

What's in our Exchanges.

LIMITED as our time for general reading is, we always make it a point to indulge ourselves over our exchange table. The young, hopeful style which College scribes bring out their ideas, is refreshing in the last degree. The early efforts of intellect, the bold, strong, stepplings forth into the walks of literature, the live, wide-awake genius of our College fraternity, always win our sympathy. They are leaves of comfort in cheery life.

THE *Packer Quarterly*, published by the girls of the Packer Institute, first, of course, gains our attention. The last number is replete with pleasant reading. To con over some of the racy articles by our fair sisters of the quill, is as great a treat to us as to go into the Seminary. They, the sisters—have the happy faculty of writing in a familiar, natural, breezy way that takes our hearts by storm. We lingered long with "A Lady in Cameo"; grew interested in "A Little Girl," and had a pleasant time over the "Editors' Table." "My visit to the Polar Star Mine," is a mine of interest. "Doings at Packer," is no exception well.

LAYING aside the *Quarterly* for the *Wittenberger* we step into quite a different atmosphere. Here every thing is solid, deep, weighty. Evidence of profound meditation, and thoughtful expression shines on every page. From the accalaureate Sermon to the Literary Notices, the articles are of such a serious, logical tenor that to digest one or two of them is almost as improving as an hour's skirmish with Olney. Still, as we generally come to our exchanges as a source of mental recreation when we are already wearied with the deep things of earth, we are not forced to lay by, albeit with a feeling of respect, the worthy *Wittenberger* with its German logic and gravity.

THE *McGill Gazette* for November is chiefly occupied with articles of local interest, games, &c. We notice a football match between the "Saints" and the "Sinners," which was decided in favor of the latter. It is not well to "stand the way of 'Sinners'."

Other exchanges on our list, some of which we have not yet come to hand, are: *Argosy*, *College Journal*, *Dalhousie Gazette*, *Harvard Advocate*, *Lawrence Collegian*, *Oberlin Review*, *Rapid Writer*, *Tufts Collegian*, *University Review*, *University Monthly*, *University Review*, *Yale Courant*, &c., &c.

Our Museum.

THE following notes, concerning the Museum connected with Acadia College, have been prepared with the twofold object of supplying, to the readers of the *Athenæum*, some information with reference to the above department, and also of publicly acknowledging the donations which the friends of the Institution have made to our collection of objects of Natural Science. These notes only extend over the period from 1874 to the present.

Number of visitors registered on the Museum Book
from June 1st, 1874 to May 31st, 1875....197
" " " 1875 " " 1876...386
" " " 1876 to the present date....160

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

John W. Barss, Esq., (Wolfville).—Specimen of Spruce Partridge, from near Liverpool, N. S.
J. W. Hamilton, Esq., (Wolfville).—Specimen of Porcupine, from near Blue Mountain, South of Kentville, N. S., also, a Spruce Partridge, from near Halifax, N. S.

Thos. R. DeWolf, Esq., (Wolfville).—Specimens of corals, sea-weeds, fancy shell-work, stalactites and calcite from "the caves" from Bermuda. Fishes, sea-fan, spices (in alcohol), and sea-urchin, from West Indies. Portion of trunk of cocoa-nut tree from Mayaguez. Piece of marble from the ruins of "Blue Beard Castle, St. Thomas, W. I. Stuffed specimen of the "Harbour Seal," from Labrador. Shells and sponges, from Nova Scotia. "Indicator" &c., saved from wreck of S. S. "Atlantic." Bottle with model of ship inside. Piece of wood with copper spike, brought up from the wreck of French Man-of-War sunk in Bedford Basin, near Halifax, N. S. Small case containing idols of the Hovahs, in the Province of Ankovi, Madagascar.

T. S. A. DeWolf, Esq., (Wolfville).—A wasp's nest from Wolfville.

Rev. A. A. R. Crawley, A. M., (per F. D. Crawley, A. B.).—Burmese idol "Gaudema" (in marble), also an umbrella, and a walking stick from Burmah.

Mrs. Dr. Sawyer, (Wolfville).—Specimens of the young of *Mytilus hamatus*, say—taken from oysters.

Capt. David Smith, (Hantsport), (per Prof. D. F. Higgins, A. M.).—The cast-off skin, or slough of a snake.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)