

bation of almost every student in college. The opinion of the ATHENÆUM upon this question has been too recently and plainly stated to need reiteration.

MISS CLARA B. MARSHALL, B. A., has been appointed to a position as teacher in Acadia Seminary. We congratulate our fair class-mate on this early recognition of her ability to serve the cause of higher education.

A E. COLDWELL, M. A., has been appointed Professor of Science in this college. The duties attaching to the chair will be the same as those performed by Mr. Coldwell as instructor for three years past; but the recent appointment makes the position permanent rather than tentative.

IN accordance with custom this issue of the ATHENÆUM has been delayed in order that we might give some account of the anniversary exercises. In consequence of the absence of the junior and the sickness of one of the senior editors the work has fallen solely upon one. He has been compelled to prepare the matter in the hurry of packing and leaving, and therefore has been unable to give as satisfactory reports as he would wish.

IN another column will be found the examination papers in the department of education for the present term. We have taken the liberty to publish them in order that the college constituency may more fully understand the character of the work in this line. It is not at all unlikely that there may be further discussion upon this subject; and hence it is important that knowledge be the basis of argument and reference. We think a careful study of the matter will show that the department has a *raison d'etre*.

CALENDARS of the College and Seminary have been published. They are neat

pamphlets and are fairly explicit upon most matters relative to the institutions. It is to be observed that, while the curriculum has been extended, no provision has been made for modern languages or elective courses. Acadia seems to be trying to weld new things upon old ideas. She cannot resist progress so as to exclude new subjects but these are only so many accretions added to the old standards. Whether this process will continue till it reaches the limit of possibility, we will not predict. It is certain however that the course may become overloaded and incongruous long before it reaches this limit. We notice that the department of mental philosophy has no professor assigned to it. There has been some change in text books. Bowen, Carpenter and Chadbourne have been introduced. Kant has been transferred to the honour course.

NO report of the recent exercises would be complete without special notice of the graduation of a lady. This was apparently the grandest and most valued event of the whole week. Judging from the speeches and applause received there is a consensus of opinion in favor of co-education. Indeed if these can be taken as an index there is a readiness to put a premium upon this mode of collegiate culture be it general or professional. It may be, however, that something should be allowed for mere humour and gallantry. While the ATHENÆUM bears cheerful testimony to the ability and perseverance of the new lady bachelor, it is not prepared to concede that the graduation of any lady or any number of ladies from Acadia would afford any great cause for congratulation. We are yet to be convinced that co-education is the best thing for the college in particular, education in general, society at large, or the ladies themselves. In saying this, we of course call upon ourselves a storm of rant about female slavery and all that sort of thing. It is of course useless to urge that our ideas are consistent with the loftiest and truest ideal of women, that they