

Our Exchanges.

Since the last issue of *THE TYRO* we have been favoured with many welcome visitants from various seats of learning. We receive with all thankfulness their kindly criticisms and gratulatory expressions, and in return take the same privilege of expressing our opinions about our exchanges. One of the pleasing features noticeable in College journalism is, the interest manifested by the various institutions of learning in each other's welfare. Whatever truth there may be in the expression of England's melancholy muse, that "lands intersected by a narrow frith abhor each other," we feel that colleges thus situated can live in the most perfect concord, and rejoice in each other's prosperity. Nor is it strange that this should be the case since, though occupying different parts of the wide field of labour, our cause is one. There is benefit as well as pleasure to be derived from the interchange of ideas, especially among minds that are grappling with the same subjects of thought. Let us then lift our heads occasionally from the perusal of ancient lore, and take the luxury of a friendly chat through our magazines, the only but excellent medium of communication. We are cheered by the friendly "voices from afar off" that speak to us of common aims and interests, and now in the merriest season of the year, we return warmest greetings.

The first exchange we notice is the *Seminary Budget*, which comes to us in elegant style, and with some excellent matter. "Ideal Womanhood" is good. The ideal of manhood expressed in "co-education" is not so pleasing. We trust the reason is that the ladies are not so well acquainted with the latter. If, however, their ideas are based on facts, we are sorry that the fair ones have been so unfortunate as to form acquaintances only with such naughty boys as would give them such unfavourable impressions. We are sincerely thankful that though the ladies "beg leave to be excused from entering this *interesting* field of missionary labour," they still strive to evangelize and elevate us by their neat and excellent magazine.

The Alumni Journal is again upon our table. It contains an article strongly opposed to compulsory education, on the grounds that it is against the spirit of the age, that it interferes with personal liberty, is unadvisable—since so much has been accomplished without it—and is impracticable because it will not be carried out. To the first of these objections we would answer, that nothing which is right should be rejected whether opposed to the spirit of the age or not; to the second, that the education of those who are to become her future citizens very properly falls within the jurisdiction of the State; as to the argument founded upon what voluntary education has hitherto done, we think that it offers no reason for refusing