

OUR EXCHANGE COLUMN.

It is quite refreshing to see exchanges take their places upon our table month after month. They show a spirit of enterprise in the institutions whence they come, while their columns give expression to student thought upon a variety of questions. We scan their pages eagerly for notes on the working of the colleges they represent, and, after satisfying curiosity, take our position as editor to consider articles that may have attracted attention.

In this number it gives us great pleasure to welcome the first college paper from the Far West—the MANITOBA COLLEGE JOURNAL. In form, it is one of the neatest which have yet reached us. The form which the announcement takes recommends the paper at once. The aim to be kept in view is worthy of commendation. As stated, the interests of the college and the missionary needs of the country will be kept prominently before the readers. We wish our friends success in their venture.

The pages of the BEACON, an American exchange, are always interesting. It has a sprightly tone which adds to its general attractiveness. In the last number there is a strong plea for women workers in the Christian Ministry. Many arguments are brought forward. But, why not consult the *Bible* on the question? The writer would thereby spare himself much wasted energy. There

only, is the Christian Ministry defined. Thee, also, the work of the individual is clearly indicated. Why not go directly to that source, and from it address the one, and not appeal to the other? We remember hearing a clergyman while preaching against the doctrine of election, set forth many apparently strong arguments the product of his own fertile brain, but all the while he seemed quite forgetful that there was an *authority* on the question. Probabilities, possibilities, plausibilities may be talked over, and considered, but there is a *divine utterance*, an "*it is written*," to which if men would pay heed, they would do away with much profitless contention over Christian doctrine.

We congratulate the managers and editors of the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY on the improvement in form and enlargement of their Journal. It is, as an exchange remarks, "a solid looking periodical," and we add, both within and without. A good deal of space is given to missionary items from the pens of the students. In this respect the College Journals of theological colleges might do much more to forward the interests of student missionary societies, and to create interest in mission work in general.

The QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL, though professedly representing all the Faculties, rarely submits to its