

done as under a far more imposing roof. Our chief regret lies in the total loss of a very valuable museum, the result of a half-century's selection, and which we cannot hope to replace for many years to come. We hope that all seafaring men will remember, as well as friends in other departments. Fossils, corals, shells, seaweed, fishes, and all imaginable curiosities, will be welcomed here. Let there be a simultaneous advance all along the lines of our denomination. Forward!

The New Buildings.

THE promptness with which the Governors decided to prepare for the erection of new College Buildings, even while the brands of the old building were yet burning, is deserving of great commendation. But bold as this action seemed, it would have required greater boldness to announce that no effort would be made to rebuild. The great body of the friends of the College do not seem to have contemplated such a contingency for a moment. The question of rebuilding was practically settled before the Governors met. In harmony with the public sentiment, they proceeded at once to arrange plans by which the general sympathy with the College in its distress might find suitable expression. Agencies were organized for appealing to the public for funds to re-build, and the first few weeks after the fire witnessed a spontaneous movement to obtain the money required. Professors of the College, teachers of the Academy, students of both departments, ministers and laymen in various parts of the Provinces, earnestly engaged in soliciting subscriptions. It is not now possible to tell how much may be realized by these appeals. In some localities, the work is about completed, in others it is only begun. But we understand that something over half of the required amount is already subscribed. This is certainly encouraging, and the prospect is that the full sum required will be made up before the close of the present collegiate year.

The plans of the Governors wisely embrace all the departments that have been in operation here. As the College is the chief sufferer, it

will receive a large share of sympathy and consideration. But the Academy, in both departments, has suffered by the destruction of its class rooms, and new ones, more ample and convenient, must be provided for it. Everybody feels that the time has come when the young ladies of the Seminary should have a better and more suitable building. Where this is to stand, has not yet been decided; but wherever it be, we hope that it will be a credit to the School and the place. To carry out all this, will take a large sum of money, but it will cost no more to carry out the whole plan at once, than to take it by parts; and it is clear, that if any one part is omitted, the work here is no longer properly balanced. In such an event, the interests of education suffer, and the country suffers, until the whole plan is carried to a successful termination. It ought not to be difficult to do this, with the sympathy and interest already roused for the object.

We hear, from time to time, some discussions about the plans for the various buildings; but, so far as we can learn, nothing yet has been definitely fixed. The old College Building was of good style and appearance. The students who have frequented these grounds in the past, retain pleasing remembrances of its fair proportions. We take it for granted that nothing inferior to it will be erected in its place. It is reported that some who are in authority, are in favor of building the new College of wood. For ourselves, we should much prefer brick or stone, as more in harmony with the purpose of such an edifice. It is understood that the old Boarding House is to be reconstructed to furnish chambers for students. If a new building cannot be erected for such a use, we shall be thankful for the old one; for it is desirable that a larger number of students should reside where they can share in the various models of College life that are almost as important in the process of education as the labors of the class-room. We presume, however, that the building will be so renovated as to harmonize with the neighboring structures.

But we will trust that all such questions will be wisely settled, and that the Governors will permit the students to give three rousing cheers around the corner-stone of new Acadia on next anniversary day.