

filled. We hope a competent man can be found to fill the position, and from what we know think such a man is available. The Academy is a most important part of the institutions. The college depends very largely upon it as a feeder and no loss would be more serious than to have its efficiency checked, such an occurrence is not at all likely to happen, if the gentleman whom we have heard mentioned as the probable successor of Prof. Tufts is tendered and accepts the position.

EVERY room in Chipman Hall is taken up for next year by students in the upper classes. The question arises where are the freshmen going to board. In the village we suppose, and yet we have a regretful feeling in making the statements we are "out of it," but we do like to see the boys all together. It may be an advantage in some respects to have the students separated but we never could see it, there is a little something in sentiment after all and we never thought the students who boarded in the village had that indefinable something which clings to every one who takes his chances for meals and sleep in Chipman Hall. He hasn't the odor of the "Hill," we were always glad to see one more up among us and sorry to see one go away. We always had the privilege and pleasure of boarding on the Hill, and will never regret it. There is more sympathy, more "home" contact, a deeper interest in one another's welfare, a stronger bond of fellowship and studentship among students living on the Hill than between those on the Hill and in the village. At least we think so and are sorry there is necessitated two places of living. The trouble is the family has grown and increased so that the old homestead Chipman Hall will not hold us all. The youngsters or freshmen are the sufferers and the number will increase. The next thing is—a new boarding house for the college students.

HOW many there are in the world who do not try every time to do their level best. How many are satisfied as long as "it will do." Such persons never amount to much. The very best any man can do is none too good. Nobody ever wrote too good an article, preached too good a sermon, plead a worthy cause too eloquently, or did anything too well that was worth doing at all. No one need shrink from

earnest study for fear that he will know too much. No one need refrain from hearty mental exercise for fear that his intellect will become too vigorous. There is something so serious the matter with this race of ours that nobody in any department ever reached too high a stage of excellence.

The habit of doing your best is a rich attainment. It is a liberal education, "B. A." does not always include it. It is the product of self-culture. It is the result of severe and protracted self-control. It takes a man to attain it, and it makes a man to retain it, and the lazy man who tries to save his life shall lose it.

NO person, unless his work on earth is almost ended, should pass over a word in his reading without knowing and remembering its pronunciation, etymology and its various uses and meanings. No youthful student can read English at sight. He may skim it at sight, but, unfortunately for him, the cream of literature is not always on top. He should read with a good dictionary at his side and get to the bottom of every word.

It might be objected that such persistent reference to the dictionary means persistent interruption in the course of thought. But it means no more interruption than an unmeaning word means. The English language is yet more than half foreign to more than half the students in our colleges and they must use their lexicons. And even if this dictionary reference does lead you astray, it is only for a moment, and then it brings you back again with double energy. It lets you down into the meaning of your author. There is that interrupteth, and yet riveteth the attention to the theme in hand. And when once the habit is formed it will harass and interrupt the reader more to pass over a word and deny himself the privilege of looking into it, than it will to stop and "look it up." This is a habit worth having. The gratification there is in this study of words and the grasp of English this persistent method will insure, is a hundredfold reward for all the toil.

WHEN a young rustic buys a farm he likes to get one that has plenty of room for improvement, forests to clear away and water to drain, fine southern slopes for planting orchards, etc., etc., etc. Then as the seasons shuffle round he can turn his pluck and