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IN our last issue we made some general remarks respecting prize-giving as it exists among us, and a few more specific words seem called for. On different occasions within a few years the prizes have not been distributed at the time when it was announced they would be; and it is not hard to see how persons would be disappointed and inconvenienced on this account. No class prizes were awarded last June, and we have reason to believe they have not since been conferred. The matriculation prizes due September 1879, were not paid up to the third of last month, and they remain yet unpaid as far as we know. And, further, there is a prize offered (according to the College Calendar) which has not been given for two years, and this is owing, we believe to the lack of funds; but why is it offered? We do not wish to be called fault-finders nor to cast any reflection upon the body which very kindly furnishes these

gifts. This association is under no obligation to make the offers it does, but it is under obligation to meet the announcements voluntarily made.

A SCHOOL should be conducted with the strictest regard for regularity, thoroughness and despatch in the performance of all things necessary to be done. Laws, neither too vigorous nor too lax, should exist and should in no case be inoperative. Since the "fire" there has been a disturbance in the former order of things at Acadia. Sometimes on account of the unsettledness arising from having shanties for classrooms, and because those in authority had multitudinous cares apart from their regular duties, necessary regulations could not be rigidly enforced. Last year much was done to bring order out of the partial chaos, but of course everything could not be accomplished. With the opening of this year came other improvements. Attendance at college exercises is looked after closely, and no student will be able to retain his connection with the college if his list of unexcused absences exceeds a fixed limit. The division of the boarding house tends towards order, and simplifies questions which formerly were puzzles. Caps and gowns must be worn on certain stated occasions, and no longer are we likely to see, on public days, the processions of students presenting a piebald appearance. Of course perfection has not been reached. There was no public meeting at the opening of the college in September. This has given rise to complaint, and is really to be deplored; because a public meeting would call back the students at the beginning of the term; whereas now a large number, knowing that little will be done the first week, do not plan to return promptly. However, we suppose, and we certainly *hope*, that this omission will not occur again. We are not overburdened with public occasions, and therefore are not willing that any one of the few should fail of observance. There is no excess of machinery, and we therefore wish to see every piece in running order.