

✦Exchanges.✦

WE clip this note from the *Coup D'Etat*, Knox College, Galesburg. "Football for thirty minutes, three times a week, is compulsory for all the undergraduate male students of Chicago University. It is said to be quite popular." No comment is necessary.

*Western Maryland College Monthly* sends us a rattling good number for November. We notice that the editor-in-chief is a Sophomore.

We are getting tired of Columbus. All of our exchanges have something in about the man, and one—*The Niagara Index*—sends us a very good number entirely devoted to him and entitled the Columbian number. We wish he had either kept his Discovery of America quiet or given up the honor of having a Centennial. It is bad enough having dyspepsia, without having to read seventy-two articles about Columbus. Some of our exchanges have even *poems* about him, not to speak of orations and editorials without number. We positively felt like hug—, ahem!—we mean shaking hands with the editors of the *Portfolio* (Ladies' College, Hamilton,) when we saw that not a word about the eminent gentleman was to be found in their November number.

✦College News.✦

QUEEN'S AND MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY SIR JAMES GRANT, M.D., K.C.M.G., AT THE OPENING OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY, OCT. 14TH, 1892.

THE present is a new departure in the life history of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston. It is a move certainly in the right direction, and one which cannot fail to be productive of good to the well-being of the medical department of Queen's, which the medical section has now virtually become. Queen's medical school has been in operation over a quarter of a century, and its graduates are filling positions of trust and responsibility in various portions of the world. One of its first founders was a personal friend of my own, the late Dr. Dickson, who was the first President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario. His record was a most honourable one, and

in his calling he was a noted surgeon and a well-known contributor to the literature of the profession. The zeal, energy and ability with which he labored to carry out the work of this medical school is well known, and the record he made as a man of genuine scientific and professional merit is generally acknowledged. From this time actually dates the very commencement of systematic medical education in the Province of Ontario. True, we had good schools of medicine, and excellent medical men, prior to that date, but the medical council, in which as first President Dr. Dickson took an active part, gave new life and vigour to the whole subject of medical education in this province. The curriculum advanced stage by stage to the present high standard of a five years' course of study and a preliminary examination, almost the equivalent of a B.A. degree, in order to meet the demands of our country that only men of educational standing and known ability shall be admitted into the ranks of the medical profession. This is said to be an age of general progress and advancement in almost every line of thought. True, in Canada we have legislative confederation of our various provinces, and why? In order that there might be a uniformity in trade and commerce, and thus understand each other better in all the relations of life. In medical education, however, this idea is not being carried out. What do we find to-day? Each province legislating for itself in matters medical, and no special effort being made to bring about central examining boards or councils in each province, of equal standing, so that medical degrees of one province would pass current in any other province without being subjected to a second examination. Failing this course, the only other open is for all the provinces to agree to a central examining and registering body at the capital, the license of which would be recognized in the entire Dominion. This would require a change in the British North America Act, which could be so modified as to meet the requirements of our people, providing each province agreed to such changes. The present state of medical education must shortly undergo some change, in order to give evidence of progressive spirit in our people, and such can only be brought about by placing the