

sort of thing which magnifies the six thousand Jesuit priests scattered over the globe into hundreds of thousands before the eyes of many Protestants—and of many Catholics too. Such a misconception may be an advantage to the Society in some respects, but it may be a decided disadvantage in other respects. Still, if they want the fat they must be content to take the lean with it.

AN EXCHANGE COLUMN.

From several quarters has come recently the complaint that *The Owl* lacks an exchange column, and the accompanying advice that we fill up the want as soon as possible. Our exchange column was not abolished without serious reflection and full discussion. We came to the conclusion that, so far as we were concerned, such a department, despite its undeniable advantages, required for its proper conduct, too many sacrifices on the part of the editor charged with its management. In other words we did not believe that the game was worth the candle. In that belief we still persevere, and so long as the foundations of our belief remain undisturbed, *The Owl* will remain without an exchange column.

THE LIVERPOOL "CATHOLIC TIMES."

Every lover of high-class Catholic journalism will rejoice at the latest evidence of the prosperity of this great English Catholic weekly. In the last issue that has reached us the Catholic Times is enlarged and improved most visibly and most acceptably. What we admire most about the Times is the universality of its sympathies. It is Catholic to the core, and nothing Catholic is ever foreign to its heartiest good wishes and enthusiastic support.

In this respect it offers a sharp and agreeable contrast to its prominent London Catholic contemporary, *The Tablet*. Edited with marked ability and rare success. *The Tablet* is, nevertheless, too stubbornly political and too narrowly national to be ever accepted as the great organ of English speaking Catholics. British Tory Catholics may find it to their liking, but impartial and capable critics have sometimes been heard to say—and with proof in hand—that *The Tablet* occasionally seemed to make creed slightly secondary to party and to country. In this respect it might learn a useful lesson from the Liverpool Catholic Times.

THE PHALEN PRIZE.

The Rev. D. V. Phalen, '89, on the occasion of his recent visit to his alma mater, set an example that might be profitably followed by others among our alumni. Understanding fully the importance of emulation as a factor in success, Father Phalen offered a valuable prize—the Essays of Agnes Repplier, the finest light essayist in America, and a Catholic—for the best literary essay by any member of the freshman or sophomore year. The subject has been already announced, the competition promises to be keen, and the results most beneficial. With the Phalen prize in the first two years of the University course, and the Warnock medal in the last two, English literature is fairly well provided with special encouragement. But there are many other branches sadly forgotten. Who will be the next alumnus to act in the matter. *The Owl* expects every man of them to do his duty.