

respect and followed its lead in another. The Editor, in a rambling article written in his own genial, delightful way, and pleading for help in the equipment of their library, has said for it something of what will be said in reference to our own in our next issue ; and the series of articles commenced in the same number runs parallel with the short histories of the foreign mission field of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which appeared in the JOURNAL of last session. The opening article in the *Monthly's* series is by Mr. Robert Murray on the "New Hebrides Mission."

The man of Shears and Mucilage is under this disadvantage in regard to the material supplied him—or supposed to be supplied—that all Exchanges are sent to the Reading Room, and he must, in his monthly descent upon the Philistines, be content, not with what he desires, but with what he can get, for a full file of exchanges is not always to be obtained. If any contemporary, therefore, is overlooked, it must not be regarded as an intentional omission, but as owing to the desire of some covetous one to possess such copy overstepping his regard for the rights of others to the extent of his carrying it off. In such case we are to suppose the paper is carried away because the reader is carried away with it.

Only two issues of the *King's College Record* have found their way to our dissecting table, and respecting these, though we had it in mind to speak well of them, either commendation or censure would appear rather tardy at this late date. Some of the *Record's* short articles are excellently written, and commend it highly to its readers. We notice a poem from the pen of Hunter Divar in the December number.

That is a good motto which adorns the title-page of the *Acadia Athenæum*, and worthy of consideration from all whose eyes may rest upon it. Nor have the Editors, if one may judge from the contents of the magazine, failed to strive after it in their conduct of the *Athenæum*. The January number contains, among others, two interesting articles, one on the relation of Politics to Christianity, the other a review of the tragic and romantic history of the Jews in England. In the same number, also, a paper is contributed on the proposal to have the Canadian flag floating upon the public schools of the Dominion, and strongly urging its adoption. The writer's remarks receive our hearty endorsement.

One of the earlier numbers of the *Athenæum* contains an article on Browning. "*Quousque tandem abutere, Athenæum, patientia nostra!*" If Browning had written a tenth as much as has been said about him, the Bodleian would scarce suffice to contain his manuscript. But the most is always said about that which is a mystery to us : and to many of his readers Browning's abstract spirit and involved style will always relegate his works to that domain of human speculation which Spencer has dubbed the "unknowable." It is related of a certain physician, an admirer of Browning, that during his