A series of lectures, from time to time during the year, will be given by competent men, on Church Polity, Homiletics, &c. This plan recommended itself as highly practicable and beneficial, and we have no doubt that all interested will avail themselves of the opportunities thus afforded.

The college will have an attendance this year of one hundred and twenty-four. They will stand twenty Seniors, forty Juniors, twenty-five Sophomores, and thirty-nine Freshmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keddy, after a year's absence, are again at the helm in Chipman Hall. At the close of last term, Mr. Minard removed his family to Boston, and the Hall was once more left desolate. Fortunately Mr. Keddy was in a position to resume his old situation, which for a dozen years he had so well and satisfactorily filled. We would congratulate the residents of Chipman Hall on their continued good fortune, and extend to Mr. and Mrs. Keddy a hearty welcome to our midst again.

At the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Northfield this college branch had a representative. He returned enriched in Christian experience and laden with many good suggestions. At the meeting of the Association a deep desire was manifest for a more pervading Christian influence on the hill. Actuated by this feeling the members were prepared for a successful carrying out of the constitution in a reception for new students and others not connected with the Association. The date was fixed for Saturday evening, October 5th, and every man, woman and child of the three institutions was cordially invited. An enjoyable social under Christian influences was aimed at. It proved a splendid embodiment of the growing thought that there are nobler methods of receiving Freshmen than hazing or even writing them up, that there is no generic difference between a cad and a collegian and that there are better ways of appreciating ladies' society than from the opposite sides of the impassable gulf. Careless observation would lead us to believe that all enjoyed themselves

in a pleasant and profitable manner. Members of the Association fully recognized their duties to their guests and one of the best educational factors at Acadia, was seen doing effectual worth. The attendance was good and the success encouraging. Towards the close of the meeting Rev. W. V. Higgins gave a practical address. He urged the importance of foreign missionary work, especially to the young men and paid high tribute to Acadia. After him the president, Mr. Raymond, followed with a few earnest words assuring new-comers of the deep interest of Christian students on their behalf, and urging the importance of enjoying the Christian privileges among us. On account of its meaning, character and success in many directions, we consider this reception noteworthy.

It is our painful duty to record in this our first number of the paper, the death of no fewer than three of the friends of these institutions, and prominent consistent members of the denomination. And first we will speak of the Rev. SILAS T. RAND, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L. This revered and highly esteemed christian gentleman, upon whom was conferred all the honors above designated, moved about entirely indifferent, and apparently unconscious of the purport of these titles. No man manifested greater evidence than he, of the fruit of the Spirit, as recorded in Gal. V, 22-23; and he was always ready when addressed, to give a reason for the hope which was within him. No one more clearly exemplified the life of Christ than this saintly man. Simple and unassuming in his manner, yet clear in thought and concise in expression, he wielded an influence that made itself felt among the learned and wise of all classes and circles of society. During his boyhood days the educational facilities in this country were limited. The opportunities for University training were few. It is said he laid the foundation of his education taking lessons from an aged aunt, who could not write her own name; and that he whiled away the long winter nights studying by the flickering and uncertain light of the pine knots. Be this as it may, one thing is certain, he availed himself of all the advantages at his disposal, and gained such a command of the languages that it has been said of him, "he thought in Latin, when it suited him; he