

and will induce systematic daily study is a step forward in our educational system. We would like to see it introduced into all the classes.

THIS is the right article put in the wrong place. It would have been unjust to our contemporaries and unthankful on our part to have closed the present volume of the JOURNAL without some reference to the many kindnesses and honorable mentions we have received. The article is in the wrong place because we have no exchange column. To whatever reason our friends may assign this we hope they will not put it down to the fact that we think such a column a mark of childhood in journalism. Such is not our opinion of a well managed exchange department. There is no more difficult part of an editor's work than to write a just criticism of a paper in different circumstances and perhaps with a totally different object from his own. Much ridicule has been cast on this part of our work and much annoyance felt by the course some college papers (?) have persisted in taking. These sheets print some of the wildest and most unjust criticisms with no other reason than the hope of being snubbed and therefore "mentioned" by some big gun. Wherever this narrow nothing-if-not-critical spirit is forever cropping out, we set down the institution to which it belongs as peculiarly secular and local. Our Canadian college papers and the best American are very free from this spirit, and to all these we extend our hearty hopes for continued success next session. We welcome two new arrivals—*Knox College Monthly* and *Astrum Alberti*—both of which supply a want we were long surprised to find existing in these colleges. We gladly take the hand of friendship offered by the *Varsity* and congratulate it on its very marked improvement during this year. We like the *esprit de corps*, which *Acta Victoriana* seems charged with. Our thanks are given to all our other exchanges, some forty in number, which of course we cannot review separately.

THE Finance Minister has answered the petitions in favor of remitting the tax upon books presented by the University authorities, the professors and students, and the friends of public libraries throughout the whole Dominion by advising Parliament to allow the importation of old books. Any book published within seven years of its arrival in Canada must pay the penalty of being new. If professors read new editions, or students study new text books, they must pay fifteen per cent. and submit to the usual custom-house impediments with all the attendant expenses. A finer example of asking for bread and getting a stone could not be desired. The Finance Minister may get twenty or thirty thousand dollars by this tax, though after deducting the payment of the custom-house officers he may have a minus sum to add to his surplus. But he will have shown how highly he estimates the intellectual development of Canada and the sacrifices he is willing to make for principle. The principle of course is the N.P., in plain English, a brace or so of small printing establishments in Montreal and Toronto that are already sufficiently protected by the Canadian Copyright Act.

THE appointment of the Rev. Donald Ross, M.A., B.D., to the Chair of Biblical Criticism and Apologetics is another proof that Queen's College, like John Brown's soul, is still marching on. A better appointment could not have been made. Mr. Ross distinguished himself, while a student, in almost every department, and notably in classics, mathematics and philosophy; and since his ordination, he has, unlike too many who leave college, increased his scholarship and kept himself well abreast of the thought, learning and spirit of the time. He has acted as lecturer and examiner here and in Montreal, and his testimony at the banquet to Professor Mowat's students was very signifi-