

OUR EXCHANGES.

A change is visible in the appearance of several of our exchanges for last month. Tasty covers, improved printing, superior paper, and in some, special literary features all go to remind us that they are Xmas numbers. The "Presbyterian College Journal," that observes neither times nor seasons, but esteems every day alike, fully appreciates those contemporaries that put on a special garb at this season. But much as we may admire covers, we realize that this department has chiefly to do with that which lies between them.

We have before us the "King's College Record," published at Windsor, N.S. Its special Xmas number has portraits of three well-known Canadian writers, Prof. Roberts, Bliss Carman and A. Lampman. We do not know that stories of any kind are exactly in the province of a college paper, but it is only fair to say that those of our exchange have genuine worth. The musings of the mysterious "Commoner" are always interesting.

The Xmas number of "Varsity" is very readable. Among other contributions, Prof. Alexander writes on "Some Advantages of a Classical Education." And Dr. Bourinot has an interesting historical sketch of "Louisbourg from 1720-1894." The general appearance of this paper is very neat and attractive.

"The Magazine of Travel," is a new visitor at our sanctum, yet one of a kind long hoped for. It presents attractive pen and pencil pictures of ramblings in many lands. The reader gets a free trip to Mexico and Southern California, and spends a summer in Alaskan waters, and enjoys other privileges without the small inconvenience of dis-

turbing an hour's pleasant reading. The illustrations are especially good.

"The MacMaster University Monthly" is to hand. The January issue contains an interesting article on "Francis Beacon," that displays considerable research. But "A Forecast Retrospect" might be expected to naturally bewilder a reader, and my power of criticism cannot do justice to "Life in the North-West," by five girls from Manitoba, so it was referred to the editor of another column, who is reputed to be an authority on that subject.

Presbyterianism in the Maritime Provinces is fortunate in having such a paper as "The Presbyterian Witness," of Halifax. It keeps us familiar with the Church news of its constituency, and deserves a high place as a family paper, while editorially it manfully contends for the faith which it believes to have been once committed to the saints.

The December number of the "Sackville Argosy," is largely filled with local matter. It is embellished by two portraits, and accompanying biographical sketches, but is marred by poor printing. It is a little wearisome to have to endure that old claim of being first in co-education of the sexes, and in abolition of hazing practices among American colleges. The claim has never been satisfactorily established though often repeated. We regret that the college world has never acknowledged what it owes to Mount Allison's example. It is to be feared that it never knew. Of a truth,

"Many a flower is born to blush unseen."

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