

Voices from the Hill.

Another term's work has begun. The five-month's session stretches out before us. Cold January, stern February, blustering March, variable April, golden May. Prudent diligence continued will make a record to be reviewed with satisfaction.

On the evening of December 13th, Mr. J. H. Fletcher, formerly editor of the *Island Argus*, P. E. I., gave a very amusing lecture before the Athenæum, on "Real and Ideal Life." This is the third time Mr. Fletcher has appeared before our Society, and on each occasion he has succeeded in an eminent degree, in his endeavor to instruct and at the same time to amuse. None are better prepared to enjoy a good laugh than students, and there are few for whom a little fun is more beneficial. Mr. Fletcher will therefore always be sure of a warm welcome at Acadia.

At the close of the Rhetorical Exhibition, Dec. 16th, the Matriculation prizes, won June, 1879, were awarded. The successful competitors were Miss Marshall, of Lawrencetown and Mr. J. R. Hutchinson, of Great Village, the former receiving \$20 and the latter \$10.

The following officers of the Athenæum were appointed at the last regular meeting before vacation:

E. D. Webber, President;
R. W. Dodge, Vice do.
F. M. Kelley, Rec. Sec.
A. Whitman, Cor. Sec.
F. B. King, Treas.

EX-COMMITTEE.

Sydney Welton, Chairman; F. Harrington, C. Haverstock, H. March, G. H. Clark.

It is generally conceded that the present century has not witnessed any material progress in the department of Metaphysics. Philosophers have attempted but little more than the study and criticism of the theories developed by men of previous

centuries. This being the case, we are the more pleased to announce that a member of the Freshman Class bids fair to compensate for the barrenness of the nineteenth century thus far, in the production of philosophers. The gentleman to whom we refer prepared and delivered a lecture during the Christmas vacation, on the "Immortality of the human Soul." It was a masterpiece of original, philosophic thought. We understand the lecture is soon to appear in pamphlet form.

Exchange Notes.

The *University Quarterly* for Nov. contains much that is both interesting and instructive. Daphne, we are glad to hear is not so dead as Pope would represent her, but manages in a clever epigram to give Alexis a Roland for an Oliver. A notice of Prof. Winchell's "Pre-Adamites" contains ideas worth thinking over. An ably written extract from Scribner on College Journalism contains many commendations and points out many ways in which a College paper proves beneficial.

Winging its way from the far Western Oregon, comes *The Archangel*, a welcome visitant. Upon the first page we find a piece entitled "The Pleasure of Study," to which we turn with earnest expectation, as the weary Arab seeks eagerly the blooming oasis that beckons him on to rest beneath spreading palms, and bathe in cool crystal fountains. And as we read on, our fevered brows cool, and the lines of care gradually depart. Henceforth study will be to us a joyous pastime, not, as heretofore, a weariness to the flesh. We cannot now notice other and worthy articles. Suffice it to say that if the *Archangel* has not yet soared to the grandest heights of College Journalism, there is no reason why it should not.

The *Argosy* appears to be seeking a solution of the much vexed question as to how a college curriculum may be rendered most beneficial to the general class of students. Calculus in this instance is not weighed in the balance and found wanting, but French and German are strongly advocated as substitutes for Latin and Greek. And thus the students of the present day show how superior they are in judgment to their honored instructors.