

Exchanges.

The *University Monthly* contains an instructive account of the "early settlement of America," in which we see the French Huguenots clashing some with the Spanish Catholics along the coast of Florida and Carolina. There is also a very useful study on "Water Purification." Pure water is preferred to purified. Still in the great majority of cases the cost of pure water is so great that we have to be content with purified. The sources of the contamination of public water supply first considered the methods that may be adopted for their purification are reduced to two : (1) the European or Slow Sand Filters ; (2) the American or mechanical system of filtration. Prominent in works of this nature is the Massachusetts Board of Health, which aided financially the Government, and employing the most skilled engineers, chemists and bacteriologists, publish reports that are recognized as the most modern information obtainable.

In regard to drinking water, Bulletin No. 149, recently issued from the Laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa, contains some very pertinent information. Students and city people go away to the country or the mountains and return after a month or six weeks stricken with typhoid or some other tedious ailment. The Dominion analyst who has done an immense amount of work in securing samples of water from hundreds of wells, shows that a large proportion of typhoid cases are traceable to water supplies at country resorts. In depending on a common water supply, the source of contamination is soon discovered and removed. Whereas, the country wells are hardly ever inspected, though open in too many cases to all sorts of impurities. The Bulletin, besides suggesting the advisability of legislation, gives some practical rules to prevent the access of impurities to rural wells.

It is with some regret that the ex-man of *THE REVIEW* contemplates the severance of the pleasant ties he has formed with the fellow ex-men. He has grown to appreciate their work more and more as each month passed. But he needs a rest, and so do they. He is thankful for the kindly feeling with which his efforts were received, and also for the broadening effect which resulted from his intercourse with them. This year's work on the exchange-column will remain one of the most precious memories of life.