

We have now come to the conclusion of the year's work. The members of the widespread fraternity of ex-men can at last relax their labors and throw aside their inky weapons. With a sigh of relief perhaps they are generally discarded, but surely not unmingled with recollections of pleasant and profitable hours spent in the company of college papers from far and near. It is sometimes alleged by college journals, as an excuse for the absence of this department from their pages, that the work it imposes upon the writer is out of proportion to the good it may do him. But certainly anyone who has had the least experience in this line will not agree with the statement. Of the heap of college magazines which appear on our exchange table, very few, from a literary point of view, can be classed as poor, the great majority contain as a rule well written and valuable articles, while a large proportion of them, with regard both to quality and quantity, are on a par with many of the more pretentious monthlies. How then can the ex-man fail to derive a great benefit from his work of perusing and criticising these periodicals? Aside from the practice it gives him, the knowledge which he derives thereby, is as valuable as varied. Fearing these things in mind we, who are now bidding farewell to this column may feel sure that we will never regret the work which it entailed upon us.



Priorum Temporum Flores.

The following former students studying at the Grand Seminary, Montreal, received orders on the 9th inst: Deacons—Rev. John Ryan, '97; Sub-deacons—Rev. J. M. Foley, '97; M. J. McKenna, '97; Minor orders—Mr. E. Bolger, '98.

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Rev. D. Campbell, '90, P. P. of Dickinson's Landing, preached the sermon on the occasion of the first Mass of Rev. J. Fallon, O. M. I., '96, in St. Joseph's Church, the 10th inst. The Rev. gentleman called at our sanctum to renew acquaintances.