

them. Thus, in viewing the work of the year, we may express the result in one word, PROGRESS. Those who have ever devoted to Acadia their best wishes, their prayers, and their means will here find abundant reward for past efforts and additional encouragement to attempt greater things for the most worthy object of practical Christian sympathy.

WE learn that E. W. Sawyer, B. A., who during the past two years has had charge of the finances of Chipman Hall and Acadia Seminary, has resigned that position. Mr. Sawyer has proven himself a good financier, giving entire satisfaction to both executive and students. Now that a new appointment is likely to be made, we venture a suggestion, and that is that the existing treasuries of Acadia be merged into one. It may not be generally known that for the purpose of caring for the funds of the institutions three regular treasurers are employed who devote part of their time to financial work. Besides the one above mentioned, and the general treasurer of the college, the Academy has a guardian of her finances, while the president of the University is not infrequently called upon to devote a part of his valuable time to making out and receipting term bills, and controlling the funds of special objects. This savors of division of labor, but, unfortunately, it is not the kind which political economists recognize as conducive to the greatest measure of success. The different gentlemen having charge of the work are competent and faithful but in addition to their regular professional duties, they almost invariably find the financial work placed upon their shoulders too great a tax upon their strength. Moreover, is there not sufficient business of this kind to warrant the employment of a treasurer during the greater part of his time? The salaries paid to the present officers would go far to remunerate such a man for his services. We readily understand how the existing appointments came to be made as the exigencies of the case demanded additional help; but with the growth of the other departments of the institutions the financial management should keep pace. A permanent secretary-treasurer with an office on the grounds, is an institution which Acadia needs, and one which we trust she will soon enjoy.

THE Senior Theses have been read, and the class of '91 starts bravely down the incline which leads to graduation, the last station in the college journey. One more halting place has been distanced, one more difficult spot has been safely passed. In previous years the delivery of Theses met with a less hearty response on part of the students at large than the exercise merited. As the classes increased in numbers, it became to be considered by some a very mild inquisition process, which they must bear. The exercise was intended for the whole college, and all were supposed to be present. The papers were carefully prepared, well written and delivered as a rule; but to crowd a large number of students in one room and keep them there for two or three hours steady reading was in most cases uncomfortable, to say the least. Then as the exercise came in the afternoon during study hours, it was unsatisfactory to abandon study for what was considered by far too many, wrongly or otherwise, a lot of theses scholarly, abstruse and much beyond the comprehension of the members of other classes. This form of reading has had its day and use, and we believe that it has been the means of deepening thought upon a great variety of subjects, presented in a clear and concise manner to the students, which would probably have been gathered in no other way. But it is not to be denied that much more might have been attained had the students felt a deeper interest in the matter. The size of the present Senior class made the exercise a task of several more days than usual, and led to what we consider a decided improvement. The expectation of reading your profound production before classmates and fellow-students may be inspiring and lead to the best endeavours; but under the new system something more than reading is required. The faculty have taken upon themselves alone to listen to the Theses, and best of all, they do not fail to criticise each paper at its close. Geographical positions are then proposed, historical and philosophical theories exploded or established, in fact every encouragement is given to thoroughly master a subject in all its details. When an allusion is made, it must be searched out and explained. Take the Senior Theses as a whole, we are decidedly in favor of them; and as we look back over our past productions, are inclined to believe that some progress at least has been made.