



Among the many numbers which have reached our sanctum during the month of April, the spring number of *St. Thomas Purple and Grey* is worthy of special mention. Being the initial number to grace our table since it has changed its name from "St. Thomas Collegian" to "St. Thomas Purple and Grey," its welcome is thrice hearty. The spring edition of this publication is replete with poems and essays, and to our mind it much surpasses the high standard as a first class college magazine which it previously set when published under its name of "Collegian." The article entitled "The Real Value of Military Training" is very interesting and instructive. The author very ably points out to us the many advantages to be derived both by the youth and by the manhood of a nation from a course in military training. The wealth and quality of the several editorials appearing in this issue demanded our particular attention, as the information conveyed is most valuable. In one of the editorials, however, there is an appreciable effort on the part of the author to cast undue reflection, and to belittle the national honor of several of Europe's foremost nations; needless to say he has hardly succeeded.

In the March number of the *Columbiad* we find a number of good poems and short interesting stories. The poem entitled "Twilight" is a real gem, full of figures and poetic feeling. Also the poem "Home, Sweet Home," speaks highly for the poetical aptitudes which the author possesses. The story, "The Heart of an Old Cremona," is replete with interest, and is at the same time original. As has been already stated in several of our contemporaries, the art of "short story" writing has been almost entirely neglected in the different college papers; such, however, should not be the case, for the advantages to be derived from short story writing are innumerable. The *Columbiad*, judging from the several short stories contained in the issue at hand, has fully realized the advantages to be gained, and has set an example which any university or college organ might well follow.