

The "Niagara Index" forms a pleasant contrast to many of our exchanges, at least in its exchange department. Though sometimes too severely critical of its less able neighbors, its wit and ingenuity are worthy the notice of those goody-goody ex-editors, whose comments remind one vaguely of cambric tea, dish-water or some such vitalizing stuff.

A pleasing feature of the *Butler Collegian* is the publication of two prize Sophomore orations, one on "The Common Soldier," the other "Responsibility of Promulgating a Thought." It is needless to say that the former took the first prize, but considering the great amount of dictionary work and lead pencils wasted on the latter the judges awarded it second prize.

Our stock of literary matter is enormous. Some of the best articles are "Sociology and the Moral Idea" in the *Simpsonian*, "The Collisseum" in the *Aegis*, "Oliver Goldsmith," in the *Vanderbilt Observer*, "De Temporibus et moribus" in *Vassar Miscellany*, "Labor Organization" in *Lombard Review* and "Secret Societies" in *The Ariel*. Many more are interesting.

The *Exponent*, published by the students of Beatrice High school, is certainly an exponent, for it shows that the culture gained at Beatrice is not merely a surface culture, but one which betrays its depth through thought, composition and style. It is, without doubt, the best high school journal we have ever perused, and is superior in many respects to a great many which come from colleges. Yes, you will be all the better devils and we shall be glad to get such devils, for surely they are not common ones. THE HESPERIAN will be more regular hereafter.

Our attention was attracted by a flashy love story in the "literary" column of the University Herald of Syracuse University, which sent us immediately into the depths of Worcester's "big dic" to refresh our memory as to the meaning of "literary." We found, "devoted to literature;" literature, meaning "the result of learning, knowledge and imagination." Therefore we differ from the editor as to the character of the article; also we pity the august senior who can not display his superiority in any other way than writing an impossible shallow romance. Such a story is not literature, as it is not the product of imagination, learning and knowledge (unless it be of dime novels or 3d rate plays) and it were better placed in the Waverly Magazine or Fireside Companion than a college paper.

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