

perfect that he cannot be criticized, I am not prepared to say. Any person looking over the JOURNAL cannot but see the spirit of loyalty that runs through it from beginning to end. You could almost compare the students to the members of one party in the House of Commons. If one make a statement, even though it be not wholly correct, the rest will stick to him through fire and water. That may be the reason why you are not criticized.

Now I am not going to say anything against this. I would rather endorse it as the only proper state of affairs among students of such a college as Queen's. But what I want to say is that the Exchange Editor is only an ordinary student. Of course the paper with which he is connected is the best; and he can afford to criticize—pretty severely too sometimes—the petty attempts of the smaller exchanges such as Toronto, Montreal, etc., with just a little sarcasm occasionally thrown in, which shows the real feelings contained in his heart! Truly it could be said of him 'out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh' (or 'pen writheth'). What is most noticeable in the exchange column is the repetition of advice. He rarely gives a paper credit for a praiseworthy article, and when he does the praise is all embodied in two or three lines. Then follow a dozen telling the writer how it could have been improved.

And now dear editor as your space is limited I will stop, hoping that you will profit by this word of warning ere the poor editors at whom you strike call you the Hittite.

Yours,

A PRIVATE CRITIC.

AN ECSTASY.

(Written for the exchange column.)

Father may call it folly,
And preach a sermon or two,
But I tell you it's awful jolly,
When you're in love with Molly,
And Molly's in love with you.

EXCHANGES.

The strong point in the *McGill University Gazette* is without doubt its contributions. We have not yet forgotten 'Remarks on Shakespeare's *Tempest*,' and now we have another 'The Study of History.' The writer has evidently had before him Macaulay's essay on History, and has in some parts though not very closely followed it. He has, we think, committed the same error as Macaulay himself in making a study of history too much an actual history, i.e., unduly magnifying illustrations. This is tempting and can easily be pardoned. But it almost of necessity leads not perhaps to the ignoring but certainly to the concealment of principles.

Having said this we perhaps should not add but should rather leave to be inferred that the rest of the *Gazette* is not on a par with the contributions either in general interest or in literary excellence. But in that at least it is not peculiar. It is hardly to be expected that writers who work for every issue should produce articles as good as those which they can furnish who write but once.

The time has come for us to express our opinion of the wisdom and unwisdom of the *Notre Dame Scholastic* in printing Miss Donnelly's poem on Luther. When it first appeared we had thought that its publication was ill-advised. Still we felt on too friendly terms with the *Scholastic*, and especially with its liberal exchange editor, to raise the question. Further the exchange editor has with great mildness carried on the controversy which has arisen concerning the poem. We only express our views because we think that there is a principle involved which is in danger of being overlooked. Let us look at it in this light.

The non-Catholic press has a right to its views of Luther and of the Catholic church; the Catholic press has just as much right to its views of Luther and of the Protestant church. The organs of both churches may, always in the spirit of Christian charity, publish these views, for the non-Catholic press is meant to appeal to non-Catholic readers and the Catholic press to Catholic readers. The editor of the *Scholastic* might say "If so, that settles the question. We form a part of the Catholic press." But we desire the *Scholastic* to notice that though it is a part of the Catholic press, it is peculiar in this respect that from 150 to 250 of its readers (probably the actual number is considerably larger) are and must be Protestants. These are most of the editors of the various college papers of the continent. It would be one solution of the problem for the *Scholastic* to say "If you do not like our writings, why drop us from your exchange list." But that would be an extreme course. Besides we are pleased to confess that we would be prevented from adopting such a plan by purely selfish motives, for we consider the *Scholastic* a well-conducted paper, and to drop it from our exchange list would not be punishing it but only ourselves. To us a better solution would be, looking at the whole matter from the standpoint of simple courtesy, for our brother editors to publish nothing that would be calculated to offend so many of *their* readers, especially since no good can possibly come of it. If any of the college papers had taken upon itself to abuse the Catholic church, then might the *Scholastic* reasonably have risen up in arms, and it would have found an ally, however feeble, in the QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL.

Moreover, and we add this remark with a keen realization of our own shortcomings, surely it can not be in accord with that love which "hopeth all things" (and here we occupy common ground), when not one of us can be positively certain of Luther's present position, to entertain the idea that he is in Hell.

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Woman who has been looking over blankets in a Main street store: "Well, I didn't mean to buy. Am just looking for a friend." Clerk, politely: "I don't think you'll find your friend among the blankets madam. We've looked em all through."