

Editor's Table.

We feel like differing from the English Laureate a little and philosophizing: In the spring a haze of dullness over our exchanges bang. And through the mist we have seen the *College Ohio* and called up a ghastly smile at the agonizing criticisms of its phrenetic exchange editor. The shallowness and vapidness of the gentleman (?) were only excelled by his wonderful command of uncomplimentary if not abusive epithets. We would in all humility suggest that the *Ohio* select as his successor some one more generous and less cranky.

The *University Courant* was fuller than ever, in its July number, of most excellent reading matter. The editors are very fortunate in securing for their paper so many very readable contributed articles, and it speaks well for Urbana University and the evident pride the students take in their ably conducted paper. The essay on Swedenborg and Newton we especially commended for beauty of expression and general symmetry.

The *Student's Journal* gave all its space, in the July number, to Commencement orations, and was unusually interesting. The subjects are varied and each probably handled in the peculiar style of its author. They were all well written, though those upon the "Unity of the Race" and "Socialism" struck us as having had special care bestowed upon them. The essays from the lady members of the class were prettily written in an entertaining flowery manner, but as usual were destitute of logic and subtle reasoning.

The *College Quarterly* comes to us from the Iowa State Agricultural College. Its several departments are ably conducted by the different professors. There seems to be no recognized head, no editorials, locals, exchange notices. It is devoted as it says to industrial progress, and in its last number treats of insects, plants, stock and machinery. We fear it will be some time before our own agricultural de-

partment can support so excellent a paper.

The *Packer Quarterly*, coming as it does from a seminary full of jolly girls, could not fail to be bright and sparkling. The contributed articles were many and short and of course entertaining. The exchange notes were some of them fairly good, but a few lacked the good taste and judgment which characterized the majority. The Packer girls have a custom which we might with profit adopt. Each girl not only signs her contributed article with her initials but the year she is to graduate. And it is interesting to trace out, in reading the different essays, the evidences of advancing scholarship and the peculiar style that seems to permeate the members of the different classes. The studied repose and dignified solemnity of '79 were no less noticeable than the flowery girlish grace and vivacity of '82.

The *Maryland Collegian* was distinguished in its last issue by particularly poor editorials and "slushy" locals and unfortunately they were not offset by even fair contributions so that the entire number was scarcely worth the paper it was printed on.

The *Reporter* from the Iowa University was full of Commencement news. We were most interested in the lecture of the Chancellor of the Law School, and account of the Juniors' contest.

The *College Herald* has over the first two columns occupied by a poem on light. We were glad the subject was printed in capitals at the top of the page for otherwise it would have been very much like Artemas Ward's lecture on "Babes in the Woods." We trust that a beneficent genius will impart a much needed additional supply of poetical inspiration to the would-be wearer of the poet's crown ere he again inflict the long-suffering public with another effusion from his pen. The motto of the *Herald*, "*Vita sine litteris mors est*," would be more appropriate if the editors would endeavor to impress upon us through their columns the fact that they are possessed of that