

Exchanges.

PROBABLY no question to-day receives the same attention from our rulers as that of how we may best conserve the natural resources of the country. Only last year President Roosevelt assembled a council of state governors to discuss the problems of this nature that every year are being forced more to the front in the United States.

In Canada, perhaps, the chief loss so far is in connection with the forests. Canada possesses millions of acres of valuable timber, but it is being rapidly depleted, and one of the saddest aspects of the matter is that much of the loss could be prevented but for the ignorance and carelessness of settlers, travellers and prospectors. Along with this goes wasteful methods of lumbering, and the failure to attempt to re-forest the acres cut or burned. As a preventative for these evils, in Canada, schools of forestry have been established in connection with the universities of Toronto and New Brunswick. The latter has just opened classes in this subject this fall, but at Toronto a rather more advanced stage has been reached. We quote from *The Canadian Forestry Journal*: "The Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto enters upon its second year auspiciously, the registration of new students having increased even beyond what was anticipated. At the beginning of the term twenty-one students had registered, and the number is expected to still further increase to at least twenty-five. A new building has been provided for the combined use of the Faculty of Forestry and the Department of Botany."

Surely we may expect very much from these institutions. Dr. Arthur Hadley, President of Yale University, thinks that the schools of forestry will eventually largely solve the problem of how we can best prevent the depletion of our forests. A long life and a strong arm to the departments of forestry at Toronto and New Brunswick.

One of our most welcome exchanges is *The Student*, published by the Students' Representative Council of Edinburgh University. The magazine is tastefully and substantially made up, while the literary workmanship shows variety, and in places a good deal of strength. Some of the articles in recent numbers that are worth reading might be mentioned: "The Oxonian Attitude," "A Corner of the Fatherland," "David West, Lord Rector," "Extracts from the Diary of a Bacillus."

An Irishman was being shown the sights of New York by an obliging Yankee, who gave him much interesting information. Pointing at an imposing statue, he remarked, "See that statue? Well, that's George Washington—a lie never passed his lips." "Well, replied Paddy, "I suppose he spoke as all you Yankees do, through his nose!"—*The Student*.