

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Twenty-five cases of measles in Maggie Houston hall at once.—*Guardian*.

The *Courier* wants a gymnasium and a military department established at Kansas University.

Doane College has a corridor in Ladies' Hall to which the expressive name of "gabble alley" has been given.

In the *Lombard Review* for February we find an interesting prize oration, "The American Negro," delivered by a negro who is a Sophomore at Lombard.

The *Michigan Argonaut*, Ann Arbor, is a weekly which sticks pretty closely to local matters, and in this direction seems to cover the ground pretty thoroughly.

The *Athanaum*, West Virginia university, wants to see the doors of that institution open to the girls of the state, and very properly ridicules the senseless opposition which some pessimistic distrusters of American chivalry are offering.

Say, *Campus*, (you of Ottawa, we mean) cut out that lie, "Gathered News" which shows up so prominently over the department on your last page. If your paper was read by the last generation it would be all right, but as it is, it is slightly inconsistent with the age and lack of reliability of some of the items.

The *Ariel*, of Minnesota state university, is a paper which shows ability in management. Three of the articles in a late issue discuss economic questions—profit sharing, trusts and "co-operative cooperation." The remainder of the paper gives one the impression that its editors are of a little maturer age than is usual with college editors.

The *Guardian*, Waco, Texas, is one of the largest of our monthly exchanges, having thirty-four pages of reading matter. It is not run entirely by students, however, and many clippings help to fill up. We notice an interesting and valuable article on the history of the Waco Indians, and an essay on Dicken's "child characters."

The *Chaddock Monthly* seems hard pushed to fill up. Over five pages of clipped matter are brought into requisition. The exchange editor has struck upon the expedient of printing the list of exchanges, a line to each and double leads between. All this is not so reprehensible, however, when we see that one Junior and a lone lorn first prep are the only editors mentioned.

The position of adjunct-professor of Biology in the University of Georgia has been bestowed upon Mr. A. L. Franklin, A. M., and C. and M. E. graduate of the classes of '86 and '88. He is probably younger than anyone holding a like position in any university in the United States, being just eighteen years old.—*University Quarterly*.

We are glad to add to our exchange list the *Nebraska Central Collegian*, the newest specimen of college journalism in Nebraska. We are sorry to note, however, that the principal backers of the of the new enterprise. We believe the students of the Central City college are capable of running a creditable paper of their own and hope soon to see them do so.

The *Reveille* comes from Norwich university, which claims to be the only military institution in New England. A great deal of space is devoted to alumni personals and a clipped account of an alumni banquet. Locals are not remarkable for number or quality but, the smallness of the school is probably the cause. An essay on Modern Greece is interesting but has the air of being acquainted with the *Britannica* or some similar work.

The *Hamilton Review* thinks to secure a warmer welcome by appearing about six times during the year. The literary department is of course made a specialty, and is filled with a number of short and crisp essays. We are not much of a poet ourselves but we believe we are justified in saying that the poem on "The Transfiguration" has little merit. "Stillness richly grand," "perfect robe of flesh" and "the infinite amen" do not strike us as particularly praiseworthy expressions.

The *University News*, Syracuse, has been complimented by the *Collegian* for its "College News" department. The compliment is perhaps a just one, but we do not exactly like the plan adopted by the *News* of clipping items indiscriminately and giving no credit. In the issue of March 4, we notice three items which originated with THE HESPERIAN and no credit was given for the mental strain expended. A little more of the usual newspaper courtesy would be an improvement in this department of the *News*.

The *Ningara Index* man is very sarcastic about some "twaddle" written by the "mixed candy" editors of the *Monmouth Collegian* in their local department. Now the locals of the in the *Index* may not be so sentimental as those quoted from the *Collegian*, but we fail to see that they add to the wisdom of the world any more. They lack solidity extremely. In another column the *Index* advises college editors to "remember your recent knickerbockers and stick to college subjects." Turning back a leaf we find a little article on "The Soul's Immateriality." O consistency, etc.

The *Acamedian* has an essay on Milton which is exceedingly slim. We do not think there is a thought in it which is original with the author. At least there is nothing there which the most cursory reading of Pattison's "Life" would not leave in much better form on the mind of the reader. The melodious and expressive title of "Cads" heads a very slim array of locals which are printed just as they were set up, with no regard to length of items. If the editors were as enterprising as the business managers, the paper would be improved.

The *Miami Journal* is a very neatly printed magazine which we lately saw for the first time. The number at hand is largely taken up with discussion of means to better the condition and to increase the efficiency of the literary societies. One of the societies has asked the faculty to make membership in a literary society compulsory for all students in college classes. The *Journal*, after pointing out a few objections, seems to favor the general plan. If this is adopted we want to hear of its practical workings. So far as we know it is an untried plan.

The *Richmond Messenger* needs a little punching up on the subject of "locals." To begin with, that department in the *Messenger* is devoted almost entirely to supposed humor, jokes, "gags," etc. Fully half of these attempts to get off something funny are flat failures. The items are thrown into the columns in a most chaotic condition—probably just as they came from the teeming brain of the genius (?) who edits the department. The italic case has been emptied to make the jokes and puns apparent. Now, undoubtedly the editor did this from pure kindness of heart, thinking thus to save the reader many an hour of painful thought. But we wish simply to remark that a joke which has to hang out a label with a hand pointing to the funny place had best be saved to make "phat" for the next obituary notice. Then after perpetrating six pages of rank stuff, he devotes three columns to bewailing the many trials and tribulations he suffers. Why, don't the poor fellow realize he deserves every kick and blow? If we were within hitting distance we think we would add to his "trials and tribulations" considerably.