

EXCHANGES.

Town Topics is an exchange from New York. It is for the most part a society journal, but has some clever and well-written articles in it. It is entertaining, amusing and always welcome.

Two of our best exchanges are the *Yule Literary Record* and the *Hamilton Literary Magazine*. They never allow any badly written or senseless article to disgrace their columns. Their literary merit also commends them to the cultured reader.

Berkelayun, do you not know that one of the jokes in your last issue was senseless, profane, pointless and witless? Do not again allow the shadow of a joke to overcome your morality.

The last *Lantern* we received contains about one page of literary matter, while the other pages are devoted to incidents around college. This makes the *Lantern* very interesting to an outsider, especially when he has seen the literary part in the *Chronicle* beforehand.

We have noticed that the general tendency of American college journals is to commence their local column with several lines containing a single word, sometimes accompanied by an interrogation point or a mark of exclamation. It needs a very subtle intellect indeed to perceive any humour in this. The Critic is a miserable sinner in this respect.

The prose of the *Queen's College Journal* has always been superior to its verse. The last number was no exception to this rule. The Australian drought, which one of the poems describes, was doubtless very bad; but the poetry is infinitely worse. We select two or three lines at random, for they are all equally bad.

"Cattle and sheep but slowly creep, with low and piteous moan;
While some down lie, waiting to die, and most heart-rending groan.
Hope deferred, as you have heard, it maketh the heart sick,
But prolonged drought, there is no doubt, doth turn it almost brick;
But some there are, though few and far, whose hearts can ne'er grow cold
Till still in death, from want of breath, they crumble into mold."

What connection has the last half of the second line with the others? "Whose hearts can ne'er grow cold?" the cattle's?

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. A. Tanner, M.A., '83, has been re-engaged as Headmaster of the Omecce High School, at a handsome salary. We would be pleased to have an article on Education from him, as he is one of the few graduates of Trinity who are actually engaged in the profession of teaching.

We congratulate the Rev. Prof. Clark, M.A., on being the recipient of a handsome present from the congregation of St. George's, on the occasion of his retirement from active work there.

Rev. Henry Auston, M.A., '80, is the rector of a flourishing parish at Gananoque. Since his appointment the Church has made steady progress there. The interior of the Church has been so beautified by memorial windows, &c., that it is now one of the handsomest in Ontario Diocese. The Choir is surplised, and a new organ was added by the congregation last year.

Mr. John Boyd, "*novus homo in perpetuo*," is in a bank in St. Thomas.

R. B. Beaumont, B.A., '82, has passed his barrister examination. We congratulate Mr. Beaumont on his success, which has been somewhat delayed owing to the illness, which resulted from his North-west Expedition.

H. K. Merritt, '86, we regret to say has been laid up with a serious illness since the New Year. We tender our sympathy to Mr. Merritt, and trust that he will soon be able to resume his duties.

W. P. Atkinson, M.A., '81, was returned by a large majority as chancellor for St. Alban's Ward in the Town of Parkdale this year. By this is shewn the great popularity and sterling qualities of our esteemed Bursar.

ABOUT COLLEGE.

John George has immured himself once more within collegiate walls, and intends to take up his course with his usual energy and determination.

N.B.—John George has not yet arrived, but when we wrote this, rumor was rife about his coming. We are not to be defrauded of a local by his non-arrival.

The upper western corridor has been presented with a new stove at the expense of the Students. It was not, however, a voluntary offering on their part, and consequently many of them regarded it as an imposition when they saw the item on their bill. They forget that all luxuries of such a nature have to be paid for, even if they do not derive any benefit from them.

It seems by the lists posted up that a number of men are going to lengthen this term by staying here during the first week of the Easter vacation. We wish them success, and better luck than was theirs at Xmas.

The Business Manager has been busily engaged during the Xmas vac. in securing advertisements to fill up our enlarged space. He announces a general financial depression consequent on the failure of the N. P., but intimates that ROUGE ET NOIR stock is away above par.

The toboggan slide has been well patronized during the last few weeks, and every day we hear of hair-breadth escapes and exciting perpendicular descents. Perhaps its popularity is due to the fact that some of the fair sex occasionally enliven it with their presence. The Tobogganers propose to give an "At Home" sometime in the near future.