

## \*EXCHANGES.\*

**A**CTA VICTORIANA has features about it which make it one of the best college papers we have ever seen. The practical interest taken in the journal of "Old Vic." as they love to call her, by her Alumni as shown by their letters, is something wonderful. Perhaps the *Acta* takes this as a matter of course, but if it never knew what it was to get a communication from a graduate except such as began with "Please find enclosed, &c.," it would understand why we are surprised. The reason of this is hard to account for; because if an issue happens to be delayed we get heaps of letters from all over the country asking what is the matter; which shows that some interest is taken in the JOURNAL. But there it stops. It is not our place to lecture our alumni for remission or selfishness, but we hope some one will take the lead in furnishing us with articles from the outside world. Having thus said one word for the *Acta* and two for ourselves we must go on to tell our contemporary what we think of it. The external appearance is hardly in keeping with the matter; but this must be put down as characteristic of the sect of the *Acta*. The distinctive feature of the *Acta* is Alma Mater, and it has few of the everlasting essays which are found in many college papers which we impatiently skim through. The local items are rather racy, but "Mud! Rain! More Mud!! More Rain!!" and such like items, though they serve to fill up when *leaded* to the extent of an inch or so, are painfully tiresome.

The exchange column is headed with "Let us keep high and pure the tone of our college papers. Let our sentiments be models of purity and excellence." Why can't the editor do this as far as he is concerned without talking in this 'goody, goody' style?

The following is part of a letter from Medicus, '69: "In regard to gowns and caps, I say for one, keep up the old custom in wearing them, the plea set forth for their discontinuance by the collegian, is certainly childlike. As a people we are fast becoming Americanized, but in this departure from their college dress, let us still retain the costume our British colleges assume. In regard to catalogues or calendars, I, as a graduate in medicine, have only received two, and then they were written for. And another point I may suggest is this, that they are very cheap-looking calendars, have not that sombre, dignified cast, or clearness of description of the course of studies, and should mention the residence of the Alumni. The calendars I have seen resemble "Ayer's Almanacs" and Dr. Kennedy's work on Skin Diseases, Medical Discovery, &c. As I receive them from all of the American colleges, and carefully noticed their binding and general appearance. I think none of them can equal those of our sister university, Queen's."

MEDICUS. ('69).

ANOTHER *College Journal*. Upon our word if we are expected to give presents to all the infant papers called after us we will be bankrupt. This one is from Demill Ladies' College, Oshawa. It appears to partake of the nature of a college prospectus rather than a college paper, and seems to be conducted solely by the Rev. A. B. Demill himself. We hope it will throw off this selfish garb, for if it do not it will not be a valuable addition to college journalism.

BEFORE leaving Canada we must refer to the most valued exchange on our list, the inimitable *Grip*, published by Bengough Bros., Toronto. We never knew a paper whose sentiments were so much ours and whose tone we liked so well as *Grip*. It is a paper one does not like to read until he is comfortably settled and has time to digest

its humorous satire and trenchant criticism of public events. Our affection for *Grip* is great.

THE *Roanoke Collegian* is a very uninteresting paper. It is made up almost wholly of "articles." It says "It is our desire to awaken a lively public interest in the educational work of the South." Its title page says it is "devoted to the interests of Roanoke College." Perhaps it is meant to infer that these mean the same thing.

THE *Chionian Monthly* from Valley Female College, Winchester, Va., is a very poor representative of American female papers. School girls are generally flighty, but we expect them to give us more than gossip, sentiment and essays on the most hackneyed subjects, when they undertake to publish a paper.

THE *College Record* from Wheaton, Ill., is a good representative of Co-Ed. institutions. The articles in the December number are all of the female persuasion if we may judge from the names appended, and the young ladies put the numbers of their class after their names in the most independent manner. To a new hand like ourself it seems highly amusing to see "Daisy Sedgwick, '83," &c. These articles we have mentioned possess a beauty of style and indicate a culture which speak well for Wheaton College. The Locals, Personals, &c., are well written, and have a good tone about them. We shall always be glad to receive the *Record*.

## \*CLIPPINGS.\*

**P**ROF.—"Mr. M., what is the answer to the second question.

Mr. M. (after waiting in vain to be prompted,) "Nobody seems to know, professor."

A PRETTY good story is told by a solemn Senior of that far-time when he was a careless Junior. While trudging through a chemistry examination he wrote after a question, of which he was by no means sure, as follows: "I would not bet on this." The paper was returned with "(You would have lost your money if you had)" written immediately underneath.

TO A MAID IN TEARS.

Soft nestled in Dame Fortune's lap,  
Thou should'st not know of care;  
For thou hast beauty, lover friends,  
And lands both broad and fair.

But, as I gaze, thy sapphire eyes  
With pearly tears brim o'er,  
Bedew thy peachy cheek, and drop  
Unheeded to the floor.

Oh maiden, tell me why you weep!  
From whom hast suffered wrong?  
"La me! sir, 'tis my smelling salts,  
They are so awful strong."

—Col. Spectator.

## UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

On account of the delay in issuing the last number of the JOURNAL, it has been found necessary to extend the time for receiving the Voting Papers for the election of members of the University Council. Those Graduates and Alumni who desire to vote at the approaching election will have a Voting Paper sent to them on remitting the annual fee of one dollar to the Registrar.

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