

Among our Exchanges.

Before the days of railways and telegraph lines, people lived and died and scarcely knew there was a world beyond the hills that encircled their native glen. So before the days of college papers and magazines, students toiled on almost oblivious of the fact that, beyond the walls of their own Alma Mater, other colleges existed and other students toiled up the hill. Now, how different! We snatch a moment from our toil, and, taking up an exchange, perhaps from a sister Province, perhaps from a Southern State or the Pacific slope, and—lo! those far-distant speak to us. We learn that others too are by-times stumbling over Greek roots, and that others too, in spite of brave struggling, are sometimes painfully reminded of Sisyphus and his stone.

The man who neglects to mingle with his fellow men becomes narrow-minded and crotchety; so the students who publish no paper, and hold no intercourse with fellow-students, will become narrow in their views and dogmatical. Hence we perceive one of the many advantages of a college paper.

We—if we credit the kind notices we have seen from time to time in our exchanges—think *The Tyro* has improved since its inception, two years ago. And, rising from the perusal of these exchanges, we think progress is certainly necessary if we would keep pace with the growth of college journalism. In those two years there has been a rapid improvement in such publications, both in tone and in matter. Many that once were filled with articles of only local importance, and wit that had not spice enough to live beyond the school where it originated, are now entering upon a wider field, and discussing more general and important questions—questions that are intimately connected with the well-being of society; and they are making themselves felt, and that for good. Time was, when, if these publications encouraged students to write, that they might improve themselves, their friends were satisfied; but now that the college press has shown itself possessed of power, they are not satisfied unless it is exercised for the good of society.

First, a word about our Canadian College exchanges. When *The Tyro* was first published, there was—so far as we are aware—only one Canadian College paper in existence, viz., *The Dalhousie Gazette*. Now there are several.

The University Gazette, published by the students of the McGill Colleges, Montreal, ranks high; is sound and good.

The Aurora, Albert College, Belleville, Ont., No. 1, in making its bow, says, "It is gratifying to know that there is a growing desire for a purer literature." This may be literally true; but when we consider that the increase in a class of literature that *The Aurora* would not call pure is much more rapid than any other,