

Our Exchanges.

The "Chrestomathean" comes to us with a very good little poem on Fate, and a sensible article on Professional Men. To the "Chrestomathean's" question as to the reason of its large circulation, we propound this principle for College papers: By as much as they decrease in size, they increase in value. However, a more sensible solution may be, that the well-filled humorous department is a tempting bait, — something like three pages being devoted to it.

The "Lawrence Collegian" is very interesting. It has devoted a department to story-telling, — a very necessary part of a paper in the present age. The articles were all very readable, which is saying something for College papers.

The "Colby Echo" has a short translation from Virgil, in dactylic hexameters, with the Caption, The Death of Palinurus.

The poem is well enough, but it is to be hoped that the genius of poets will cease to war with the genius of languages ere long. We would like for the writer of The Geological History of Religion to more fully express his reasons on two points. First, that the universality of religious sentiment and belief in man, is no evidence that religion is natural to man. Secondly, that the transition from Sun-worship to serpent-worship was easy, when it seems so unnatural. There seems to be no decadence of virtue in the "Colby Echo."

Locals.

EVEN though our Institution is situated in a locality, where everything contributes to the most healthful condition of the body, yet sickness has visited our halls and left its impress on the countenances of many. Fortunately, however, nothing of a very serious nature has occurred. Some, we are pleased to report, have entirely recovered and others are convalescent.

WE are pleased to note the fact that the members of our Literary Society have been infused with new zeal and a spirit of progress in behalf of the prosperity of this invaluable organization. The importance of using advantageously the privileges offered by this Institute must be a patent to each one. As the attendance is much larger this year than usual, we can safely predict success. The first meeting of the year was held Sept. 7th, when officers were elected and important business transacted. Let our motto be, in this, as well as in other things, which have for their object our improvement—"Acadia expects every student to do his duty."

The officers for first term are:—M. R. Tuttle, President; G. B. Healy, Vice-President; J. D. Wallace, Secretary; W. F. Andrews, Cor. Secretary; E. W. Sawyer, Treasurer; H. H. Welton, Critic.

UNDER the auspices of our Literary Society, the first Lecture of the regular course was delivered in the Baptist Meeting House of this place, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 17th., by the popular pulpit orator of Boston, Rev. Dr. Lorimer. Subject, "Organization of daily life." A second was also given by him, in Academy of Music, Halifax. Subject, "Lost Virtues." We cannot speak in too commendatory terms of the Lecturer's ability to please and to profit. Our testimony would be but a feeble addition to his great and growing reputation. Should circumstances permit we will gladly secure his services at some future day. We give short reports of his Lectures, from which a very inadequate idea of their beauties can be formed.

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And be an Editors' man.

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Send the jests of the street,
Send the various items,
You each may happen to meet.

Send the thoughts of the twilight,
The soul's own lecturing time—
And the hard won fruit of study,
Be it prose or rhyme.

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PROFESSOR JONES, who has been absent from us a year, at Oxford, is again in our midst. We expect to be more than repaid for any loss we may have sustained during last year, through his sojourn in foreign parts, by the increased benefit which we may reap in the classical room in the years to come. Future classes, generations of students yet unmatriolated, will gather in unmixed advantages. Mingling with students as a student, has in no way unfitted the Professor to sympathize with students as a teacher. Probably some of the difficulties and discouragements which rear their horrid front in every student's path have represented themselves vividly before him. The atmosphere of the classical room will be, if possible more genial than ever.