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ANOTHER holiday season has gone. The pleasant re-unions, the friendly greetings, the giving and receiving of tokens of affection and regard, all the joyous associations which cluster around glad Christmas—these are things of the past; but they will continue to cast rays of sunshine into the dreary and toilsome days of the year. Men of business, professional men, and students have returned to their several vocations with renewed energy and strength, and we trust this year will be one of general prosperity and enjoyment.

The halls of Acadia again ring with the sound of voices which tell of cheerful hearts; and the place which for a short time seemed desolate and lone is now the scene of earnest and joyous activity.

It is important that as students we begin the year aright. Readiness for terminal examinations depends much upon the work

performed in the early part of the session, since it is not easy to make amends at the close for negligence at the beginning.

If it is not too late, we wish our readers a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Let us *all* remember that we have it in our power to charge 1880 with the elements of good. Each closing year while it brings joy and gladness to many hearts, brings a kind of mellow sadness to others as they call up by-gone associations and the changes which time has wrought. Let us render heart-felt thanks to the Giver of all good for the inestimable blessings which continually fall upon us, at the same time not forgetting, nor failing to make a wise use of the recollection that

"On all save that o'er which the soul bears sway,  
There breathes but one record—'Passing away.'"

WE feel that we owe our patrons some apology for the condition in which we sent out the last issue. Had we been aware before the papers were mailed we should not have allowed them to go out in such a state. But it is no use, now, to cry over spilt milk. As far as the blame is chargeable to us we are willing to bear it. As to many of the errors, however, we are at a loss to account for their occurrence, unless that some personage of a similar name got possession of that historic individual known as the printer's devil; and hence the horrible manipulation.

Of errata it seems necessary to append the following:—In *Exchange* column, for "St. Michall's," read "St. Michael's." In last note for "secono," read "second." *Personals*: "J. M. Longly is preaching," should be "is teaching." "'74 William Shafner," should be "'79 W. P. Shafner." *Editorials*: third column, line 16, for "same" read "sand." Column four, line one, for "reformatory," read "refractory." *Things Around Home*: second column, for "decrease," read "decease"; for "columns of forms," read "volumes of poems." Third column, last note, for "Shorad," read "Shand." As other errors do not destroy the sense it will not be necessary to insert them.