

was their privilege, alone they could do it properly, and every man with a hairy face was then known as a *senior*.

But this august body has since felt the degenerating influence of the times. "Snakes" excepted, there is not the slightest shadow of future crops on their beardless faces. Their undaunted looks were not sufficient to prevent the fearful possibility of being taken for verdant freshies. Urged by the sense of their dignity, which had to be upheld in some way, the 3rd year have now found a distinguishing mark. It is a cap, very flat and somewhat round. Oh! such a lovely cap, raising with it visions of home-made pancakes. Now when you meet a man overtopped with that apparel, know ye, he is a senior, and take off your hat to him.

Our Exchanges.

In this, the first number for the new year, the Review extends to its many exchanges, most cordial new year greetings.

Judging from the small number of exchanges received of late, the editors of our numerous contemporaries have been taking advantage of the holiday season to enjoy a brief respite from journalism. At the time of writing however, the new year issues are beginning to come in.

The *University of Ottawa Review* comes to hand regularly. Its pages are always replete with high class reading matter. The December issue contains, among other articles of interest, a description of a series of football matches, leading up to the winning of a beautiful trophy by the Ottawa College team.

To the Editors of *Acta Victoriana*, we would extend congratulations for an especially good Christmas number. Its attractive appearance, at once commands the attention of the reader, and leads him to anticipate a rare literary treat within. Nor are his hopes to be doomed to disappointment. An examination of its pages fully confirms his first impressions. Therein are contained productions from the pens of many of our most prominent writers, consisting of literary criticisms, incidents of travel, poetry, and fiction, suited to a wide range of tastes, and having a special significance to the student world.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of an excellent Christmas number of the *Sunbeam*. Several new features have been introduced, some of which are pleasing in the extreme. We predict for *Sunbeam* an increased popularity in the future.

Oh, pensive scholar, what is fame?

A fitful tongue of leaping flame,

A giddy whirlwind of fickle gust

That lifts a pinch of mortal dust,

A few swift years, and who can show

Which dust was Bill and which was Joe.

—Holmes.

First Farmer—"Son Bill coming home for Christmas?"

Second Farmer—"Yes; had a letter from him saying he'd done a lot o' cuttin' at college, and reckoned he'd cuts lots of ice when he come home. There's one boy college hasn't spoiled."
—Ex.

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