

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

During the holidays the Ex. Ed. has had more time to review the exchanges and to treat them more fairly. We find much that is worthy of notice in nearly all the papers upon our table and it is far from our desire to criticize any of them unfairly; If we do criticize at all hereafter, it shall be modestly to suggest something that will benefit our friends. It is impossible to notice all our exchanges, but we shall quit each one in a friendly manner.

Several interesting articles enliven the pages of *Student Life* and give the paper the appearance of being a lively, energetic journal.

The *University Review* from Kansas comes filled with interesting articles. It also contains much news from its own University, which shows a lively interest in the students.

We are proud to welcome as one of our new exchanges the *Vassar Miscellany*. In the review of this journal one readily recognizes its literary merit and high standing as a college paper.

The *College Chips* contains articles both short and sweet. The one most worthy of mention is an extract from an address by Pres. Adams before the students of Cornell University.

The *Rockford Seminary Magazine* has, we think, an excellent exchange column. Just enough wit and fun is mingled with the serious to make it very interesting. Real fun is desirable in all papers.

"Martin Chulzlewit" is reviewed in the *College Index*. The writer has treated the novel with justice in her article, and if more productions of the kind could grace our college papers it would greatly improve them.

Hamilton College Monthly is another prominent example of the capability of woman in the literary line. It would take too much time to recount all the articles worthy of attention. Suffice it is to say there are many of them, and the whole paper is worth reading.

Among the articles of most interest in the *Sibyl* are the class poems. These are all very pleasing and show poetical talent. We are sorry this paper does not come to us oftener, but when it does come, it is well filled and is a standing monument of what girls can do.

The *De Pauw Monthly* comes in a new and suggestive cover. This, however, is not the chief attraction. We find much that is well written and worth reading. Might we suggest however, that larger type would render the appearance of the paper more attractive?

As it usual, the *Dartmouth* contains much that is interesting and instructive. A great deal of space is occupied with the *Memoranda Alumnorum*, which cannot surprise us when we see the honorable positions held by many of Dartmouth's graduates. We are pleased to learn that the Superintendent of Public Instruction of our own state is a graduate of that noble institution.

Nearly all of our exchanges are exchanging Christmas and New Year gushings. At this time of the year above all others, even the *Niagara Index* man can afford to put all harsh criticisms aside, and join in pleasant wishes and kind greetings to all. We most heartily join with you in wishing our friends a happy new year. Let us hope that the ensuing year may see nothing but peace and good will among our exchanges.

Bethany Collegian, the essay is surely a harbinger of much energy yet to be developed in the writer.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* contains an unusually large number of good articles, it seems to us. They are all interesting, and some, instructive.

The biography of Bacon in the *Richmond Messenger* shows reading and thought. Such a contributor as the author of the article is an acquisition to any paper.

The *Hesperus* contains several interesting articles, among them a glowing description of Colorado. We can endorse those sentiments from a year's experience in the state.

College Chips contains an article on the "Advantages of a classical education," and one on "Practical Education," both quite lengthy. The paper also contains several shorter articles, all worthy of notice.

The exchange column of the *Lincolnan* contains quite a lengthy article quoted from the *University Voice*, Wooster, Ohio. The article is a humorous explanation of the evolution of mathematical science and is worth reading.

The Freshmen are in a quandary. They do not know whether a class hat or pin would most conclusively show the world that they are Freshmen. We would say that nothing is necessary. People can always tell a Freshman by his looks.—*Muhlenberg Montyly*.

In the *College Student* we find a biography of General Humphreys of Civil War fame. The article is written by an honorary member of one of the literary societies of the college, and pays glowing tribute to another of those brave heroes who served their country so nobly.

A review of the life and some of the writings of Jean Ingelow graces the pages of the *Northwestern*. The paper contains a number of other articles which are very interesting, but this one is especially so to us. The *Northwestern* is always welcome to our table, we recognize in it a paper of true merit.

The Christmas number of the *Yale Record* comes replete with everything in the literary line to contribute to the general joy of the Xmas holidays. Every number of this journal serves more and more to maintain the well known reputation of old Yale, which we are now to rank among our leading universities, instead of colleges.

We find in the *Holcad* a "Letter from one of last year's graduates who lately joined the army of teachers." Of course we have too much good sense to accept the letter as bona fide but it seems to us that the space occupied by it is wasted. Real fun is desirable, and real wit especially so, but we can see neither in this article and think that all productions of this sort should be left out of our journals.

The *Ariel* contains a great deal about the Freshmen and Sophomore classes which is not understood by outsiders. No doubt it is very entertaining to the students who are acquainted with the details, but it occurs to us that if less space were taken up with such controversies and more with literary matter it would be better for the paper. Possibly, however, it takes as much literary talent to write up a cane rush as some article of more importance.

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