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# EXCHANGES



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As the College term draws to a close we approach our Exchange shelf for the last time this year. It is with a feeling akin to sorrow that we pick up the Magazines, one by one, and glance over them. Each brings its memories of enjoyable moments spent in its perusal, of chuckles and laughter as we read some humorous article or chanced upon some well-phrased pun. A sigh escapes our lips as our mind wanders from those memories to the realization that we must soon part from these new-found friends; that Life is ever a series of such meetings and partings. However, we are cheered by the fact that another year is coming, and we look forward with great anticipation to the reunion with the friends of our leisure hours, the Exchanges. We hope to see all back next year—and many more besides. In bidding them adieu, we wish them continued success in the future. Vale!

## THE LABARUM

Doubtless, you students of Mount St. Joseph's have been congratulated so often on the artistic cover of your magazine, that any remarks on the subject would be trite, so we will go on to its contents. Your statement that the Board of Editors is the students of Mount St. Joseph's College seems, judging from the excellency of your matter, to be literally true; for it is only from such a large staff that you would be able to obtain such variety and quality of material. But we notice one deficiency in an otherwise well balanced magazine. There is no Joke Department. Perhaps you are trying to bring a healthier tone to college magazines; perhaps the omission is a tacit protest against those publications that are nothing more than joke books; but we believe in the old aphorism, "A little nonsense. . . ."

The story, "Viewpoint" impressed us rather favourably. It shows how self-sufficiency in the inexperienced is often arrogance. Your poetry is all short, too short in fact to be judged; but, if we may say so, the poem, "Jack Frost," is delightfully imaginative. In conclusion we congratulate you on your publication. We would again suggest the insertion of a few jokes; and we hope to retain your magazine on our Exchange list.

## THE FORDHAM MONTHLY

Regularly as the new moon our old friend, the Fordham Monthly, continues to arrive. It is always with the satisfied feeling that something good is in store, that we take the monthly from our shelf; and we must admit that the March issue left us with our high opinion unchanged. The experiences of J. Dudley Jenkins, as depicted in "The Lap of Luxury" are certainly not to be envied, and none of us, I am sure, will ever take his method to find out the actual conditions in a slum district. Your short story, "Sirocco," is, in a way, interesting. It is written in an expressive manner and it particularly excels in description. "Spain and Modernism," a well constructed and forcible article, is worthy of the highest merit. Indeed, we must congratulate the author upon the capable manner in which he has handled his subject. Taken all in all the March issue contains a series of well-balanced compositions which show both deep thought and constructive ability on the part of their several authors.

## THE MEMORARE

Welcome, Friend, Thrice Welcome! We missed your Easter Edition, and that was our loss, as we profited by your Christmas Number. We have not the pleasure of receiving many magazines edited by the fairer sex. It is mostly through such that we are able to judge as to what we can introduce into our own magazine to make it more enjoyable for our female readers. If we might say just a word,—we do not mean this as destructive criticism at all—we would say that we somehow missed the pleasant ring of girlish mirth which we are wont to associate with our lady friends. Your work has a serious tone and is to be commended for that; but we are strong believers in the truth of that adage, "All work and no play——." Keep up the good work, girls. Add a little fun and your magazine will be ranked by us a one of the best.

## THE ORACLE

This little magazine, published by the students of Fort William Collegiate and Technical Institute, is worthy of our appreciation, and we welcome it on our list of Exchanges. "The Sea Captain's Story," in the March issue,



is a delightful little story that holds the reader in suspense until the end. "How to Study" is a well-written article that gives many useful hints to students. College life at Fort William seems to be an active one. We commend the students upon the interest they take in their debates and concerts, and we wish them much success in the publication of their Year Book.

## CHINA

It is with the greatest eagerness that we look forward each month to the advent of this little magazine. We find it hard to understand what special attraction it has for us, unless the explanation be found in the fact that in "*China*" we read about events and customs that are entirely new to us. We, like most other humans, take great interest in anything that is strange or different, so this, we conclude, must be the great secret of "*China's*" popularity. We have watched "*China*" grow, year by year, and have taken great pride, though only as an onlooker, in its rapid development. May its popularity and success continue to increase.

## THE XAVERIAN WEEKLY

This well written weekly contains much of literary interest. The doings of College life are well depicted therein, while articles and editorials of a wider scope provide good reading matter for those outside the College Circle. Original jokes here and there through the paper add spice to the reading. Though all your articles are good, "*Quid Faciam*," in an April number, strikes us as very appropriate to the season, and it contains excellent advice not only to the graduates but to all students who will one day "embark upon the Voyage of Life." Let us meet you again on our Exchange Shelf next year, *Xaverian*; you are always welcome.

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