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It is our earnest desire that every one of our subscribers should pay the amount of subscription to the Secretary-Treasurer by the close of the year 1882, or as soon after as possible. We are in want of money at once, and, moreover, it is much more convenient for us to receive the monies due now than at the close of the collegiate year. We naturally take a greater interest in our work, and feel encouraged to make further improvements, when our finances are in a healthful state.

THE ATHENÆUM has in the past rather distinguished itself by calling on graduates for contributions to its columns, but they with a few exceptions have left such calls entirely unheeded. The invitation remains a standing one, and we still hope former students of Acadia will send along a communication once in a while; but there is a small matter to which we now wish to call the special attention of graduates. Our PERSONALS department is one of the most interesting to them, and very reasonably so. The graduate is naturally interested in knowing what his former associates

are doing, while all the friends of the college are ever pleased to know how its graduates are faring in the world. We find it utterly impossible to supply the information ourselves, and are therefore dependent upon what other people tell us. As a consequence, our personals department either has to be omitted, or the information it affords is to a great extent of uncertain value, while if the graduates themselves would only drop us a card notifying us of any change in their circumstances, they would materially aid us in our attempt to supply our readers with correct as well as interesting items.

For many years past it has been a custom with the students to have a monthly lecture course under the auspices of their literary society. And their efforts in this direction have, on the whole, been satisfactory. Year by year they have succeeded in bringing before the public quite an array of native talent, with an occasional foreign lecturer of note. Nor have the opportunities for general culture and information thus afforded the students been disregarded; for, realizing that the nature of their pursuits has necessarily narrowed their sphere of action, they have duly prized this means of meeting something of the outside world of thought and action. In the student's life character forms very rapidly. It is a time when the mind is most susceptible to impressions. And the personal contact with the lecturer, his sound advice, the thought and occasional gleams of eloquence all have their moulding influence on his character and aspirations. In fact, no one has questioned the propriety of the lecture course. The only question is why a custom so beneficial should be allowed to languish. For this condition we are in duty bound to apologize to the patrons of our course. Last spring, in pursuance of the usual custom, a lecture committee was appointed, and the chairman given time and power to correspond with such persons as he deemed best with a view of securing their services as lecturers for the ensuing academic year. At the commencement of the present term without giving reason or expla-