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The Sanctum.

WITH this number the ACADIA ATHENÆUM commences a new volume. For sixteen years it has gone forth on its mission, and has on each occasion rewarded its promoters by bringing back much good. The editorial chair is a new experience to us, and we are possessed with feelings deeper than timidity as with the weight of responsibility placed upon our shoulders, we make our initial bow to the ATHENÆUM world; yet, backed up by no less a constituency than a literary society composed of the students of Acadia College, and having an illustrious list of predecessors whose foot-prints are yet fresh upon the sands of time, inspiration come to our aid, and lessens the feeling of responsibility. Hitherto our graduates, though honorary members of the Athenæum Society, have made but few contribu-

tions to the columns of this paper. While the ATHENÆUM is now, as it has been in the past, the organ of the undergraduates, we wish to extend to the friends of the institution and especially to the alumni, a hearty invitation to make use of our columns for the discussing of any subject pertaining to Acadia's weal, or in the interest of higher education. As of yore the ATHENÆUM will seek to voice the opinions of the students on subjects pertaining to their varied interests, and will endeavour to deal with such subjects in an impartial manner.

THE three schools at Acadia are a standing monument of Baptist generosity, and a standing demand upon that generosity. They aim to accomplish much; their needs are correspondingly great; and since they must either grow and develop or become obsolete, their useful existence depends upon increasing support.

In accordance with this the spirit of the times, our institutions are progressing. The college is well filled, upwards of one hundred and thirty students being in attendance. The freshman class will number about thirty. The idea of work is general, and the educational efficiency of the Faculty is to that extent increased. There is, too, a growing solidity in all departments; the natural result of teachers being conscientious and capable. Some changes and one addition give evidence of better organization here. The department of English and Homiletics has been assigned for one year to Rev. Wm. H. Young, a graduate of Yale University. At the expiration of that time it is hoped that a permanent instructor may be appointed. Prof. Kierstead will confine his work to Moral Philosophy and allied branches. Meetings of the Senate and Governors were called for October 28th and 29th, to elect a professor for the Alumni chair of Physics. Several persons have, we