

Exchanges received this month: *The Theologue*, *Niagara Index*, *Presbyterian College Journal*, *Trinity University Review*, *Manitoba College Journal*, *Shurtleff "College Review," Colby Echo*, *Dalhousie Gazette*, *Kalamazoo Index*.

The Month.

Anything new is always welcomed at Acadia, and especially if it be of a social nature when Receptions are "like angel's visits" few and far between. So when the A. A. A. for the first time in their history, issued invitations for a Reception in College Hall Dec. 9th, all who were not detained at home by visions of appalling exam.-papers on the morrow gladly accepted. On their arrival the guests were welcomed by the Pres. and Vice-Pres. of the Association and presented with dainty Topic cards. The decorations were very appropriate, foot balls, tennis-rackets, base-balls and bats being in evidence, while hunting in college colors was gracefully twined among the electric lights. The music provided was excellent, and although it was much later than was intended when the company separated, the evening seemed all too short.

A debate between the Sodales Club of Dalhousie and our own debating society is now a practically sure thing. Final arrangements, except perhaps a few minor details, were made by a joint committee from the Societies which met in Halifax, December 17th. and after a most amicable session agreed upon the various matters which came before them, Messrs McNeill and Farris who were there in the interests of the home society received the most gentlemanly treatment from those with whom they were in conference and the month is well assured that the relations between Dalhousie and Acadia in their friendly contest for supremacy on the rostrum will be no less frank and cordial than have been those between this college and Kings.

Sunday evening, Dec. 11th. the Association conducted the second in its series of Missionary meetings. Mr. Charles E. Morse '97, Instructor in the Academy, in a fifteen minute talk suggested some of the many excuses offered by those who *should* but would *rather not* be ready to do the Master's work in other than home lands. Mr. Dimock read a paper discussing some of the foes to missionary enterprise, followed by Mrs. H. G. Colpitts, who treated of the encouraging features of the work.

Just when the "Junior Exhibition" made its maiden bow to a much-enduring public is a matter of conjecture. It is to be hoped, however, that sometime in the Dark Ages, it first saw the light, and its perpenation through times of clearer vision down to the present is due solely to the strong hold that custom has upon men—college men as well as less wise mortals. Some day it will be abolished and students will wonder how they endured for so long this antiquated relic of less enlightened times. A query just now is,—Why did not the very democratic Junior Class of the present year inform the powers that be, in College, that it would dispense with a "Junior." Such action the class did not take for reasons unexplained and Monday night Dec. 19th. after weeks on the rack, writing, reading, and receiving meekly, as they should, much deserved criticism and a little hard-earned praise, the Junior band, twenty-six strong, came before an audience so pre-