

lent substance, is laid upon our table. It is edited and managed by two of our worthiest townsmen, and printed by the new Job Printing Co. Both paper and printing-house will give an advantage to our quiet town, the need of which has long been felt—the advantage of competition. Long flourish the *Independent*, and though its star rose late, may its setting be still later.

EXCHANGES.

We have received the November and December issues of *The Elevator*, published at Clark University, Atlanta, Ga. The tone of the paper is excellent, and it seems aggressive in all its departments. We quote briefly from an article on "Culture:" "There stands before us all an open door, the way into the world of books! Shall we enter? It is with pride that I look forward to the day when we, the colored population of this free Republic, can take our place among the business branches of the country. We must lay the corner-stone of education, which is the true road to prosperity, wealth, and happiness. We are now opening upon a new era in the history of our race, and we colored men must fit ourselves for it."

The Sidereal Messenger for December contains many articles and items of great interest to the general reader, and we commend it to our students for careful reading. Though some of the *Messenger's* pages are too technical for any but the specialist, all can find enjoyment in such articles as the one recently published on "The Star of Bethlehem," by Prof. Payne or in this month's issue on "The Progress of Astronomy During the Nineteenth Century," by Ira A. Clark.

The Aegis is doing good work, publishes some excellent editorials, and is doubtless popular among the W. U. students. But, good business managers, have mercy on your outside friends; save us the annoyance of ruining the paper in unwrapping it, and we shall enjoy its perusal more fully than we have of late.

The Cactus, published at Glenwood, Minn., is on our table. It may be a good paper in literary lines, but is so miserably printed that we fail to decipher its object, as stated, or to read intelligently its articles.

Student Life, of Washington University, publishes an article entitled, "Has Nature Slighted Man in Creating Him Without Instinct?" It brings out several good points, which are clearly stated, and concludes its argument by declaring that "all the actions, prompted immediately by our passions, are instinctive," which seems to be a partial yielding of the ground taken.

The Stylus, Sioux Falls University, Dakota, makes its first appearance here this month, and, being well pleased with it, we hope to greet it regularly hereafter.

College Chips, Luther College, Decorah, is unjustly severe

in its criticism upon *The Manitou Messenger*, of St. Olaf's. We would not say that the *Messenger* has reached perfection (few college papers have), but it is doing faithful work, and we are glad to acknowledge it as our nearest neighbor.

The educational institutions of Dakota have organized a Dakota Collegiate Oratorical Association, and hold their first contest at Sioux Falls, in May, 1888.

The Academy, of Worcester High School, contains an interesting article, entitled, "A Day in Wordsworth's Country."

The Lombard Review says: "In looking over the exchanges we notice there is a general complaint in regard to gum chewing among the students," and proceeds to justly condemn the practice. Can it be that this undignified, childish practice is becoming universal in the colleges of America. We hope not, and will gladly welcome evidence to the contrary from our exchange friends. Who will relieve our suspense?

The Student, of Cumberland University, states that all important offices in this country, save those of President, Vice-President, and Chief Justice, have been at some time filled by graduates of that institution.

Recent exchanges state that there is a prospect that Johns Hopkins will be moved to Clifton, near Baltimore.

Miss Helen M. Shafer, for thirteen years teacher of mathematics in Wellesley College, has been elected as temporary president.

Work is soon to commence upon Hiawatha Academy, a tributary to Washburn College, at Topeka, Kansas.

The report that a new edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary is about to be published is denied by the publishers, who state that, though there has been an uninterrupted course of editorial labor to this end, it is still far from complete.

The North China News states that a philanthropist in this country has subscribed \$300,000 for a university in China.

The Journal of Education states that, at the annual session of the Minnesota Educational Association, convening at St. Paul, Dec. 27-29, Miss Margaret J. Evans, Carleton College, is to speak upon Religious and Moral Training in Public Schools.

The under-graduates of Cambridge are preparing a performance in the original Greek of "Oedipus Tyrannus."
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The gratifying movement recently inaugurated in some of our colleges for the systematic study of the Bible, was long ago anticipated by Carleton College, where such study has been pursued for five or six years as a regular part of the curriculum, not as an option but as a study required of every college student. The class is under the instruction of Prof. A. H. Pearson, a graduate of Amherst and Andover.—*Advance.*

Mount Holyoke Seminary is to be known hereafter as "Mt. Holyoke Seminary and College." The trustees of that institution, acting upon the recommendation of the