

a wide and sympathetic range of vision and others who continue to be school boys or at the most become merely craftsmen. A student who is still remembered here declared one day some years ago in a mood of rather droll confession that he had been an atheist three weeks ago, but that he supposed he was only a fool at present. He declared his intention, however, of continuing this course of development and hoped ultimately to reach some firm ground. He was neither an atheist nor a fool, but his state of mind was none the less promising because of these fancied stages of its growth. He and many another are instances of men who are earnest enough to break through the crust of thoughtless uncultured ideas and to grapple as well as they are able with the real questionings which must always attack an earnest mind. If there are any students who avoid or remain blind to these problems they are missing the most significant feature of their University career.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of our American college contemporaries, in acknowledging the first number of this JOURNAL for the year, remarks that there is too much in the JOURNAL about the university itself, and that a wider range of subjects would enhance its value. This may be the case from the standpoint of those at a distance, to whom the existence of Queen's University is a matter of small concern. The great majority of those who read this paper, however, are students and friends of the University, and we take it that what they look for is just exactly the matter which our good contemporary disparages. If people want to read of

other matters they have other books and papers which supply their needs; this paper, like all good newspapers as well as sermons, tries to stick to its text and to tell its readers what is being done and a little of what is being thought among the community of persons known as the University of Queen's College. So long as there is enough of this to fill our columns we shall not, as a rule, be able to go afield for general themes, even if in pursuing this course we fail to interest the readers of exchanges at other colleges. The contemporary in question is among the best college papers that have been seen this session, but the pages which are found most interesting here are those which take us among the students who publish it.

It is not too early in the present volume of the JOURNAL to mention the obligations we are under to our publishers, the press of the *British Whig*. The excellent character of the workmanship shown in each succeeding issue, and the politeness and consideration with which the officials of the JOURNAL are always treated, are pleasing amenities to which indirectly every reader of this paper is indebted. Mr. George Hanson and his assistants at the office of the *Whig* are as much interested in the success of the JOURNAL as any of the students, and the care which is devoted to the printing of these pages is on a par with that taken by those who write them. Whatever credit is at any time earned by the JOURNAL from its proprietors, the Alma Mater Society, must be shared with the employees of the *British Whig*, whose handiwork is so important to the quality of this publication.