

## EXCHANGES.

THE Christmas Number of the *Record* is as usual up to time. The criticism of the "Golden Dog" is interesting. The editorials are suggestive of that good feeling and peace with all the earth, which the joys of the holiday season are sure to bring.

We would say in reference to the "British School at Athens," that just how much real practical good comes from the study of this thing is a difficult question to answer. The study of Archaeology, while it may be exceedingly beneficial, appears to be a good way for people who seem very much like cranks to amuse themselves, and not one calculated to elevate the world either politically or religiously. The "English notes" this time are correct as far as our memory serves us. The *Record* is very fortunate in having such a reliable and interesting source of poetry.

THE publication of an editorial concerning the recent revolution that has taken place at Amherst College, in the *University Monthly*, is a step in the right direction and we heartily concur with it. There can be no surer way of securing such improvements than by showing approval of the same in a public way. In accordance with promises the *Monthly* has donned a neat though somewhat bilious looking cover. Though appearances are often deceitful, a comfortable dress is indicative of a healthy body.

THE *Dalhousie Gazette* for December is rather above the average number and contains several instructive and a few amusing articles.

"Are we on the right track," is well written and deserves careful consideration. The "good advice to Freshmen" contains some solid reason but has a tendering towards foolishness. It always falls to the lot of the Freshmen to furnish material for the embryo college humorist to distinguish himself upon. It would be well if some of our would be humorists before giving themselves up to this kind of literature, would examine themselves and see if they are not better fitted for something of a more modest nature.

It gives us much pleasure to see that some of our exchanges are departing from the regulation of filling up college journals with articles purely literary or scientific and indulging in more practical questions which not only air the feelings of the editor on important matters but also place before the public something of a more readable and perhaps just as instructive nature. The *Colby Echo* has two articles of this sort, "True Success" and "Self Culture," which are each of high merit.

THE last number of the *University Gazette* with the exception of an article "Mental Slavery and Mental Freedom," seems to be made up of nothing in particular and every thing in general. From such a scope of intellect as McGill has at her command, we would look for something rather heavy; and an institution of her sort representing every phase of religion and politics must admit of more freedom of thought than can be expected to come from Colleges of a smaller and somewhat more restricted nature.

THE *Oberlin Review* greets us with a strong sensible stock of editorials, prominent among which is one devoted to the formation of an Inter-Collegiate Press Association. There is no doubt but that much good could be accomplished by a confederation of this kind.

Space forbids any further notice

## THE MATCH.

My actions in that match between Acadia and Dalhousie having been quite severely and unjustly criticized in the Jan'y issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, I feel it my duty to make a short reply. In refusing to abide by the decision of the referee in a certain case, I am stated as being without a rival. I would just like to ask that logical and philosophical meddler, if he has either witnessed or heard the reports of all the matches ever played on this Great Big Earth of ours. He shouldn't make such rash statements. Limited as my own experience is, I have quite often heard the decision of the referee disputed; and, with a little trouble, our friend might discover that a case happened in the matches at Pictou last fall. I have it upon the authority of one of Dalhousie's own students; and, if I mistake not, it appeared in the reports of some of the daily papers. In reply to Dalhousie's captain whether I "would play by the decision of the referee," I said I would not till I understood upon whose (what club's) interpretation he based his decision; upon which he (capt.) retired, even before I had finished the sentence. I was shortly approached by a Dalhousie student, and informed that the Wanderer's gave the rule the interpretation about which we were disputing. And our referee was a Wanderer. The dispute ended and play was resumed. In answer to "Dalhousie, at Acadia's request, asked their best man to leave the team," allow me to state, that before the match began Dal. captain and myself arranged that in case a man of either team got injured, the opposing team should ask one of their men to withdraw—in which, I can see nothing unfair. I understood from a Dal. student, that the same thing was done for them in their matches at Pictou. There was no understand-