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THE October number of the ATHENÆUM for 1875, and the May number for 1880, are wanted to complete a file for the college library. If any one has these copies, he would confer a great favor by forwarding them to the Editors.

DR. SCHURMAN spent part of his vacation in Baltimore, and a part in Cambridge. He was occupied in correcting the proof-sheets of his Hibbert Essay, which has lately been published in London. He was also reading extensively, his purpose in visiting these cities being that he might have access to large libraries. He returns looking vigorous and hearty.

IN THE *Christian Visitor* of Sept., 21st we read that "The subscription price of the *Acadia Athenæum* has been increased from 50 cts. to \$1.00, and necessary improvements in mechanical make-up and editorial work are promised." The first part of this statement is

true. But who "promised" that there would be "necessary improvements in editorial work?" Not the editors certainly. And such statements on the part of our friends place us in a false and unenviable position. For the present we ask the privilege of *making* the promises which we are expected to *fulfil*.

OUR subscribers generally, and the members of the college in particular, are urged to write for the *Athenæum*. Let no student plead that he has not time. Remember that the editors have as many lessons to learn, and as many sisters and cousins to write letters to, as others. And you who have never tried it have no idea how much an article now and then from your own pen will raise the paper in your estimation. *Ergo*, help us. Suitable articles will be gladly published. To insure insertion they must be in the hands of the editors at least three days before the first of the month.

OUR educational machinery is all moving with its old-time vigor. In the Seminary the teachers of last year are all back, reinforced by the addition of one to their number. Miss Gourley has entered upon her work with zeal, and is winning golden opinions. Mr. Armstrong is laboring diligently in the Academy. His position is a responsible one, but he is successfully meeting the demands made upon him. Although Prof. Tufts now escapes the heavy burden of care which the Principalship added to his college duties, he still gives instruction in some branches in the Academy. Dr. Blaikie, to whom the chair made vacant by Prof. Kennedy's retirement was offered, had been previously engaged. A Committee is searching for a suitable man for this position. Meanwhile the Juniors receive instruction in Geology from Mr. Coldwell of the Academy.