

tility. The starvation is the worst feature of the whole matter. The famous Red Cloud, a friendly Indian, gives a pathetic account of the feeling and condition of his fellows. Says he in words of wonderful pathos and power: "We felt that we were mocked in our misery. We had no newspapers and no one to speak for us. We had no redress. Our rations were again reduced. You who eat three times each day, and see your children well and happy around you, can't understand what starving Indians feel. We were faint with hunger and maddened by despair. We held our dying children, and felt their little bodies tremble as their souls went out and left only a dead weight in our hands. They were not very heavy, but we ourselves were very faint, and the dead weighed us down. There was no hope on earth, and God seemed to have forgotten us. Some one had again been talking of the Son of God, and said He had come. The people did not know; they did not care. They snatched at the hope. They screamed like crazy men to Him for mercy. They caught at the promises they heard He had made." This, to be sure, is only from "poor Lo," yet it carries with it an indictment of terrible import. Injustice and oppression have always sown the seeds for a harvest of calamities. Will they in this case? The future Indian policy of this government will determine.

EXCHANGE.

One of our exchanges speaks of a new college paper as being "bright and breezy." We suppose he uses the word breezy, because the wind cannot refrain from blowing through the whiskers found on some of the chestnuts therein contained.

A plan to collect locals has been adopted by some college papers that seems to be a good one. A box is left in some convenient place where anyone wishing to do so may drop a local into it. It might be a good plan for THE HESPERIAN to adopt this method, in order to aid the local editors. A suggestion would be in order, however, to have a lock placed on the box and the locals dropped through a slot. This would prevent them from being read before the paper should appear.

Two papers now appear on our table from the Illinois Wesleyan university. They are the *Elite Journal* and the *Wesleyan Echo*. The *Echo* is a new paper and we do not like to criticise it to any great extent, but we certainly think that it has had a premature birth, and do not predict for it a very long existence. The exchange editor of the *Echo* is also its literary editor; but we fail to see anything literary in his column. Of course it is not to be supposed that the *Echo's* exchange list is very large, yet perhaps it has no exchanges at all, but this does not hinder the editor from filling up this column with literary matter. It seems to us the better plan would be for the *Echo* to combine its forces with the forces of the *Elite Journal*, then perhaps one good paper could be gotten out.

A few of the exchange editors connected with some of the exchanges that lie on our table seem to have gotten the idea into their heads that in the exchange column is the place to discuss matters and exchange opinions upon various college topics. This is certainly an erroneous idea, and the sooner they get this notion out of their heads the better it will be for them and also for their paper. The name of the column alone, "exchange," shows that its editor should deal only with the exchange papers from other colleges, and if one cannot find material enough in from twenty-five to one hundred college papers to make an interesting column there must be something radically wrong with the papers, or else it is the fault of

the editor. Which is it? As far as THE HESPERIAN is concerned we hold that it is the duty of the editor-in-chief to discuss college topics, and we do not wish to usurp his position.

The *Kentucky University Tablet* is just such a paper as we like to get hold of when perusing our numerous exchanges. The December number appears to us like an oasis in a desert. It is a plain sheet, somewhat resembling, as its name indicates, a writing tablet. It differs from a few of our exchanges in as much as it does not all run to cover, but contains the best portion on the inside. The literary portion of the paper is very interesting as well as the editorials. The following, from one of the editorials, contains excellent thought, and should be heeded by all: "Courtesy is one of the most lovely of all the traits of a beautiful character. It is a truth, which daily experiences teach us, that he is most popular who is most courteous. The man who treats others without due regard is the one upon whom the contempt of humanity falls. He who shows in his actions that he cares naught for the pleasure and happiness of others, that the object of all his thoughts, the course of his ambition is self gratification, even though it be at the expense of broken bonds of friendship, violated trusts or lacerated hearts, is the one who is friendless, unpitied in misfortune, unlamented in death, and in whose calamities his acquaintances acknowledge the justice of fate. It is therefore important that in all the walks of life we cultivate this excellent trait of character."

To our exchanges, one and all, greeting. It has always been the intention of the editors of THE HESPERIAN, and especially of the exchange editors, to express their opinions in these columns without fear or favor. They have always been ready to suggest reform where reform has been needed. This has called forth the wrath, whether justly or unjustly we shall not undertake to say, of a number of editors. That is all right. We do not care particularly if an editor does get a little wrathful once in a while and prescribes a cup of hot water for us to take after each meal, for even hot water is better than no water at all; but we cannot agree with the exchange editor of the *Richmond College Messenger*, the one, by the way, who prescribed the cup of hot water, when he says that THE HESPERIAN is an "exceedingly narrow-minded and fault-finding paper." He is, evidently, not able to see that a paper may be fault-finding and still not be in the least, narrow-minded. Because one paper undertakes to correct certain faults found in another, is that any reason why the former should be called narrow-minded? We think not. Everything that has appeared in THE HESPERIAN in the past, and everything that will appear in this column during the present year, while under the supervision of the present editor, has been, and will continue to be, said with all due respect, and in all kindness, to whomever or whatever we may have occasion to write about. At the same time we freely grant the right to any one to criticise us in whatever way they think is right.

As we confidently expected when we wrote the criticism, the *Niagara Index* has displayed itself in its usual asinine style in its reply to what was at least intended to be a straightforward, gentlemanly thrust. Like many chicken-hearted small boys that we have seen, the *Index* stands away off, and through its tears belches forth such scurrilous epithets as only the youthful brain of an *Index* editor can produce. That our thrust went to the quick, and was duly realized, is evident from the wincing of our opponent. The *Index* has a noble reputation in the line of scurrilous and villifying abuse. Its reputation is fully sustained this time,