

chisement. The transportation of troops, and the intercourse of the European nations with their colonies in the East, improved navigation and commerce. Many useful discoveries were made, and the sugar cane was transplanted to Europe, while the communication which was opened to Syria and Greece led to a complete revival of literature, arts and sciences. It can therefore be safely said that the crusades, instead of being an evil were, in reality, one of the greatest blessings that ever befell Europe; for they freed her nations from the fear of the Turks and her people from the thralldom of the nobles; and thus gave her whatever happiness or liberty she possesses at the present day.

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Ariel*, from the University of Minnesota, comes to our sanctum for the first time as an exchange. We are well pleased with it and all it contains, except its "Home Hits and Happenings." From these we learn that a young scapegrace of the Sophomore class, with more meanness than wit, addressed an insincere letter of sympathy to Guiteau, a wretched man laboring under the most cruel sentence of American criminal law. The cruelty and heartlessness of the *alias*, "Rev. J. C. Blair," were insufficient to appease the malice of himself and some of his fellows, but the gravity of the first disgusting proceeding was aggravated by publishing the *bonâ-fide* answer of the unfortunate criminal's sister, Mrs. Scoville. We are surprised that the corps of editors of the *Ariel*, which, by the way, contains some members of the gentle sex, having shown such judgment in the dress and material of their journal, should have so grievously outraged the sublime virtue of charity, and even commonplace politeness, as to allow their columns to become a field for portraying the consummation, or rather the culmination, of human grossness and depravity. Guiteau is a man worthy of the judgment pronounced against him, but even then he is more an object of pity than resentment to true-hearted men and women. Mrs. Scoville, on the other hand, is, to all appearance, a lady, and as a lady is deserving of the kind regards and chivalrous attention of men. From a man who can drown the voice of his conscience so as to express a sympathy never felt for the condemned criminal, we expect very little gallantry, but from the *Ariel*,— Enough, we hope to see its columns free from any such stigma for the future.

The *Occident*, a weekly college journal from Berkeley, California, is a paper with which we are more pleased at each return to our table. There is a noble tone of independence throughout its pages, increased by its coming forward and asking the students of the University to which it belongs to contribute to its columns. We are aware that there are many college journals in the United States and Canada which

purport to emanate from the unskilled hands of undergraduates, and are in reality the effusions of the professors. We credit the *Occident* with the honor of detecting the ruse of some college directors, who edit professional advertising sheets, but we would wish our Occidental visitor to exclude us from the sweeping swathe of his pen. In our first number we informed the public that they might not expect much from our uncultured pens, and that only our own contributions would be published in *THE SPECTATOR*. Since then no article has been inserted in *THE SPECTATOR* but the original composition of students of some of our regular college-classes.

The *K. M. I. News* publishes a notice of *THE SPECTATOR*, saying that we "treat the most vital subjects in twelve or fifteen line editorials." This is rather laconic; and we are puzzled to know whether the line contains a commendation for conciseness, or a reproach for carelessness. We would wish the "Ex." to be more explicit. Though, on the whole, the *News* is all we could expect from a military institution, we notice in a late issue, an article on the well-worn subject, Guiteau. Here the *News* informs us indubitably that the murderer of the late President Garfield is insane. The *News* thus places itself in the lists against the sworn testimony of medical experts. Furthermore, it proclaims in braggart language that for all that he must hang. The Institute which fosters this periodical cannot be such a one as the great American people desire; for they are a law-loving, and, on the whole, a righteous people; and, on hearing this decree on the part of the editor, they cannot but be shocked, when they reflect what the future of their country must be, when the young soldiers are daily fed on such revolting and illegal intellectual diet. It is our opinion that either this paper is published without the consent or will of the Institute authorities, or that those authorities require a strict governmental surveillance in order that they may not imbue youthful and ardent minds with the blood-thirsty sentiments which their journalistic organ professes.

We are gratified to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges: *Archangel*, *Undergraduates' Journal*, *Sunbeam*, *Canadian Spectator*, *Scholastic*, *Harp*, *Connecticut Catholic*, *Revue Canadienne*, *College Message*, *'Varsity*, *Catholic Mirror*, *Catholic Shield*, *Occident*, *Wyoming Monthly*, *Haverfordian*, *Treasury*, *Donahoe's Magazine*, *Ave Maria*, *Oracle*, *Les Annales Teresiennes*, *K. M. I. News*, *Student*, *College Cabinet*, *College Journal*, *Beacon*, *Canada First*, *The Student's Journal*, *Weekly Star*, *Ariel*, and *Chionean Argus*.

The owner of a pair of bright eyes says that the prettiest compliment she ever received came from a child of four years. The little fellow, after looking intently at her eyes a moment, inquired naively, "Are your eyes new ones?"