

OUR EXCHANGES.

What shall I read? The student who confines himself solely to his appointed text-books may in time become a profound scholar, but is quite as likely to develop into an interesting fossil. He needs the intelligence of a general reading, and newspapers and magazines are essential to the man who would keep abreast of his age. Since he cannot read everything, he needs to make a judicious selection of that which comes to his hand. It is in the college world as elsewhere, and we wish briefly to notice a few periodicals which are specially worthy of a student's attention.

On the table of our reading room lies the November number of "The Century Magazine." The current issue of this well known periodical well sustains its old and established reputation. Its serials will be found interesting, but its special attraction is the article of a series on the life of Napoleon, by Wm. Sloane. The article treats of the parentage and childhood of the "petit corporal," and affords interesting reading. The series will shed much light on the annals of the early years of this century, and promises to be of great value to the student of modern history.

Probably the greatest missionary society in America is the American Board for Foreign Missions. It represents the Congregational Church more particularly than any other denomination, and is prosecuting an effective work in nearly every part of the world. We suggest their periodical "The Missionary Herald" to any interested in the foreign field. Its news is from all quarters, and represents every side of missionary experience.

Among our college exchanges we acknowledge the "Dalhousie Gazette." It is essentially a student's paper, and has a racy freshness about its columns which makes it very interesting reading. We learn with regret that there

is to be no special Xmas number of the "Gazette" this year.

From the Queen City we have the "Acta Victoriana," the organ of the boys of Victoria University. It has a neatness about its finish that is commendable, and contains among other good things, a pleasant article on foreign travel, entitled "A Summer in Wales."

The fragrance of the maple leaf clings to the October issue of "The University Monthly." Its articles have done much to foster the Canadian National spirit in the past, and the present issue sustains the reputation of other days. Specially worthy of notice, is Roberts' poem, "Autumn," and that old legend of Indian self-sacrifice entitled "Reminiscences of the Ojongondy." We wish the "Monthly" every success.

Among church papers we give a first place to the "Presbyterian Record." No other paper of its size gives us so much information concerning the home and foreign operations of our Church, and no other paper is so widely known and appreciated in the congregations of our Church. The student missionaries are glad to testify to its influence in the outposts consigned to their care. A missionary who wishes to place in the hands of his people a paper that will keep them in sympathy with the work of our Church, cannot do better than to promote its circulation.

"Our Dumb Animals" is published by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It pleads for a more humane treatment of the lower animals by those who are the lords of creation. That there is great need for the education of public sentiment in this matter, none will deny, and ministers in virtue of their office should be the leaders of this humanitarian movement.

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