

tons yet, and can sing Campbell's ode with as much good will as their ancestors :

Old England needs no bulwarks,
No towers along her steep,
Her march is o'er the mountain wave,
Her home is on the deep

The New Buildings.

By the above we do not mean our present temporary sheds, but the permanent structures whose erection is contemplated at an early day.

The Board of Governors, at their meeting held in Wolfville, a few days after the fire, decided that to carry forward the educational work with efficiency, at least three new buildings were needed,—one for College purposes, an Academy Hall, and a Ladies' Seminary. Their decision must certainly commend itself to every enlightened and liberal minded person. Their views are broad. They had the experience of fifty years to guide them. Their plans are not experimental. The empiric age of Baptist educational work has passed. The growth of the institution in the past, and the conditions everywhere apparent for larger growth in the near future, tended to make the duty of the present very evident. In erecting buildings, then, it would suggest only wise foresight in the Board of Governors, to lay a foundation sufficiently broad, to meet, not only immediate, but also prospective wants.

At this date there are over two hundred students receiving education in the College, Academy and Seminary. If proper care is taken to secure efficient instruction and management, we believe this number will be doubled before ten years pass by.

In the dimensions of the contemplated buildings, allowance should be made for this increased attendance; and knowing something of the wisdom and business ability represented on the Board of Governors, we believe the very best thing will be done, both for the present and the future.

Nothing less than what the Governors proposed to build would suffice. Without the College building for lecture-rooms, library,

laboratory, etc., the work of the College would have to stop. The work is carried along this term under great disadvantages, which could not be endured very long. An Academy Hall is needed. With about 150 students in attendance (that being the number in the Academy now,) class-rooms are a necessity at the earliest possible period. In the Academy, as now organized, there are four departments of study,—Classical, Literary, Teacher's and Commercial. This arrangement has increased the labor in the school, and already more class-rooms and teachers are required. The courses of study in the Academy embrace a wide range of subjects, including, in addition to the common English studies, Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Surveying, Navigation, the histories of Greece, Rome and England, Ethics, Rhetoric, Political Economy, Logic, Mental Philosophy, English Literature, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, Latin, Greek, and French. To carry along the work in the Academy in such a manner as to secure and retain the confidence of the public, enlarged and improved accommodation are imperatively demanded.

An efficient Collegiate Academy is needed here. It is the corner stone of the educational structure; and its place and work are not likely to be superseded by any other class of school. Nine-tenths of all the students who enter Acadia College receive their preparatory training in this Academy. The history of education in Prussia, England and the United States, proves that such academies are a necessity, as constituting the connecting link between the common school and the university.

The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces have not hitherto given their Academy that measure of consideration that its important relation to their College demanded that it should receive. It is to be hoped that a new period in the history of this Academy is about to be inaugurated, and that no pains will be spared to make it the best special Academy in this part of the Dominion.

But the important question to-day is,—When shall we have the new Academy Hall? Will it be next August or a year from that date? If not next August, the work of the school must be suspended in June. The present rooms are not adequate to the needs. They will suffice for