

EXCHANGES.

The Owl, of February, contains "Gladstone and Ingersoll," a strong article justly appreciative of the Grand Old Man, and with little patience for the blatant infidel. "Genius versus Talent," for its fine discriminations and just conclusions, deserves careful reading. The editor gives a deserved rebuke to what he aptly terms the "unseemly wrangle" between certain Universities.

The Argosy, of January, in editorials, chiefly discusses questions of local interest, which harmonizes with our conception of the office of the sanctum. An appreciative and patriotic article entitled, "New Brunswick," by W. McInerney, compels a reading. Here is a sentence with the true ring: "If you are an annexationist pause and reflect on what you are losing when your country's identity is lost in the neighbouring Republic." A faithful presentation of the impressions one has in "The First Night at Sea;" a carefully analyzed review of "The Qualities which Constitute a True Man," and a brief criticism of Longfellow's style and composition as seen in his shorter poems, complete the literary department.

The Thielensian gives a large number of editorials, brief and to the point. Its contention that the religious studies of the course should be allowed to hold their place is well grounded. "New Year's Customs" is entertaining. "The Unconquerable Spirit of Puritanism" presents us these old fathers in an unprejudiced light. In "What's the Use of All This?" Miss Julia Ackerman urges the cause of music with the enthusiasm of a special pleader. List ye "Theos" to one sentence: "If there is one class of persons who need musical culture that class certainly is the Christian ministry." We are always glad to welcome you, *Thielensian*. We trust your visits will not cease.

We were pleased to receive *Manitoba College Journal*. An editorial favoring "Examinations;" a criticism of "Robert Elsmere's Gospel;" an entertaining account of "A Year in the Mission Field," are among the more important contents.

Queen's College Journal—if for no other reason—receives our warm encomium because of one editorial which ought to be forwarded, in italics, to a certain church, in a certain villa, not a thousand miles away. Note its tenor: "The majority of our church students are neither bond-holders in any of the great railways nor possessors of a corner in wheat. * * * And yet * * * they ask our men to preach for them, and when the work is over, pay them with a 'Thank you.'" "The Meanderings of a Sophistical Mathematician" we advise the Sophs to read.

There is a wide difference between honest doubt, which questions because it sincerely desires to know the truth, and sneering skepticism which does not want to know, and shuts its ears against the answers to its own questions, refusing to hear them.—*S. S. Times*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

Permit me through the columns of your paper to say a few words with reference to the annual "Munro Dinner" given by the Students of Dalhousie College on Friday evening February 1st. As customary each of the Colleges of the maritime provinces were invited to send a representative, but only Mount Allison, King's and Acadia responded to the call. Notwithstanding the fact of a drizzling rain, the majority of the Dalhousie boys were able to be present and participate in the enjoyments of the evening, thus showing high esteem and respect for their benefactor in whose honor the dinner was given.

The programme, consisting of the menu and toast-list, was well arranged and very well carried out, the first part being performed in the most expeditious manner, and the latter, though somewhat long, nevertheless received its due attention amid the "feast of reason and flow of soul," so capable of awakening within us æsthetic sentiments and rendering the occasion one of pleasure and delight. I believe that the benefit accruing from such gatherings in the way of forming associations, in cultivating a more intimate relation with our maritime colleges, and in creating a closer union between students and their *Alma Mater*, cannot be too highly estimated, and I only hope that the day is not far distant when Acadia's boys will have the happy privilege of giving an annual dinner in honor of a friend distinguished for gifts no less great and deeds no less noble than those of the esteemed benefactor of Dalhousie. I wish to express my appreciation of the kindness shown me by the Dalhousie students in their efforts to make the occasion enjoyable, and I can assure you that if Acadia is again honored by an invitation, her representative will find jolly, friendly fellows, and receive a warm reception.

C. H. McINTYRE.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Dr. Hopper, M.A., '70, whose failing health caused him to seek the mild climate of the Pacific coast, is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sacramento, Cal.

T. S. K. Freeman, B.A., '87, studies theology at Bethany College, Virginia.

J. W. Tingley, B.A., '85, having resigned his charge at North Middleton, Mass., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Freeport, N.S. Mr. T's pen, it will be remembered, graced the columns of the *Athenæum* during the academic year of '84-5.

C. P. Wilson, who matriculated and took one year with '91 is studying at Newton Centre.