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WE would infer from an account which appeared in the *Christian Visitor* that the new Baptist Seminary, in St. John is proving a grand success. The staff of teachers has proved itself an efficient one, and is giving general satisfaction, while the attendance during the past term was very encouraging. Since October 10th, 1882, when the school first opened, forty-five have attended, and it is expected that there will be a large accession to this number this term. We sincerely hope, now that the Seminary is doing so well, it will prove itself really to be, what its promoters predicted,—an important feeder to Acadia College.

AN 88 page pamphlet, containing the twenty second annual report of the Executive Committee of the Associated Alumni of Acadia College, addresses in Memoriam relating to the life and labors of Dr. Cramp, and lists of the Senators, Governors, Graduates, &c., of the College, has just been published. The pamphlet contains many other matters of in-

terest, and we may take the opportunity to refer to some of these in a future issue. The following are the officers of the Alumni Society, for the present year:—President, E. D. King, Halifax; Vice President, H. C. Creed, Fredericton, N. B.; Secretary-Treasurer, W. L. Barss, Halifax. We would advise all interested in Acadia to procure one of the pamphlets, a limited number of which are on sale at the Baptist Book Room, 104 Granville St., Halifax.

CERTAIN times suggest reflection. The close of the year is an instance. Men hurry along in the real work of life, for a period, without pausing to measure what has already been done, or to speculate upon the possibilities of the future. *Carpe diem* seems to be the motto for our living for at least three hundred days of the year.

But the desire, or perhaps, the necessity of having our exact success, our precise business or professional status, will sometimes prevail.

Christmas over, there is a breathing time, when we may recall the transactions of the year—the expenditure of labor and money and accruing results—and frame our prospectus for the coming year. So, as years are the measures of time, we also make them measures of business, thought, action and character.

But while this estimate of individual concerns is certainly proper, the broad-minded and liberal-souled man will likewise pass to a more general estimate of the world's progress in industrial, intellectual and moral development.

Never before were there so great facilities for such reflective study. True, life has reached almost breathless speed; but all parts of the globe are so connected, that the world is now "the theatre of every man's actions." And surely no comprehensive and impartial observer can doubt the tendency of the times toward improvement. Evidently there is a steady increase in industrial and intellectual activity. Man's power over nature, both as regards methods of interpretation and application of natural force to practical ends,