

Exchanges

Dante still claims the attention of *Victorian* essayists. "The Spirituality of the Purgatorio" is dealt with in the November issue in a somewhat short but carefully prepared paper. A thoughtful study of Byron throws a strong light upon one of the strangest characters of the century, one in whom were combined the best and worst in human nature. The chief excellence of Byron as a poet the writer considers to be his originality.

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The *Tamarack* contains a comprehensive discussion of "The Filipino Question," which is well worth reading. The writer endeavors to prove "that it is the duty of the United States to grant independence to the inhabitants of the Philippine islands," considered constitutionally as well as from the point of view of the welfare of both nations. Several shorter contributions are fairly well-written but devoid of much interest. The editorials are able and important. Moreover they are the work of members of the editorial board, a fact which some other papers would do well to take note of.

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The *St. Joseph's Collegian* furnishes several good essays in the November number. "The Old Classics" is a sensible and timely plea for the study of Greek and Latin, which some would fain deprive of their "eminent and commanding place in our higher education." Thomas Jefferson is the subject of an appreciative character sketch entitled "An Ideal American."

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"Resolved, that the annexation of Canada to the United States would be beneficial to both countries." A negative view of this debate is published in the *Mountaineer*, and it naturally had considerable interest for us. The question is treated quite thoroughly and, a few unimportant points excepted, very accurately. The arguments brought forward are clear-cut and forcible and prove beyond a doubt that annexation would not be beneficial to