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WITH this issue of ACADIA ATHENÆUM the present staff resign their editorial duties into the hands of others well chosen to sustain a good reputation. In parting, a few words seem in fitting. To us who now bid farewell to Acadia's class-rooms, any word of parting is too full to be lightly spoken. Past joys and successes, twined with hopes of richer blessings yet to come, cluster around our remembrance of Acadia. Her fair reputation, never fairer than at the anniversary of '90, depends chiefly on the professors and students who fill her halls, and that these may be of the best quality and do the best work, those now saying farewell will ever earnestly strive.

Of first importance among the representatives of Acadia is the college paper. The present editors have tried to conduct it with dignity and sense. We have devoted the columns to the interests of Acadia and her students, not to uplift or degrade any individual. We have made mistakes, and if we had

only published what was above criticism, no editorials would have appeared. Criticism of the non-ornamentation of the grounds, student politics and the college curriculum has, we believe, been rightly indulged in, and as a parting good wish, we would like to see the standard of *thoroughness* in especially the Freshmen and Sophomore years much raised.

The editorial work has been quite a tax on our energies, but its educative value to us has been good pay. We have received kind words from our exchanges, and believe our work has been appreciated by our own students and graduates. Of our assistants we can only speak in terms of highest commendation. The departments of which they have had charge speak in their favor; and though the locals and literary articles have taken a wide range, we must regard the ATHENÆUM the past year very fortunate in the choice of the assistant editors. Our respect for the Secretary-Treasurer has increased every day. Had those subscribers in arrears, and others with whom we had business, done their part as well, finances for this year would have been a perfect success.

We are pleased with the selection of editors for the ensuing year. They are men who will not measure perfection by our shortcomings. Under their charge, we shall expect this paper to take a higher tone of vigorous good sense in the interests of Acadia. We would wish them to receive a greater number of contributed articles, and have opportunity to carry out improvements that have engaged our attention. What we have written is written; for them, it is to keep pace with the best spirit of our progressive college.

IN this age of exaggerated utterance concerning the unreasonableness and inadequacy of Bible principles, it is well to occasionally consider the relations existing between the Bible and our institutions of learning.

It is sometimes asserted that with the progress of culture and learning, faith wanes,