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to know of the achievements of some of our students who inhabit the hallowed precints of the Old Sem. The legendary inability of man to wrestle with a stove-pipe has been proved a myth. Two of the said students have repeatedly and successfully risen in their might and conquered a refractory stove-pipe with no less than five elbows, and heated thoroughly by a good hard-wood fire.

The Athenæum Society has been discussing some very interesting questions of late. The subject last Friday evening was: "Should the Government afford Financial aid to Denominational Colleges?" After a long and interesting debate the question was decided in the affirmative. This decision will no doubt lend assistance to our Local Legislature, when the matter of "Grants" comes up, in forming their conclusions.

The past thaw had some strong characteristics, and any one who endeavored to meander around in rubbers, found the dignity of their movements rather lessened. Had it not been for the beneficent rules laid down by our Faculty, some of our number would have been strongly tempted to engage in an innocent snow-balling frolic with some of the Sems. But there is sacrilege even in the thought!

The Sophs. are raking their brains over a certain problem pertaining to the Cissoid invented by Sir Isaac Newton to torture all coming generations. Probably Sir Isaac was haunted by the memory of his own College days, and derived a sort of ghostly pleasure in looking into the future, and beholding a multitude of students with rectangular rules endeavoring to rival Diocles.

The Rev. Mr. DeBlois has completed the twenty-fifth year of his pastorate in connection with the Wolfville Baptist Church. The event was duly celebrated on Monday evening the 14th. The church, congregation, and numerous friends assembled in the vestry and after spending a little time in a social way, the meeting was brought to order by the chairman. Dr. Welton was called upon to present an address to the pastor on behalf of the audience and also a purse containing \$150.00 as a token of the esteem in which he is held. The address was suitable and worthy of the occasion. Mr. DeBlois replied in his usual happy way. Excellent addresses were then given by the venerable Dr. Crawley and the Rev. George Armstrong of Kentville, after which the interesting gathering was brought to a close.

Sir Walter Raleigh has been long regarded as the true model of politeness, because with ready tact, he spread his costly robe in the mire, that the dainty feet of the haughty Elizabeth might not be defiled. But was not such an act as truly politic as polite, and did not the crafty courtier gain even more than empty honor thereby? We hesitate not to say that two of our "fellows' recently far surpassed the chivalrous act of' Sir Walter, and, because of their gallant endeavor to convey across the flocded street the fair dwellers in the Sem., should be lauded exceedingly. The more we think upon the achievement the greater becomes our admiration. To storm Sebastopool, or withstand the bitter charge of Inkerman requires courage; but to take a plank and march at the double quick into the very midst of the Sems., trebly guarded as they were, betokens reckless daring. We trust it was appreciated by those for whom the benefit was intended. And can we longer look upon our students as void of true gentlemanly feeling as they are sometimes mis-represented?

"KinglyMen and their Qualities," was the subject of a very interesting lecture delivered before the Acadia Athenæum on Friday evening, the 4th of February, by the Rev. Mr. Stothard (Wesleyan,) of Canning, King's Co. The reputation of the Rev. gentleman drew more than the usual audience. The lecture gave evidence of careful research and close thought; and though it was fully an hour and a half long, the un divided attention given to the speaker to

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