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In the Echoes of the Past in the last issue, second column, fourth paragraph, occur the words "musty uncleanness," which should have been "musty cleanliness." The writer of the Echo is justly indignant that he should be made to accuse "the good old Academy" of uncleanness.

We must apologize to our readers for the delay in issuing our October number. It was not, however, the fault of the editors, or, in fact, of the printers, and we hope, now that we are in better working order, to be more punctual.

We have received from some friends in Halifax a printed copy of a poem, entitled "Ten Years," written by Rev. George Whitman, Buffalo. We are sorry, however, that its length prevents publication in our paper. In this connection we might state that we prefer that contributions in poetry be original, and that, whether original or not, they should not require more than a column of space.

THE College authorities, as well as ourselves, are often put to much inconvenience by the carelessness or ignorance of some of our exchange business managers. Papers and letters meant for us are frequently addressed "Acadia College," and of course go to the Executive Committee of the Institutions, and *vice versa*. Such confusion will be entirely avoided by addressing "ACADIA ATHENÆUM."

We regret to learn of the death of Rev. George Thomas, the eldest son of Deacon William Thomas, Canard, Cornwallis, and a graduate of Acadia in the class of 1873. He began his ministerial labors at Canso, and afterwards took the Newton Theological course. Since then he has been pastor of the Baptist church at Roslindale, Mass., until his health began to fail, when he came home. Mr. Thomas was recognized by all his acquaintances as a young man of rare christian character. We tender to the family of the bereaved our sincere sympathies.

THE character of our literary society this fall should be a matter of congratulation to all the students. The business has been attended to in such a manner as to reflect credit upon both the officers and members. We wish, however, to refer especially to the literary part of our society, for in this regard it has in the past been deficient. Thus far interesting subjects have been chosen for debate, and the discussions have been carried forward with unusual enthusiasm, but in too many cases by those not appointed to speak. It should be considered not only the duty but also the privilege of every person whose name appears as appellant or respondent to take his part, or at last to regard the bye-law and supply a substitute. There seems to be a "chronic proneness" among the majority of the members of the lower classes either to remain silent, or, when their turn comes to take part in a discussion, to stay away. We are quite safe in saying that nearly every subject of such carelessness will some day regret it. It would be difficult to find a graduate who will not