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THE present term, for all the departments of the institutions, has opened with rather more than the usual promise. The number of students in the College remains substantially the same. The Academy has had a number of additions, and the Seminary also has a large increase in its attendance. It is an easy matter to forget, from year to year, the amount of work done during any period; but as near as we can judge some advance, in this regard, has been made. The change made in the opening of the college year has crowded assignments into the present term, which hitherto were completed before holidays. Probably the consequent increase in the length of the Spring term will compensate for whatever disadvantage has arisen from the change as soon as experience has enabled the faculty to adjust the time-table; but it

cannot be expected the adjustment will be made without some inconvenience. A considerable amount of extra work in Elocution, French and German is being done by a number, which with the honor studies in some cases, helps to swell the amount. But the most gratifying feature is the spirit of industry pervading all classes. A time in the history of the College is not within our remembrance when there were fewer loafers among the college students, it being the exception to find a man who has not more or less interest in his work. With a good attendance, plenty to do and a willingness to do it, there is no reason why the present term shall not be what has been already predicted of it, the most successful in the history of the college.

THE Modern Languages have never received, in Acadia, the attention their importance demands. They have not, however, for some years, been altogether neglected. The employment of an instructor in these studies, in the Seminary, has given college students an opportunity to do something in that line. But as French and German have not belonged to the regular arts work, requiring extra time and expense, quite a limited number have availed themselves of the opportunity offered. The same condition of things respecting teacher and terms exists at present, but a much larger number than usual are taking these subjects with Mme. Bauer, who is a thoroughly competent teacher. Straws show which way the wind blows, and this boom in modern languages, encouraged by the president of the college, is to many an indication that these subjects are to receive more attention in the future. A new professor has been promised next year, but no official announcement has been made respecting the nature of the chair he is to fill; but though nothing definite is known, there is some authority for stating that it is intended to be in the Modern Languages. If true, it is, doubtless, as it should be. The claims of these studies are superior