

wasting a few thousand dollars a year. We trust that the *Gazette* will kindly reveal to us a few more of those pleasing traits of character of which we are unconsciously the fortunate possessor.

We have received the March No. of the *Scientific News* published in New York. Its most prominent article is entitled "Capt. Eads' Great Ship Railway," advocating the construction of a marine railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The article is fully illustrated by diagrams, and the conveyance of the largest ships safely and speedily from the Atlantic to the Pacific seems fully provided for. If such a road could be built and equipped so strongly and massively as to sustain such enormous weight we see not why it could not be preferable to a more costly canal. The proposed railway would be composed of 12 rails, spaced four or five feet apart. Two locomotives five times as powerful as ordinary freight engines would be used. Cradles would be employed suitable for all classes of vessels, and having wheels about 3 ft. apart on each rail, making a total for large steamers of from ten to twelve hundred wheels. The maximum cost of such a road at Panama is estimated by Capt. Eads at \$50,000,000. Among other interesting and noteworthy articles are "The proposed New Bridge over the Douro," "Novel Hydraulic Locomotive," and "Throwing a Ball on a horizontal curve," which last should be especially interesting to college students.

We were somewhat amused at the criticisms on Canadian Exchanges in the *College Rambler*. They were original at least, and that is something in these artificial days. The *Acadia Athenæum* received honorable mention, being described as "decidedly sentimental." What a relief it was to find that we were not so austere as we are commonly reputed by our acquaintances! And judging by the contents of the present *Rambler*, its editors have had sufficient experiences in the very softest sentiment to constitute them competent judges. Take a few examples culled at random:—"He is telling her that 'Joe is very glad to see his old friend,' and she is loth to have him leave her, for she says, 'Sam shun sunshine. Do you shun sunshine?' He does not, and answers tenderly, O sweet and strange it seems to me to be with you once more. I can scarcely believe it, but it must be so.' Hark! they whisper, and the words are so low that we cannot distinguish them. 'Forever and forever, followed by 'Yes, dear, I'll love thee and bless thee.'"—Has the *Athenæum* ever produced any sentimentalism to compare with the above? We fear not, and

are too discouraged to ever again try to even think anything sentimental.

We are sorry to learn that the last of our exchanges, the *Harvard Register*, is about to suspend publication owing to want of funds. It is a paper, or rather a magazine, of which Harvard might well be proud, and we were much surprised to hear of its contemplated suspension. We hope, however, the necessary aid will be forthcoming, so that the *Register* may continue to adorn the ranks of College Journals.

Our Wolfville "Star," judging from a true and infallible sign, has lately become a planet, its centre of attraction being the "Sun," its orbit very eccentric, and its course not yet very clearly defined. We incline to the belief, however, that the moon in some mysterious way acted upon it indirectly. We would suggest to some of our amateur astronomers a careful investigation of the celestial phenomenon, as curious facts might be then elucidated which at present are unknown to the astronomical world. It might also afford a pleasing and useful exercise for some of our disciples of Olney, to accurately compute the character of the curve described, locate its foci, calculate the relations between its contemporaneous infinitesimal increments and decrements, and determine the velocity and period of revolution of this Satellite of the "Star."

Personals.

'80. Geo. H. Croscup has gone to teach in the High School, Fredericton, N. B.

'81. A. C. Chute has been excused to go home for a few days on account of ill health.

'83. —J. R. Hutchinson has been appointed missionary to the Telugus, by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board of the Maritime Provinces, and with his wife will sail about the end of August.

Whosoever during his earthly life has flung sensual pleasures behind, and been studious to adorn his soul, not with conventional and adventitious trappings, but its own proper decoration, temperance and justice, and courage and freedom and truth, the person so prepared waits cheerfully to perform the journey to the unseen world at whatever period Fate may choose to call him.—*Socrates*.