Exchanges.

With No. 1 of Vol. XX. the Boston Journal of Commerce appears in a new form. It now becomes a sixteen-page journal of a size somewhat larger than the Machinist. Its many readers will find the change a great improvement in ease of handling the paper, and it leaves very little in its appearance which could be bettered. As to its always valuable contents and the prospect for the new volume it speaks for itself: "We prefer, as we have frequently stated, to be judged by our actions, and this week the paper will show for itself that we mean to keep in the front rank." In this number begins a series of articles on the "Balanced Slide-Valve," of special interest to Junior mechanicals just at this time, as are also the continued Indicator articles.

The Atlantic for May contains Prof. Fiske's article "The Arrival of Man in Europe," the first chapters of a new serial, "Two on a Tower," making three serials now running in the magazine. The two continued papers, "Studies in the South," Part III., and "Progress in Agriculture," Part II., will be found of special interest; and, as peculiarly fitting in the magazine which contained in its first number a poem by Henry W. Longfellow, we find in this number the last poem of the poet, "Mad River," written but a short time before his death.

No exchange editor seems to consider his task completed until he has expressed his thorough liking for and appreciation of the Williams Argo, whose good taste, witty contents, and general fine appearance are fast raising it to the standard by which all other college publication will be gauged. We can only add our word of commendation, and hope to see its welcome face for a long time to come.

Within a week after the burning of Walker Hall, at Amherst, enough money had been pledged to replace it. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the winter term.

The Herald hopes that Harvard will soon see its way to adopt the plan recently introduced at the University of Michigan, at Bowdoin, and other colleges of admitting students upon the presentation of a diploma from any duly approved preparatory school, which has been found very successful and satisfactory in its workings.

Oberlin is waxing excited over base-ball. Each class has organized a team, and a series of games will be played for the championship of the college.

A petition is being circulated at Harvard to the end that the Freshman chemistry examination, which is held on the same day as the Inter-Collegiate games at New York, may be changed to some other date. Last year a number were obliged to miss the examination on account of the interference, and were conditioned in consequence.

Amherst has voted to send representatives to the Inter-Collegiate contest. Were no men sent this year, the college would lose its membership in the Association.

The richest university in the world is that of Leyden, in Holland. Its real estate alone is worth over four millions of dollars.—Ex.

Harvard class races are set for May 13th.

Columbia is the richest college in this country. Its available and prospective funds are $5,000,000. It leads Harvard by over $1,000,000.

The tug-of-war is to be added to the Inter-Collegiate games, to be held in New York on the polo grounds.

The "American College Song Book" will be published about June 1. For all orders sent in before May 1 the price will be $1, after that date the price will be raised.

Young Ladies' Seminary,—Examination in history. Teacher: "Mary, did Martin Luther die a natural death?" Mary: "No, he was excommunicated by a bull."—Ex.

Mary had a lamp
Filled full of kerosene;
One day she tried to light it up,
And ne'er has since benzine.—Ex.