

case which had been treated successfully by some particular system.

The average occupations of young men at the present day require nothing more than stored mings and the powers of observation; consequently competitive examinations serve, to some extent, to bring to the front such qualifications. But it is not among such that we obtain our inventors, our statesmen, and our great generals. The mere routine man will almost invariably, bring about a disaster, when he has novel conditions to deal with, and, as a rule the routine man comes out best at an examination.

Considering the above facts, therefore, it appears that just as the intellect is invisible, so the intellect is unmeasurable; and instead of forming hasty conclusions as to the relative intellectual power of two men, from the results of an examination, we may perceive that by such means we may be selecting those only, who, under certain conditions, have succeeded in storing their minds with the facts required for that examination.

EXCHANGES.

WE have received this month copies of the *Col. Sun*, *The Argosy*, *Queens College Journal*, *Dalhousie Gazette*, *McGill University Gazette* and *Acadia Athenaeum*. We are glad to see so many really good college papers among the universities of our Dominion. It speaks well for the enterprise and ability of the students. All the college

papers seem to be paying more attention to their literary articles this year, and the result is very satisfactory. In fact, as a general rule, the contents of a paper are more appreciated than the "get up." The *Dalhousie Gazette* and the *Argosy* both present a marked improvement on previous years, and the editors are to be congratulated on the successes which has followed their attempt to bring the paper up to the standard.

RESOURCES OF NOVA SCOTIA

THE resources of Nova Scotia are great and varied, and perhaps no country of the same area can boast of such a vast amount of mineral wealth. Coal, which is so extensively used in manufacturing all articles, is found in Pictou, Cumberland and Cape Breton.

Pictou County, which is, with the exception of Halifax, the foremost County of the Province, in a measure owes its greatness to the coal trade. On the Pictou coal basin there are six pits in operation, which raise an enormous amount of coal, the most of which, during the summer months is shipped from Pictou harbor, which is from five to twelve miles distant, to Montreal and various other places. As Pictou harbor, during the winter season is frozen; the mines then export all their coal via the Intercolonial Railway.

In Cumberland County there are several coal fields, of which the most important is Spring Hill. On this