

*exchanges should be sent to the Editor in Chief, MCGILL FORTNIGHTLY, care McGill University Library.*

For some unknown reason, many of our exchanges for this issue have not reached us. We take much pleasure, however, in acknowledging those which lie before us.

The *Student* is always welcome. It contains much college matter, which, though of a distinctly local character, cannot fail to be interesting because of the entertaining manner in which it is put. The joys and sorrows of University life are portrayed in a most graphic way, and appeal to students the world over.

The *Glasgow University Magazine* has its usual bright editorials, and some very charming verses, notably "Clear Shining after Rain."

Two clever stories, several short poems, and matter pertaining distinctly to the University of Vermont, combine in making the January number of the *University Cynic*, a readable one.

A plea for football, entitled "Foot-ball not brutal," in the *Boedoin Orient*, will doubtless please all lovers of the game, while an urgent appeal to cultivate a taste for reading will be equally satisfactory to another class of its readers.

The *Owl* for January contains high tributes to Sir John Thompson, in both poetry and prose, and a short but comprehensive résumé of the life and writings of William Cullen Bryant. Perhaps the most striking article in the paper is "A Modern Sham." It deals justly, though severely, with the craze of Esoteric Buddhism, and after a brief statement of its beliefs asks a question which we echo:—"Is it not strange to see in a Christian age, descendants of Europeans, enlightened and highly civilized through the influence of Christianity, seeking from the semi-barbaric people of Asia, principles of philosophy, morals and theology?"

The *University Monthly* appears for the first time among our exchanges. It contains prose translations from Tourgénéff and Molière, besides other matter, several poems, and the local references necessarily common to every college magazine.

Among the many readable articles in *Acta Victoriana*, we can only mention one concerning the late Robert Louis Stevenson, (evidently from the pen of one of his admirers), and a most interesting account of the triennial examinations held by the Chinese Government for the degree of M.A. From it we learn that men of all ages there compete for an M.A., while out of fifteen thousand who annually strive for a degree, not one hundred succeed in obtaining it.

The *Dalhousie Gazette* presents its usual attractive

appearance. The editorial "About Valedictories" deals with a problem, which, sooner or later, must come to every University, and we would be pleased to find a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. A criticism on Tennyson's "Maud," and a well-written account of the women's college of Bryn Mawr constitute the portions most interesting to outsiders, while much space is devoted to personal matter, evidently pleasing to the frequenters of Dalhousie.

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### COLLEGE ITEMS.

The University of Toronto now allows students writing for honours on the matriculation examination exemption from the pass papers.

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Emperor William of Germany has presented a trophy valued at 5,000 marks, to be competed for by the crews of the different German universities.

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In the all-America football eleven, as made up by the *Boston Globe*, Yale has four men, Harvard four, and University of Pennsylvania three, with Hinkey as captain.

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The American College League will soon publish a monthly in New York City. It will be edited by a board of editors from the leading colleges of the country.

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President Eliot of Harvard, in a recent address advised students to thus apportion their time: Study ten hours. Sleep eight hours. Exercise two hours. Social duties one hour. Meals three hours.

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Since the death of Holmes there are only four surviving members of the class of 1829 of Harvard, namely, Dr. Edward L. Cunningham of Newport, R. I.; the Rev. Samuel May (the class centenary), of Leicester; the Rev. Samuel F. Smith of Newton, the author of "America;" and Charles S. Storrow of Boston.

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### READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

Two students from the South were spending their holidays in Lerwick during the fishing season, and one of them, on seeing how cheaply the herring were being sold, was struck by a brilliant idea. Turning