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### EXCHANGES.

We join in the request of some of our exchanges to college editors to fold their papers instead of rolling them, as the ex-man's task would thereby be rendered far less troublesome.

The Christmas number of the *Hamilton College Monthly* has almost induced us to become advocates of Women's Rights. It is beyond doubt the finest holiday number we have received, and speaks well for the enterprise and ability of the young ladies who have its publication in charge. Numerous illustrations and some fine bits of original verse are noteworthy features. We would be pleased to see more of our exchanges imitating the *Monthly's* example.

The *Red and Blue* has donned a simple but tasty garb in honor of the festive season. Its contents are of more than usual excellence, though perhaps too much prominence is given to stories in preference to articles of a more solid character. It must be said, however, that the stories are well written and give a most opportune sprightliness to the paper.

The *Polytechnic* for December comes to us in an enlarged form. In general make-up it is the equal of any of our exchanges, while its contents monthly include articles replete with interesting and useful scientific knowledge. In the number before us appears an abstract of a lecture on "Steel" which will repay careful perusal. Nor does the *Polytechnic* devote all its space to scientific subjects. "West Point Reminiscences," sketched in a light, pleasing style, and an amusing story, "An Unconscious Revenge," with a few short pieces of passable rhyme, constitute an agreeable variety of matter.

The will of the late Daniel B. Fayerweather, of New York, contains a remark-

able list of bequests to colleges. Among the institutions that receive legacies are the following: Bowdoin College (Maine), Amherst College, Williams' College, Dartmouth College, Wesleyan University (Conn.), Hamilton College (N. Y.), University of Rochester, Lincoln University (Chester Co., Pa.), each \$100,000; Union Theological Seminary and Lafayette College, each \$50,000; Yale College, Sheffield Scientific School, \$300,000, and Columbia College and Cornell University (New York), \$200,000. The bequests to colleges amount in all to \$2,100,000.

The Christmas number of the *Argosy* is a creditable production. Its festive garb is chaste in design and thoroughly Canadian in sentiment. Much space is devoted to news directly affecting Mount Allison, and cuts of the chief members of the Faculty are furnished. There are in addition some very seasonable articles, notably that entitled "Legends and Love of Christmas Tide."

The December number of the *University Mirror*, though it has nothing in keeping with the Christmas season, is yet deserving of notice. The near approach of examinations gives occasion for a strong editorial plea to students to be honorable in passing them every time, which we heartily endorse. Every student should be convinced that "if the moral factor is left out of a young man's education, no matter how keen an intellectuality may be developed, he may rest assured the world has no need of him. Culture has only increased his powers of evil." The writer on "Characteristics of College Oratory," has well pointed the utter hollowness of most of those overwrought productions known as College Orations.

The *Fordham Monthly*, as we learn from its November number to which we will confine our attention, rejoices in the possession of an exchange critic (?) hailing from Halifax. We have sometimes heard the expression: "Go to Halifax," used by persons when not actuated by the best feelings towards their neighbor, but considered it an euphemism. We are wiser now, thanks to our friend of the *Fordham Monthly*. And now, friend Halifax, to use your own grandiloquent phrase, let us have a grand procession to the altar of criticism and there pledge ourselves to give and take. But, first, let us