

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Garfield University, Wichita, Kansas, claims to have the largest college building in the West. It has an auditorium seating 4,200 people and two other halls which will set 500 each. The cost of the building will be \$250,000.

The *Simpsonian* should be better posted as to the college of our president-elect. Miami University takes some pride in claiming to be the lucky spot where Ben Harrison studied, flunked, and did other things peculiar to student days.

The *Monmouth Collegian* pleases us as a whole. The exchange department is particularly well cared for. The "*alumni et alumnae*" reminds us that our own graduates are not so well looked after. Some of the editorials, however, are of that abstract nature which cannot well be original.

The *Aegis* is out with a strong editorial against a certain "inquisitorial, kindergarten" system of excuses for absence. Hope you will have some effect, *Aegis*. If you don't, come down here where no such system prevails, but every student feels that he "skips class" to his own detriment.

The editors of the *Heidelberg Journal* are either very modest, or they are ashamed of the paper, for no mention of an editorial board is made. Some three columns of "axiomatic truths," two contributed articles, and an assortment of locals of various species, make up the issue. As a college paper it might be improved.

The *Delphic*, of Drake University, is a new exchange. To our mind too much space is taken by contributed articles. We like to see college editors make their paper what it is, be it good or bad. The editorial, exchange, and local columns of the *Delphic* are fairly well sustained. Two of the editorials would be better placed under the head of "literary."

We were about to write up the *Whim*, but were almost turned from our purpose by seeing some very flattering remarks in that little journal about ourselves. However we will say what we think, believing that kindly-meant criticism will not give offense. The cover of the *Whim* is not pretty, nor even neat. It might be improved with little trouble or expense. The most conspicuous defect internally is the slowness of the local department. Leave out the "chestnut column," and give local news. We should like to say also "Expand the editorial department," but hardly know where the space would be found. The fact is, the *Whim* is rather small all round for a monthly. If you can, enlarge; if not, we suppose we shall have to put up with homeopathic doses in some departments.

It has been one of the stock inducements to become exchange editor of THE HESPERIAN that he gets to read all the amusing little remarks made about our cover. The present editor has only been on the paper a week, but the fun has already commenced. He got to feeling very blue over some heartless ridicule; then he found a very approving notice, and so on. He has now arrived at such a state of callousness that he can look with curiosity to see what the next paper says. To the *Butler Collegian*, which evidently labors under a delusion, we would say that our present assortment of "owls" rattlesnakes, etc." was only collected about four years ago. THE HESPERIAN was not born to its present great size and high literary standard. Like other western children it had to grow. It did without a cover many a long year. And now to have selected a design which does not fill the *Collegian* with ecstatic rapture! It grieves us, dear *Collegian*—oh, ever so much.

Our taste may be pretty bad but we do not like to see an exchange department composed entirely of clipping. If you have room for a column of "college news" and have sufficient knowledge and judgment to exclude "news" that is getting gray headed, all right. But to leave out the proper exchange department, which should be one of criticism and general discussion, and print instead items that have been read so often that they fairly take off their hat to you as an old acquaintance, rather irritates our generally peaceful nature. These "oldest," "youngest," "wealthiest," etc. items are the worst abused. We notice the *Mail and Express* offers to settle the "youngest college president" matter, if Messrs. Hyde, Warfield and Candler will send on their family bibles. Now if there could be an assassination committed on that grinning skeleton "the first college paper—D. W., etc." we would sleep better.

The *Coup d'Etat* is a pretty good local paper; the editorials are not bad; the exchange department does not show any remarkable talent, except in the use of scissors. The remainder of the space is filled with two articles, good, but contributed. As you are anxious to "sustain your reputation as the first college paper in the United States," *Coup*, you will doubtless be obliged for the suggestion to pull a few leads and use the two or three columns thus gained for some literary matter original with the editors. We notice an editorial which shows a lamentable lack somewhere, either in faculty or students. It sets forth the fact that Knox College has a library and proceeds to expatiate on the advantages of such an adjunct to a college. One would think that students there were tied down to text books, and were never led to investigate a subject further than such volumes carry one. A student in the U. of N., long before he leaves prepdom, is familiar with reference books and parallel reading which broadens his view of any subject he studies. We would as soon think of telling our students of chapel exercises, or ordinary recitations as of our library. Every professor not only recommends, but, in most higher classes, requires much outside reading. It is hard on the books and they have to be rebound, but the library so used is of some real value.

The *Haverfordian*, thanks to a metropolitan publishing house, makes a good showing typographically, except that the local columns are rather ragged. They are made up with total disregard to length of paragraph. Neither is the matter contained in them commendable, either in quantity or quality. The editorials show that "cramming" and examinations are worrying the brains of one more college editor. Verily, if discussion brings about settlement of such problems, it is almost time for the settlement to be at hand. The point raised as to the strict morality of "getting out lessons together" is a little strained. If it were true that it is in the act of "digging" that the chief benefit of study lies, the argument would have more force. But the knowledge obtained is supposed to be of some value. Is it not better then by co-operation to attain to a certain amount of knowledge than by individual striving with difficulties to get a less amount in the same time? Is it not better to use a clear, easily-understood text book, rather than one written so illogically that harder study is required to master the subject? In this hurrying age time is of some account. Of course in the case of a bright student studying with a very dull one, work may be shirked by the latter. But, ordinarily, co-operative study causes both brains to work more actively and more actual work is often thus accomplished than by solitary study. Do not understand us to advise co-operative study as the only proper way of getting lessons. We wish only to show that there is another side to the question. Another editorial makes mention of a few of the many evils of the dormitory system.