

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

The Christmas number of the *Varsity* is a very pretty specimen of typographical skill.

The *Doane Owl* says: "This age of ours is entirely too blatant." Coming from such a source, comment is unnecessary.

The *Pacific Pharos* bearing date of December 21 is very pretty, and lends us the suspicion that it has some money in the treasury.

The *Vassar Miscellany* for December is quite a contrast to the insipid stuff usually flung at us by papers coming from such institutions.

The *Bellevue Star* has the same old chestnut at the head of its editorials: "Through unavoidable circumstances we were late." Were you ever on time?

A little sheet from Fair College, the *Call*, appears for the first time this month. . . course, isn't much to brag of, but is some better than no paper at all.

The *Dennison Collegian* says the students of Michigan University have 242 courses to choose from. The compositor has evidently made a mistake. It should read 9,242.

The first number of the *Hastings College Journal* is at hand. It may need encouragement—it evidently has nothing else—and we give it a good grip and say—Come again.

The *Simpsonian* is by great odds the best college paper of Iowa. We are, however, sorry that the fact that a lady edits its exchange column prevents us from saying what we think of that department.

Several exchanges have lately discoursed to us on the beauties of Volapuek. If some of them possessed the knowledge of English that they profess to carry of Volapuek, such articles would be excusable.

The *Monmouth Collegian* devotes five or six columns of its last number to matter concerning Chivalry, the Crusades and Socrates. It has the old familiar ring of our prep. history, and therefore we suppose it is genuine.

The two microscopic intellects at the head of the *Courier* and *Washburn Reporter* are having quite an interesting scrimmage concerning whether the gentlemen from Washburn shall talk on the fraternity question or keep his mouth shut.

The *Chaddock Monthly* is now one of our regular visitors. It is not the work of the students in its college, but of a B. S. If it emanated from immature student minds we would have nothing to say, but it appears to us that this B. S. is in great business.

The *Messathorean* tries to be practical as well as pretty, and prints an article under the head, "Whom Shall We Marry?" Our advice is that you get your mind off such subjects as soon as possible and devote your energies to getting up a better paper.

The *Hiram College Star* is one of the latest additions to our list. We do not expect that its perusal in the future will ever brighten our intellect to any noticeable extent, yet we are willing to undergo that discomfort because the sheet comes from old Hiram.

Just in a friendly way we wish to advise the boy who edits the exchange column of the *Reveille*, to bind a barrel hoop tightly about his head before it gets any bigger. One of the most noticeable features of college journalism is the egotism and irrepressible conceit which is everywhere apparent. We never brag much about the U. of N., but when an insignificant little institution like that from which the *Reveille* hails

is seriously compared with the first institutions of the country, we lift up our heads and hope revives once more.

The students of Central University ought to produce a better paper than the *Ray*, with the opportunities they have. The appearance of the paper indicates a good financial condition. This ought to be enough to effect the change which needs to be made in the paper.

There is certainly now no excuse for the brotherhood of exchange men not knowing something about Leo XIII. Not wishing to be irreverent at all, we must remark that the *Notre Dame Scholastic* occasionally makes us quite tired by the preference it so plainly gives its religion over its education.

Sorrowfully we note the fact that one editor of the *Athenaeum* has neglected the theological part of his education. At the conclusion of an invective that would do credit to a French patriot, he remarks that unless somebody toes the mark, or words to that effect, he will "swing as high as Hayman."

The *Holcad* exchange man, with an effort to be wise, opens his mouth on the subject of college journalism. Evidently his acquaintance with his subject exists largely in his imagination. Conceive of an ex. man, who knows his business—the *Niagara Index* man, for instance—speaking of the "profundity" of the articles in western college papers.

Some gentleman has a short sketch entitled "Influence of Samuel Johnson," in the last *College Index*, which, were it published to the world, instead of being hid away in a corner, would be apt to cause American literature to retire to some lone spot and weep for very shame. That writer, if he knows what a genius he really is, will never stop short of undying and eternal fame.

Some of our exchanges are again printing that old chestnut—worm eaten and musty ever since Henry Ward Beecher averaged fifty-nine at Amherst and Dan'l Webster started the first American college paper,—entitled: "Statistics of the Senior Class." It may be excused in some papers, whose editorial boards haven't brains enough to fill their columns, but in a college paper claiming enterprise it is simply execrable.

The youth who runs the exchange column of the *University Magazine* says the exchange editor is an anomaly, and then further adds, in dead earnest, that he (not this particular editor!) is a great man. Now, if we were a lady editor, we should certainly become "riled," to say the least. But, joking aside, it is probable that when the gentleman penned the above statements he was laboring under the impression produced by reading the exchange page of the last *Muhlenberg Monthly*.

The *Hamilton Review* for December has more than the ordinary amount of good matter. One gentleman—who, by the way, is an M. A., and must therefore, we suppose, be approached cautiously,—gives us a rehash of the cheap socialistic land doctrines, now so much harped upon because there is nothing else to engross the attention of certain sore-heads. We are sorry we cannot appreciate a paper which so evidently is one of merit. The writer, in a learned way, speaks of the stages of "differentiation ridicule, and finally, adoption." He says all great reforms pass through these stages, hence Mr. George's land theory is a great reform. Beautiful reasoning! "The invulnerable logic of 'Progress and Poverty'" is an idea which must have originated with this philosopher. Evidently he has confined his economical reading to this volume.