



EXCHANGES

Longer days, a warm sun, and the examination timetable have warned us that May, and with it the school year, is drawing to a close. In an earlier issue we likened exchange magazines to ships coming with their varied cargoes from distant ports. Now that the cargo has been sorted, it seems that the simile was nearer to the truth than at first supposed. For the variety of material that they brought has given all the readers of the Exchange Desk a better insight into colleges at large, their attitude towards the different current questions, and their outlook on life in general. In this we feel the justification of such a department; there are two sides to all controversies, and it is the clearing house of opinions.

We have read many exchange magazines since the fall, and, on the whole, they were interesting and instructive. If we were asked to pick out the one predominating fault, it would be that contributions are not sufficiently spread over the student body. It would appear that the greater bulk of the work is left to the editors and a very few others who contribute regularly. While their magazines are commendable, they are not representative college papers. Of course, not all can write, nor will all those who can, be accepted, due to the size of the papers. It is evident nevertheless that it is rather a lack of sufficient contributions than a lack of space to which we must lay the complaint. This fault, though serious may be rectified without too much difficulty. So next year we shall look forward to reading student publications which will really belong to the student body.

The editor wishes to thank all those who have been good enough to send their papers to us, and especially those who have helped us with their criticisms. We have picked a few magazines each issue for special review, with a view to being of some small assistance to them if we might. It is our hope that they have received our few remarks in the spirit in which they were given. If they have been offensive, we tender our humble apologies; our intentions were the best.

To the editors who graduate this spring, may we add our sincere congratulations to the many others they will receive; to the editors of the coming year, our best wishes for a successful paper.

THE QUARTERLY

The ladies of New Rochelle are responsible for this blue covered book, and they have done a fine job of editing it—a well proportioned magazine, *The Quarterly*. Articles, plays, stories, not to mention poetry and an excellent book review section, fill its pages. "Blue Wedding" was our choice of the fiction. A tragic climax was carefully built up, only to reduce itself to comedy as the story closed. For current events we have a background of the Spanish Civil War. Compiled from authoritative sources, the article discusses the conditions that led up to the present revolution in July of 1936.

Touching on the religious side, "Bread and Roses," a play, the scene of which is laid in Hungary during the thirteenth century, was particularly enjoyable. In keeping with Easter, an article "The Heavens Resound," an exposé of paschal music, and the editorial, are also to be commended.

THE AQUINIAN

The *Aquinian* hails from St. Thomas College, Chatham, N. B., and receives much thumbing at the Exchange Desk. Somewhat the size of our own, it is built very much along the same lines. Articles abound, although in the Christmas issue we noted only one story. That one, however, entitled "Aftermath," was a worthy representative. It concerned the armament maker, the remnants of a regiment from his home town, and how he stood before a firing squad. "Quebec Politics" is an article on the present political situation in that province. The sciences were to the fore in "Television."

Something we don't often see is a review of the incoming Freshman Class. The *Aquinian* has it and we think it is a splendid idea. It serves as an introduction to all and sundry and will make an interesting comparison for future graduation biographies.

KING'S COLLEGE RECORD

Another Quarterly, this time from Halifax. The March issue starts off with an article on the Kensington rune stone, supposedly buried by a party of Scandinavian explorers in 1362. It is an interesting piece of work, although rather lengthy. The Nordic atmosphere is continued in a sketch on Iceland. This was full of information but was not as well written as the other.

A Scottish Viking, if we may use the term, is the subject of "The Atlas of St. Ann's," the story of the giant MacAskill. It contained an enumeration of his various feats of strength along with a few amusing anecdotes of Cape Breton's Paul Bunyan. "Reminiscences" is the retrospection of an alumnus of former years, which must contain much of interest to other Old Boys.

A conspicuous note in the *Record* is its dearth of short stories. Such contributions add much to a college publication, not only from the readers' point of view, but also in regard to the stimulation of authorship. This, after all, is the purpose of a periodical, and therefore, should not be neglected.

THE ARGOSY WEEKLY

Regularly, week after week, Mount Allison sent us her paper. No sooner was it received than some follower of our corner was demanding it. The *Argosy* gives a full account of all college activities: sports, debating, dramatics, all come under its scope. Articles on various topics also add to its interest. Steve and Ike's newsy notes serve as a sort of catch-all review for the past week. And wouldn't it be interesting to know all the Ferret knows?



From hence let fierce contending nations know
What dire effects from civil discord flow.

—Addison.

For next to being a great poet is the power of understanding one.—*Longfellow*.