

EXCHANGES.

Scattered before us in a manner anything but systematic we find the Christmas numbers of our exchanges. That they are most interesting is an assured fact; and the reason one may easily surmise if he only reflect upon the season the events of which are chronicled in their pages. It seems as if the representatives of the college world vied with one another, as it were, in conveying to their respective readers the most joyous tidings and the happiest thoughts which that Season of Christian Gratitude could inspire. Christmas poems and short stories are in abundance, while every editorial page heralds forth the greetings of its staff. Again many of our confreres incur the additional expense of clothing their papers in a new garb, suitable to the season, and are thereby successful in attracting the eye.

We now come to our review — a very embarrassing and unsatisfactory task for journals. We feel that we must, though reluctantly, slight with a cursory glance others which are equally worthy of commendation.

The S. V. C. *Student*, from Los Angeles, Cal., first attracts our attention because of its outward appearance: We should say without any hesitation whatever that, for beauty of dress, this journal is far in advance of any Xmas number which entered our sanctum. The design of its cover is in itself unique and very symbolic; but when embellished with gold and bordered with blue, it becomes a garb of rare beauty. Going below the surface we find a lengthy article on His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. It is written in an easy, flowing style, giving the pedigree of His Holiness, his standing as a man of letters and his relation to Christendom and the world in general. Heeding the invitation of the writer: "Wake up and rub your eyes and come along," we get a glimpse of Rome, the inmost recesses of the Vatican, and of St. Peter's. We trust that the staff of the *Student* will succeed in inducing the writer of "A Glimpse of Pope Leo" to keep up his good work, that we may become better acquainted with the City of Peter.

The *Acadia Athanæum*, also clad in honor of the season, we find to be in the full sense of the word a Christmas number, several of its pages being devoted to that festival. The views of the *Athanæum* on "Intercollegiate Debating" are to the point, and very plausible. It shows the necessity of making the debate