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We are in the Editor's sanctum. But we are in a strange atmosphere. The mantles of the ex-editors have fallen upon our shoulders, but they hang in wrinkles and ungraceful folds about us. We feel uneasy in them; they do not suit. Perhaps, yet 'tis the faintest glimmer of a hope, we shall grow and fill them before we lay aside the editorial pen and leave the sanctum to others. Omitting to say that we shall put forth *our* best efforts to make this paper a success, and the other usual phrases of the tyro journalist, we earnestly request the graduates of Acadia and all who have frequented her halls to send us communications. It is the aim of our paper to make it the exponent of the thoughts of Acadia—of the best thoughts of her Professors, graduates and undergraduates. How can four poor editors, in addition to their college work, furnish sufficient matter to publish eight issues? Send us in your contributions, so that we may have something from which to select. A few of our Profess-

ors and graduates have aided the former editors efficiently; the many, in this respect, have not.

In order to make our paper interesting, we require the rich juicy mental food furnished by the educated and experienced, as well as the verdant effusion which the undergraduate sends forth.

Quite a change has taken place in our staff of Professors and Teachers. Dr. Crawley has wholly turned his attention to the Theological course. The absence of our eloquent Professor and venerable Instructor is often referred to. Professor Tufts takes the Dr.'s place in the College, while he retains the Principalship of the Academy. M. C. Robinson, A. B., '76 takes the place of Mr. Shafner. Miss Woodworth has resigned and Mlle. Huguenin has charge of the Female Seminary. Miss Whidden is enrolled on the staff.

The air of the editor's room is redolent of the memories of the bye-gone and with the hopes and anticipations of the yet-to-be. So we thought as we received a letter from one of last year's graduates. "I am quite lost; lonesome to get back to old Acadia and renew the days that are gone. But I will live them over in imagination. That will have to suffice."

We publish in our first pages the graduating oration of B. P. Shafner. Without doubt it will be read with interest by all. We have published the whole oration, although it is somewhat lengthy, considering it best to give it entire in one issue.

### Resolution of Sympathy.

The following Resolution was passed at the first regular meeting of the Athenæum:

In view of the removal, by the hand of death, of one of our members, our highly valued and greatly beloved friend and co-worker, BERNARD SHAFNER, the grasp of whose hand was the grasp of a brother's, whose truly noble life was an emanation of