

OUR EXCHANGES.

The task of reviewing periodicals becomes laborious in these closing weeks of the college term. And there is a reason for it, especially so far as it refers to college papers. The writers on their respective staffs are becoming concerned about reviews of another kind, and the final inspection is not far off. There is great pluck in some of our exchanges. They continue to exercise their right of fearless criticism, even when the "powers that be" are concerned. In a well-known Canadian city unfortunate circumstances have led to trouble in college circles. The classes of a certain university have been suspended, and the students gone on "a strike," but our old friend "Varsity" is still to the fore, and means to keep there so far as appearances are to be judged.

"Some observations on the Great North-West" is the title of an article by Adam Short, in a recent issue of "Queen's Quarterly." It is a review of the resources of that country, and of natural causes that may influence its prosperity. W. D. Le Scur writes in the same number, on "Problems of Government in Canada." The article is worthy of a reader's attention and thought.

"The Trinity University Review," for January, is at hand. It is well worthy of perusal, and contains much that is interesting. Its "College Chronicle" is nicely written, and seems to cover the sphere of college life very well. Book reviews occupy a good deal of space in this number.

"The Converted Catholic" is published by the Rev. Jas. O'Connor, of the Reformed Catholic Mission, New York. Mr. O'Connor has been instrumental in bringing many Romanists into the light of truth, and we have a record of the progress of the work in this magazine. The February number has an article entitled "Rome and the Strikes," which

is interesting in connection with the recent Brooklyn riots. The editorials are trenchant and powerful.

Another of the same kind is "The Primitive Catholic," of Brooklyn, N.Y. It maintains that Roman Catholic influences are working for political ends and in the United States are undermining the foundations of republican freedom. It fearlessly assails the enemy. It is interesting to remember that its late editor, the Rev. E. H. Walsh, formerly a Trappist monk, on one occasion addressed the students in the Dining Hall of our college.

"The Presbyterian Review," of Toronto, has reached us regularly during the present winter. Its news are carefully gleaned from the wide field of our Church's work. In the issue of Feb. 14th, Dr. Robertson has an open letter to this year's graduates, on the claims of the Western field. The "Canadian Pulpit" is now a recognized feature of our exchange, and every week there is a sermon by some leading divine.

A number of American Church papers come regularly to our reading room. A generous friend of our college, who is a resident of this city, has for some years placed the "New York Observer" on our table. This paper needs no commendation. During its long history it has combined the best features of newspaper and religious weekly. It is appreciated wherever it goes.

We also have before us "The Presbyterian," published in Philadelphia, U.S. This is an ideal of religious weeklies, and presents much intelligence of the doings of American Presbyterianism, as well as of clear, forcible articles on the current problems of our day. If one would be posted he must read a good newspaper, and a theological student will find few better ones in his department than this our American exchange.

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