

ing for life; but when they grow older, they will form correct habits, and take up their full responsibilities.

This is a mistake, for we are accountable now, for the way in which we employ our time, as much as we will be when older. This is an age of progress, and we can only keep up with it, by each day adding to our stock of knowledge, and using every means given us for improving our natures. The millenium has not come by any means, and there are still many hardships to be endured, and difficulties to be overcome. But we need not fear any of these, if we grapple with them as we meet them, and thus be ready for each new conflict. And at the close of our mortal career, we will be able to look back with satisfaction, and feel that we have not lived in vain.

Trust no future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead past bury its dead!
Act—Act in the living present!
Heart within, and God our head!

Horton Collegiate Academy.

This institution commenced work, after the long vacation, on September 3. The staff of Teachers has undergone but little change since last year. Prof. Tufts has consented to retain the position of Principal, to the great satisfaction of all who have the good of the Academy at heart. We are glad to find him established, this year, in the new Academy building, where he can exercise more immediate oversight over the boarders than formerly. This arrangement, we are confident, must be highly satisfactory to the parents of the young men attending the School. Mr. Eaton, after two very successful years' service, as teacher and curator of the new dormitory, has removed to Harvard. His place has been taken by Mr. B. P. Shafner, A. B., of last year's graduating class. From the very satisfactory work done by Mr. Shafner heretofore, we feel confident that he will discharge the duties of his position with marked ability.

The Female Department of the Academy, under the efficient management of Miss Woodworth, is becoming every year more popular. Before the school opened this Autumn, the number of applications was in excess of the boarding

accommodation. A new building for the young ladies is one of the urgent needs of this department. We hope some generous friend of our institution will devote fifteen thousand dollars to this purpose. If he should, future generations will assuredly call him blessed.

The boarding arrangements in both departments of the School are, we learn, giving excellent satisfaction. The chronic grumbling of the student about the quantity and quality of his food bids fair to become a thing of the past.

The attendance of pupils is very encouraging. At this writing it is 93, but before we reach our patrons it will doubtless be over 100. Everything promises a prosperous year.

MESSRS. EDITORS :

You will allow me a small space in the *ATHENÆUM* to notice two or three things which must certainly strike the attention of every person. Last Winter a paper was drawn up and circulated among the students. It stated that the want of a gymnasium on the hill was sorely felt, and that those whose names were annexed would pay \$1 per year to defray the expenses. This was the plan—that the Governors of the College erect the building and furnish it with the necessary apparatus; that the money raised by the students yearly would defray the interest on the money necessary to erect the building, and the current expenses. It was hoped that sufficient means would be obtained to warrant the erection of a gymnasium. Every student on the Hill, (I know not of an exception) signed the paper. About \$40 were subscribed. This would meet the interest on \$500, and leave something for current expenses. The paper was presented to the President. but nothing has since been seen or heard of the wayfarer.

Last Summer, during the vacation, a considerable amount of money was expended on improvements and embellishments, such as walks, etc. Now we do not mean to say that these are not useful or pleasing to the taste, but we do wish to say that we consider a gymnasium more important. *They* could have been left in abeyance for a time if it had been necessary, and no one would have been the worse; but who will pretend to deny that a gymnasium is not a prime necessity.

Cricket is beneficial in strengthening and developing some parts of the physical man, but all do not care to play, nor can they afford the time necessary for them to derive the full advantages of the game. Moreover, it is impracticable for a greater part of