

*Corrig School Record* from Victoria, B. C. makes its first appearance with us, this week. We welcome it to our pile.

We were surprised when we received *The Lincolnian* and found no exchange department. Surely this journal has not given up its fighting proclivities.

Many of our exchanges have already chosen their opponents and extend upon the customary college paper fights. It is a pleasure to sit and listen to the snaps and snarls of our pugilistic friends.

*The University Herald* of Syracuse, is a high toned sheet. It bears evidence of a strange financial basis. We are not pleased with its "make up," and think that with the amount of capital the editors attempt to display, we could do much better.

*The Hamilton College Monthly*, edited, by the "s," helps to swell our exchange pile this week. We sometimes wonder how they run the editorial sanctum. Ours is rendezvous for the "bums" of our school. If these fair editors can suggest some plan of reform we will adopt it. We hope that "the girls" will be able to stand the din and smoke of the journalistic fight.

Students fully appreciate the value of aids. They will, therefore, be pleased to learn that Prof. William F. Allen, of the university of Wisconsin, has published in pamphlet form "Outside Studies in the History of Ireland." One who is making a careful study of Ireland, historically or politically, will find it of much use in directing his work. Charles H. Kerr & Co., publishers, 175 Dearborn street, Chicago., price ten cents.

The interest and efficiency of the work done by the Christian associations in colleges is on the increase. There is not one of our exchanges but devotes considerable space in noticing these societies. We are glad that our contemporaries are taking up this matter and spreading the feeling that Christian education should go hand in hand with the other. The weekly meeting of these associations can be made a source of lasting benefit.

*The Exponent*, of Beatrice, has again appeared. It is a very neat little paper, but for some reason it is not regular in its visits. During last term we received one copy. We have been informed that this is not the fault of the publishers, but perhaps it is within their power to do something to obviate the difficulty. Beatrice High School is on the accredited list and sends up a large number of students and for this reason it is especially desirable to have the exchange.

*The High School Register* has considerably changed its appearance since we last saw it. As far as the cover is concerned it would pass for a first class paper. On opening it we found six small pages of reading matter. When we remember that there are senior editors and that the paper appears but once a month, it seems reasonable to expect more reading material. But improvement comes gradually and perhaps our wish will be realized later.

Even the sunny south is represented in our exchange pile. *The University Magazine* of North Carolina comes permeated with southern spirit. There is something strange in the difference between the southern and northern literature. It is even noticeable in the college paper. We would not be presumptuous enough to attempt to give a reason for this difference, but think it would be an interesting study for some one who has the time to investigate it. We hope this new journal will come again.

Those editors of the *Hillsdale College Herald* are rather cute or perhaps we had better say hard up. For some time past

they have been attempting to edit a college paper. Now they seem to have reached the end of their string. All their ideas have been exhausted and they have resorted to the expedient of printing the critic's report of the various societies programs. Such productions have no interest whatever for anyone outside of their college and but little for any of their own students. Better brace up boys and give us something more interesting.

From the *Ariel* we learn that the regents of the Minnesota University are thinking of increasing the faculty by a professorship devoted to the bacon cipher. Donnelly, who has recently distinguished himself in the controversy is the man they wish to secure. We dislike to see a man who has lain in his grave for centuries, clothed with the highest literary honors, robbed of all his glory. But we have little belief in the theory and think the recent agitation but one of the many endless disputes that arise from the egotistical ambition of some writer.

*The Rockford Seminary Magazine* is inclined to deal with the moral questions of the day. In their last they expatiate on the evils of high license. There is nothing particularly brilliant in the production but we are thoroughly in sympathy with the theme. It is with pleasure that we note the interest that is being awakened in colleges on the subject of temperance. The subject is old but it has now reached a stage of development where we may reasonably expect a settlement. And anything that will strengthen convictions on one side or the other will be beneficial.

Yes, this is an age of reform, at least of change among our exchanges. Many of the managers of these journals must have spent the spare moments of their vacation in planning changes and now we see it manifested in new covers, etc. This is a movement in the right direction. Nothing conduces more to the success of a college paper than a bright and artistically designed cover. This is of course not the standard by which we judge our exchanges. Yet it is a fact that the first impression is produced through the eyes, rather than by an investigation of literary merits. For this reason our well dressed contemporaries demand at least a full measure of notice.

No. 1, Vol. 1, of *The Athenaeum* strikes out on the journalistic sea full of hope and energy. After reading the editorial we came to the conclusion that the editors understand what they are about. They express the situation thus: "On every billow may be seen drifting remnants of other crafts that sailed to sea with "white wings" fluttering in the morning breeze and brazen beaks kissed into gold by the dazzling sun. These foretell dangers and breakers ahead. But with a strong determination to succeed, we face the future, and prepare to wield the editorial tripod." We must confess that this is a flowery way of putting it. We hope their bark will not strike upon the breakers.

*The Chaddock Monthly*, of Quincy, Illinois, is a spicy exchange. It bears evidence of substantial backing. This is one of the few college papers that are controlled by the college authorities. In this particular case the editor is chosen from the alumni and works on a salary. The paper is a success in every respect and we do not hesitate to say that its contemporaries can use it as an example. But leaving the above fact out of the question, it is with much regret that we notice this growing tendency to let the college faculty run the paper. It is true, they can usually turn out a better sheet than the students; but if this plan is to take the paper out of our hands we will be the losers. Our efforts in the journalistic line are poor indeed but benefit is measured by the amount of hard work done in producing, rather than the brilliancy of the production. To stand on our own merits and work out our own destinies under a limited amount of guidance is the only way to succeed. Sever the student's connection with the paper and the result will be a better paper perhaps, but a lack of individual development on the part of the students.