

**MUMPS.**—The tragical and ludicrous were strangely blended in the premature closing of the Academy and Seminary this year.

Arrangements were matured for a magnificent terminal flourish. A grand reception, a rare elocutionary concert, and an unprecedented public exhibit of literary work, were on the carpet. Yet it was doomed that these, along with the untold *minor* plottings in connection with them, should afford no enjoyment other than that to be had from hopeful expectancy. Never—at least since the fire—was the Hill the scene of such dire frustration; and the wherefore of all this was simply *over-cheekiness* on the part of aspiring Cads and self-conscious Sems.

At one time it seemed certain that the Junior Exhibition would be dragged into the general ruin; but the stern inflexibility of its presiding genius saved it from so sad a fate. The phenomenal and indeed the fatal feature of this mumpish inflation was the accompaniment of that intense longing, yearning, craving, popularly known as homesickness. For particulars see "The Rise and Fall of Cheek." (In Press).

#### FOOT-BALL AGAIN.

On Saturday, December 2nd, a match game of foot-ball was played between the Dalhousie and Acadia Fifteens. For some days before the time appointed for the game, snow had fallen, and all hopes of the match coming off were given up. On Saturday, however, much to the surprise of the team, a telegram was received, stating that the Dalhousians were on the road. Hurried preparation for the reception of the visitors was made, and a short time after their arrival—about 11.30 a. m.—play began. The visitors had the kick-off, and in a few moments the ball was near the goal line of the home team. By a few spurts, however, it was hurried back to the centre of the field, and thence by a hard struggle it was worked nearly to the visitor's goal-line, where it remained until the close of the first half-hour's heat. Clinch, of the Acadia team, made a very pretty kick, nearly capturing a goal. After a few minutes intermission, play was resumed, and during the greater part of this heat, the ball remained near the centre of the field. Both sides struggled hard, but the ball was slowly worked toward the Acadia's goal. Play was at this time most exciting, but for the rest of the heat neither party obtained any advantages. The game was of course declared a draw. Many speculations were indulged in, as to which team had obtained the advantage, both heats considered, but it would be impossible to decide such a question. The game was "pre-eminently" a draw, and was exceedingly well contested by both parties.

The Acadia Fifteen, remained the same as published in the last ATHENÆUM. The following are the names and positions of the Dalhousians:—

*Forward.*—Marten, Gammell, Crowe, Rogers, Stewart, Fitzpatrick, Mellish, McDonald, (Captain), McLeod.  
*Half-backs.*—Taylor, Henry.  
*Backs.*—Reid, Bell.  
*Goal-keepers.*—E. M. McDonald, Robinson.

#### Personals.

H. H. Welton, '81, is teaching at Hantsport.

G. W. Cox, '80, spent his Christmas vacation with his Wolfville friends.

A. C. Chute, '81, was compelled, we are sorry to learn, to leave Newton on account of sickness. He was improving at last accounts.

C. L. Eaton writes that he is improving in health very rapidly. He says he hardly expects ever to return to Acadia, but we hope he will soon be among us again.

We copy the following from the *Visitor* of the 20th ult:—"The Rev. M. P. King, who has labored for more than a year past with much acceptance and a good degree of success at Hammonds Plains and Sackville, N.S., has received a call to the church at St. George, N. B. Mr. King has accepted the call and intends to remove about the beginning of the year. We are sorry that Sackville and Hammond's Plains are losing the services of this worthy brother, but we are glad that the Church of St. George will thereby be provided with a devoted pastor." Mr. King completed the theological course of Acadia in June 1881.

#### Marriage.

At Hammond's Plains, Dec. 30th 1882, by Rev. E. J. Grant, the Rev. M. P. King, of Chipman, Queens Co., N. B., to Kezia, daughter of John Thomas, Esq., of Hammond's Plains, Halifax Co., N. S.

#### Death.

On the 15th ult., at Cavendish, P. E. I., of congestion of the brain, David Smith, aged 29 years. [Mr. Smith was well known to the students as a member of the Theological Department during the last two years.—Eds.]

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