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The Sanctum.

ACADIA is in great need of a new Library and Museum building. We have now in our Museum a collection of geological specimens of great value, besides a large number of rarities from every quarter of the globe. Our Library, though of comparatively slow growth, contains a large number of most valuable works, and many thousands of dollars would be insufficient to replace it should it be destroyed. Now it looks like inconsistency to keep two such valuable collections in a building from which, in case of fire, their removal without incalculable loss would be an impossibility; while the chances are that their removal could not even be attempted. That parts of the College Building are put to this use is no fault

of those in charge. They are driven to this because they have no other place suitable for such purposes.

The remedy for this evil, is a new Library and Museum Building, separated from all other buildings on the grounds and large enough to meet the constantly growing demands which must be made upon such a building at Acadia.

It is easy to point out that we need a building; it is not so easy to see where it is to come from.

We cannot expect the Governors to build a stone Library, at least just now, for they are already overburdened in trying to, even approximately, keep pace in the matter of professorships with the requirements of Acadia so rapid is her growth.

The Alumni, also, are each year assuming heavier responsibilities and are making noble and successful efforts in behalf of their beloved Alma Mater. It is therefore evident that we can hardly look, just now, to the Alumni, as a body, for the building of a library.

But we have not exhausted the list. Report hath it that there are a number of men in our denomination who, alone or in conjunction with one or two others, would find it no hard task to erect just such a building on the Hill as we so badly need. To these we look in hope. Of course this subject has been broached before, but it may be that this year, some friend of higher education, whom God has blessed with abundance of this world's goods, seeing the place Acadia fills and the grand future lying before her, will undertake this work.

The man who builds a Library for our Institutions will do a work for the advancement of Christian learning and the elevation of his fellows, beyond estimation; and will at the same erect a monument which will not only keep green his memory but perpetuate his influence through many grateful generations.