

sident's office an elegant writing desk with numerous receptacles to hold the multitudinous papers that at present lie in disorder on the office table. On behalf of the Faculty, Executive Committee, and Governors, Dr. Trotter heartily thanked the class for their thoughtfulness.

## Our Exchanges.

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It is truly marvellous with what facility the editor of the Exchange column can acquire a vocabulary of stereotyped expressions with which to describe the various college magazines that present themselves for review. And just in proportion as he succeeds in this, so he is successful in divesting his column of any interest whatever. A mere notice of the leading articles in another paper, and a few general comments thereon which can be made without actually reading the articles, must be of very little value, and yet on the other hand space forbids a comprehensive review of our exchanges unless the discussion is limited to one or two each issue. This month in order to relieve the monotony to some extent, other papers are made to furnish a few extracts some of which are more or less relevant to the life at Acadia.

An editorial in the *Dalhousie Gazette* urging upon graduates the necessity of forming college clubs in the interests of their *Alma Mater*, concludes with a few sentences relating to the paper. To these we respectfully call the attention of our own graduates asking them to substitute "ATHENÆUM" for "Gazette," "Why the way the *Gazette* is treated in the matter of contributions is proof of this. For perhaps the first year as an alumnus the graduate may write in a negligent manner, but after that the editors' frantic appeals are answered by 'Sorry, lack of time', 'much interested but cannot contribute', 'appreciate your efforts but am far too busy', or most of all the crushing 'do not take the college paper now' dashed off in one long scrawl at lightning speed."

From different quarters comes the lament that the college debating society is not what it should be. The *Gazette* is disappointed in the Mock Parliament at Dalhousie while the Mount Allison *Argosy* has the following :— "We regret to say that from year to year there has been a lowering of the ideal once held by the members of the Eurhetorian. Much of the activity, dignity, and sincerity has gone . . . who does not know in what light he ought to regard a debating society in 'an institution of higher learning?' There is no one who uses his judgment but will feel himself disgraced for neglecting to prepare his debate and for resorting then to a verbal