

EXCHANGES.

Concordiensis comes out this year in a new dress—an 8 by 12 pamphlet form, with tinted cover—neat and pretty. "The Last Scene," is a little of poem of much beauty, but the essay which follows, "American Activity," has entirely too much of the over-done Yankee-patriotic-flap-doodle-ism about it. Every body, even we Canucks, must admit that the American Eagle is the most noble of all domestic fowls, but even the American Eagle should remember that there are other birds besides himself in the world.

Some of the United States Colleges appear to have very vague ideas as to just where Canada is, or what Ontario means. We received one Exchange addressed to "Trinity College, Canada, Ont.," exactly that, and nothing more. It speaks volumes for the state of education in Illinois. Hardly a Canadian boy of twelve, but can give the name and position of every county in Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, with their chief cities.

Speaking of addresses reminds us of a very delicate hit that the *Varsity* gave us, in the last term, when it directed one of its numbers to *Rouge et Noir*, Trinity College, Queen St. West, City.

By the way, how is it that we have not seen the *Varsity* this year? We have been told, by those who ought to know, that our name is still on its list—all the same, it does n't come. In the last number which we have received, (Dec. 25, 1880) the Patriarch Student appears to have just discovered the fact that "two of the Colleges at Cambridge University, Girton and Newnham, are exclusively for women." We hope the *Patriarch Student* won't see this, for it may not please him, in which case it is all up with us.

O! that we had space to quote what the exchange editor of the *Sunbeam* says of the *Varsity*, in the December number—the whole column—it is certainly the best bit of exchange writing that it has been our good fortune to see in any Ladies' College Paper.

Thank you, sister *Sunbeam*, for your friendly tone towards us, in your January number. You are not the first of our Exchanges to say, we should like to see the *Rouge et Noir* oftener; and we appreciate the compliment. The *Scholastic*, though one of the best of College Papers, needs the hint you give its local editor, and, happy case, you've said enough, and not too much. But who, sister *Sunbeam*, looks after your local column? Surely it might sometimes be improved. The last (January) number of the *Sunbeam*, is the best yet, however.

We are always glad to welcome the *Queen's College Journal*; but, dear *Journal*, while thanking you, too, for the kindly spirit of that paragraph about us in the last January number, we must ask you to please explain where the joke is, in speaking of the "dim religious walls of Trinity College." Is it a hit at our poor much-talked-about Divinity class? It's beyond us. The pretty little four stanzas of verse, bidding farewell to 'Scotia,' speak well for co-education. Altogether, for neatness, sound sense, and good taste the *Journal* comes near the top. The *Journal* calls the *Clonian Monthly* 'a very poor representative of American female papers.' That you may judge for yourself, the following is quoted from a description, in the December number of the *Clonian*, of a sleigh ride: 'After the abashed gents (italics ours) had rescued the now undignified seniors, and had righted the sleigh, they found to their amazement that it was broken. Holy Moses! What was to be done?' &c. Truly, that is a trifle too bad.

The *Rockford Seminary Magazine* gives evident signs of a much healthier style of composition. On reading

the title of the third essay in this month's number, 'A Girl's Thoughts on Politics and Politicians,' we said, 'there's heading for a good article,' but on reading it we found that it might all be put into one sentence, something like this—Jefferson, Adams, Patrick Henry, Monroe, Calhoun, Douglas, Jeff. Davis, Buchanan, Tilden, Hampton, Hendricks, Tweed, Hancock, English, and Gen. Lee, were Democrats, and 'Solid South' men, ergo, either bad men or 'mistaken patriots': Washington, Franklin, Clay, and Daniel Webster, were great and good men, ergo, Republicans. If you be a Republican, you are sure of heaven; if a Democrat, you yearn to torture your 'dark-hued' brethren, and you will certainly go to — some place that is not heaven. Q.E.D. That's logic. The editorial matter is good, and 'All Night on a Stage' is capital.

Acta Victoriana, for January, contains the following remarkable paragraph:—'The *Rouge et Noir*, of Toronto, seems to be scorched to a crisp by a former issue of the *Sunbeam*. The big brothers must take care and order their steps aright, and also their pens.' Perhaps it is a 'funnyism.' Will *Acta*, or the *Sunbeam*, please explain.

We welcome a new-comer in the *Portfolio*. Only the December number has put in any appearance, up to date. 'Come again,' *Portfolio*.

Dono's Journal is also a new exchange; space will not permit more than this acknowledgment of its arrival.

Of the *Scholastic*, we can only repeat what we have said before, and what other College papers continually say, "it is a model College paper." We will have more to say of it next time.

And here is the Detroit *Every Saturday*, too; there surely could be no better society paper published. Its musical and dramatic notes are especially good.

Copy!—so our other exchanges must wait over till you see us again.

COLLEGE WORLD NOTES.

Amherst has lost, through death, Professor Root.

"The Sophs go round in masks, and haze the freshmen at Amherst." —*Ex.*

"The entire Senior class at Madison University, has left College, owing to some trouble about their studies." —*Ex.*

The following needs no comment.—"They have been holding revival meetings at the Northern University, and a social lethargy has resulted."

The pass mark has been raised to 40 per cent. at Queen's. Also, at the same place, the Scotch University 'Locking, Out' custom has been introduced.

"At Williams," says *Concordiensis*, "they are in continuous trouble about the chapel choir." When Williams gets her choir into good shape and proper working order, would she be so kind as to send the receipt along to Trinity College, Toronto.

Union University has received a gift of a second \$50,000, from Judge Parsons, of Fort Plain. The interest of it is to be used in the maintenance of thirteen scholarships, to be known as the 'Levi Parsons Scholarships.' Union is to be congratulated.

Harvard has the measles. That's because it opens its library on Sundays, no doubt. Harvard is just 240 years old now, and should know better. But no! "from bad to worse" is its motto, apparently, for the latest is, that the pass mark has been raised from 33½ to 40 per cent. Who can wonder at the measles, after that?