

port." To the readers of that vital journal this announcement is both a surprise and a disappointment. Apparently the church is not yet able to bear the light in which such a periodical lives. A great deal must be done not only in Scotland but in the United States and Canada to prepare the way for the reception of religious newspapers which will intelligently hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God. In the meantime the responsibility lies heavy on all Christians to do what they can to remove the derisive spirit of denominationalism, and introduce in its stead a generous fellowship in which all may dwell who are striving with their whole strength to make the world better.

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✦ Exchanges. ✦

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THE November number of the *Owl* brings us an exceedingly interesting article by Rev. Father Dawson on "Education Beyond the Grave." It seems to be biased by no more church prejudice than is to be found in the writings of nine out of ten ministers of every denomination, and is fairly free from dogmatism. The ground taken by the learned author is briefly as follows: Forgiveness does not imply freedom from the consequences of sin. What a man soweth, that shall he reap. David was forgiven his great sin, but the child of Bathsheba died. Such expiation is certainly not always accompanied before death, and we must therefore suppose that provision is made for the payment of the debt beyond the grave. No mention is made of the more repulsive ideas concerning Purgatory, which we fear are only too common among all classes of Roman Catholics. The whole article is well worth reading, but we would remind Dr. Dawson, *a propos* of his last few remarks, that because a man believes in "Education beyond the grave," prayer for the dead, and a universal atonement, he is not necessarily near the gate of the Roman Catholic fold.

*Knox College Monthly* and our own unpretentious weekly represent two extremes in college journalism. The December number of the former contains interesting and instructive articles on such subjects as "The Council of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches,"

"Some Characteristics of Tennyson's Poetry," and "The Oxford Summer School of Theology." Such matter covers forty-five pages of the number, while six more are taken up with literary notices and another half dozen with college notes. All this makes a good magazine, but it is not our ideal of a college journal.

While on this subject we might refer to a friendly rap which we received from the *Niagara Index*. After remarking that we are the most abbreviated college paper that enters its sanctum—in size, matter, and literary merit,—the *Index* adds: "In our opinion the editors would reflect more credit on their Alma Mater by inserting more literary articles, even though they were obliged thereby to appear less frequently." We don't agree with our brother exchange editor. We go on the assumption that subscribers to a journal published and edited by students wish for a record and mirror of student life; that if they are thirsting for knowledge about Tennyson, Columbus, or literary, philosophical, and theological matters generally, they will subscribe to such magazines as the *Century*, *Harper's*, or the great Reviews; that, in brief, they want from us a college paper, not a literary magazine. We will be glad, however, to see any new ideas on the subject advanced by either exchanges or subscribers.

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✦ College News. ✦

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IN the absence of the President the chair was ably filled by J. M. Mowat, the newly elected 1st Vice-President. The report of the athletic committee regarding the resignation of Mr. Grant, the coach elect of the football team, was given by Mr. Macdonnell. Their principal suggestions were that the office of coach be abolished, and that the captain who would have control of the team for next year be appointed by a committee consisting of Messrs. N. R. Carmichael, A. E. Ross, and J. M. Mowat. The report with all its details was adopted.

J. S. Rowlands gave his long-delayed report as auditor of the curators' accounts. It is needless to say that Mr. Rowlands is the most capable auditor in the Society.