

A VERSE.

In vain with sonnets to the maid
The poet to win her heart essayed ;
A verse she liked, but—woman's whim—
She still appeared a verse to him.

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

BLIND LOVE.

[*She thinks.*]

My darling is wounded and angry, I fear :
He writes to me, "Negligence caused by a tear."

[*He thinks.*]

By thunder ! I wonder if Bessie will care,
I wrote to her plainly "I'd been on a tear."

—*Brunonian.*

On India's plains the devotee
Into religious fervor wrought,
Prostrates himself before the car—
Forsooth, he'll have his Juggernaut.
At home the Prohibitionist,
Who in a little snare is caught,
Prostrates himself before the bar—
Forsooth, he'll have his jug or naught !—*Ex.*

EXCHANGES.

It is not with a feeling of regret that we again resume our labors, for that regret will come, all too soon, when we must transfer our labors to our successors and step down and out. If any of our exchanges should seem to be neglected or too severely criticised we ask that they be lenient with us for but a season feeling sure that in "another day and generation" recompense will be made. We earnestly hope that we shall be favored with all of our old exchanges and that this year will be a most successful year to us all.

As it is so early in the college year few exchanges have reached us.

The Ursinus College *Bulletin* issued a mid-summer edition and the editors of that energetic paper deserve great praise for the spirit of enterprise they have manifested. As by so doing they were able to give the students, Alumni and friends of the college a full account of their commencement exercises.

One of the noticable features of the October issue of the *College Student* is the length of several

of its literary productions. One of these articles occupies nine out of twenty pages of the paper. While we do not doubt the excellence and interest of the production, which is entitled "Petrarch and the Renaissance," yet to our mind comes the question—can a college paper afford to devote nearly one half its space to the publication of an address which, as in this case evidently, nearly the whole body of the *Students* heard delivered. In our opinion a monthly college Journal, which the F. and M. student is, should have variety in order to have interest for the undergraduates and Alumni. It should have college news, college literature and comment on college topics. In such requirements the recent issue of the *Student* is entirely lacking.

The recent issue of the *Muhlenberg* bewails the fact that athletics at their college are at a standstill, owing to the fact that their board of Trustees have denied them the privilege of contesting with other institutions.

Such a state of affairs is, indeed, deplorable for without some athletics a college is dead. We think however that the students of the college in question are largely to blame for the stagnation of field sports there, for if they would wake up, surely in the course of time the managers of the college would wake up also and make them a few concessions in regard to inter-collegiate contests.

We agree heartily with the *Lantern*, of Ohio State University, in its opinion of the college literary society. We clip from an editorial the following few remarks on the subject :

"It need hardly be said that the most effective way for a college student to acquire and cultivate happy facility in the expression of thought is by regular drill and constant practice such as are furnished by the literary societies of the University. The careful study of the college life of some score of typical, successful men chosen from all the various walks of life, reveals the fact that these men as a rule were enthusiastic and constant workers in the literary or scientific societies of their respective colleges.