

an essential part of a college education, by pointing out the practical utility of "clear and logical" expression in every sphere of life. If the hints which have been thrown out on this subject would only materialize and develop into a well-established league in the Maritime Provinces, more interest would be awakened and, consequently, more good accomplished in this line, than is attainable by any one college working by itself. "In union there is strength." Why not let us have it?"

Much pleasure is afforded us in perusing the pages of a new and very welcome visitor, *The Holy Cross Purple*, published by the students of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. This paper, from a literary point of view, may easily be assigned to place among the leaders; rating it by its degree of excellence from the artistic point of view, we feel safe in saying that it is superior to any that has yet reached our table. Though equal in many respects to the average magazine, it evidently does not presume, like some of our college journals, to pose as such. "From Rome to Ireland" is a most interesting article, and displays a great richness of description. That the muse smiled upon some of *The Purple's* staff is very apparent. "The Locomotive's Christmas Whistle" gives evidence of a vivid imagination and a mastering of the pathetic in literature.

In the December number of the *Ottawa Review* appears a profound criticism of "The Poetry of Aubrey De Vere." The writer first makes mention of the fact that the people of Ireland are, generally speaking, led by the poet's name to believe that he is a Frenchman rather than a son of the "Isle of Song." The different styles of the poet are taken up and commented upon by the critic; and though he hints that his review is only superficial, nevertheless it fathoms to no mean depth the productions of De Vere's pen. The criticism is not of the one-sided class, for, while the good qualities are highly praised, the faults are judiciously censured.

We are pleased to learn that the success of *The Boston Provincialist* during the past year will warrant it in appearing more frequently in the future.