

EXCHANGES.

The new exchange editor, as he crowds through the fanlight of the sanctum, being reduced thereto by the negligence of the departing editor in having left the door fastened on the inside, gloomily remarks that he will not have an excess of material to work upon. He would like to know where are those seventy exchanges which his predecessor boasted of receiving monthly. He is inclined to fancy that said boast was "a vile and fallacious innuendo, also a lie, which is to say a ridiculous falsehood." At this moment his foot catches in a rent in the brussels carpet which covers the floor and as he falls his head strikes a huge mass which lies unmolested in the corner. When he recovers consciousness several weeks later he finds that he has been in collision with a solid and serious fact instead of "a vile and fallacious innuendo." Said fact is the aforesaid seventy exchanges covered with piles of dust and forming a miniature Mt. Everest. Not to lose any more time he draws from his pocket a quill toothpick and tearing from his notebook a morsel of paper begins upon that which he finds nearest to hand.

The *Stonyhurst Magazine* brings us the welcome news that the memory of the recently deceased politician and philanthropist, known to the police as Richard III., at present believed to be serving an after life sentence in Gehenna, has been receiving a few coats of the most modern whitewash. We are glad to hear this as it gives us reason to expect that although the processes of the Special Commission may take longer to evolve themselves than those of the Stonyhurst Debating Union the vindication of Mr. Parnell by the *London Times* will not date later than the year 2400 A.D. Cricket is evidently "the craze" at Stonyhurst that football is at Ottawa, but we must confess that we don't like to see so much space devoted to sporting matters in a college journal. "The Red Lion of the Poquessing" is a very readable sketch of a day in an American country place haunted by memories of "the Father of his Country."

The *Raven*, another English contemporary, is almost all cricket too. The editors have something to say in defence of "fagging," which we would not entirely

endorse. The most admirable feature of this paper is its manly, outspoken tone of criticism of affairs at St. Gregory's. If the subscription list does not suffer thereby it is a sign that an exceedingly healthy sentiment exists in the school.

The *Acadia Athenæum* notwithstanding its *Police Gazette*ish hue is *facile princeps* among the college press of the Maritime provinces. Brief, sensible and pointed editorials on suitable subjects occupy more space than is generally devoted to them. And justly so. Our own editor-in-chief says that he would follow the example but for the limited number of subjects at his disposal.

The latest number of the *St. Viateur's College Journal* which has reached us contains a report of the proceedings on Commencement Day, and the valedictory and the salutatory read on that occasion. The valedictory is the briefest we have seen, but it is well written, and the sentiments expressed have a ring of sincerity about them.

St. John's University Record would be improved by "doubling up." But then everything is immense in the great North-West. The present number is especially interesting to alumni and contains a history of the college and its societies, and many other articles which will recall old memories to the former students.

The *Dakota Collegian* is not a very pleasing paper either in appearance or contents. Some very sensible editorial remarks are nevertheless made upon the value of a college education. We willingly scratch our initials on the back of this: "A man with a college education is better able to grapple with the questions of finance, government, and morals than one who has not received the strict discipline of a four or six years hard study."

The *Speculum* informs us that there is no hayseed on their faculty when they come to dealing with brutal hazers. If a few more college officials would only do likewise the hazing problem would soon receive a satisfactory solution.

The writer of the neat essay on "John Smith and Father" in the *High School World* is not unduly severe upon "the young man of the period," and upon the purblind parents who believe that it is