

# EXCHANGES

Christmas! This is the season that heralds the rebirth of hope in the souls of men, and of love in their hearts; for it is then that their thoughts turn to their loved ones and their friends. What better time could be chosen for the rebirth of "Red and White" for the scholastic year '26-'27; what time more appropriate to send out greetings to our many friends, old and new, the other colleges whose Exchanges visit us every year? We note with pleasure the arrival, among our old and tried friends, of many new ones of high literary merit, and of many others that show great promise. Space does not allow us to give our opinion on all of these, as we would wish to do, so we must content ourselves with commenting on a few—those which in our judgement most deserve a few lines of praise or criticism. We hope that our opinion may be of some value either by way of encouragement or suggestion.

## THE XAVIER

Here is a new name on our list, and it introduces itself in the form of an Alumni number. Even the Staff of this number is composed solely of Alumni, and to attempt to pick out the outstanding pieces from this edition would be simply a waste of time. All we can say is that the book itself is outstanding among the other Exchanges that grace our desk. The matter and treatment of its articles, together with excellent English and discrimination in choice of words, show on the part of their authors a literary finesse that is seldom found in a college magazine. The only thing we miss is a Joke Department. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," and we feel something akin to disappointment when we find that a book so broad in its scope of subject matter is not finished off with a few choice jokes. However that may be, you have our sincerest congratulations on the success of your Alumni Number. Call again, Xavier, you are always welcome.

## THE BROADCASTER

Another new friend has found its way to us from distant Parry Sound. We were somewhat surprised

at the form this newcomer took; it was a collection of jokes—and some very good jokes, too. Although these are all very interesting, and give us a good laugh, still we are of the opinion that a college magazine should not be made a Joke Book to the neglect of its literary department. A few choice jokes offset the more serious matter, and are almost a necessity in such a magazine, but when original compositions are set aside to make place for remodelled jokes, no matter how good these may be, then the chief purpose for the institution of all college journals, namely the encouragement of better literary productions among the students, has been forgotten. We look forward to the arrival of the next issue of the Broadcaster, and hope to see a few short stories, articles and poems. Show us that the students of Parry Sound High School are quite able to hold their own in this line as well as in that of lighter amusement.

### THE GREEN AND WHITE

We congratulate you on the step you have taken in presenting to the public the Green and White in magazine form. This new magazine is far more attractive than the old one; the quality of the paper and the neat appearance of the book show admirable judgement on the part of the Staff. Your article on "Mercy" is a timely reminder of our duty towards God and our neighbour in an age when man seems almost to have forgotten the existence of others and think only of self. The most noteworthy feature of your magazine seems to be the versatility of expression and the treatment of the subjects discussed in its articles. In the article "Decision" by G. O., is given more sound advice concerning the necessity of this quality in attaining success in life. Possibly your decision to make Green and White a bigger and better magazine will account for the success which, we hope, will attend it.

### THE ALVERNIA

Like the Green and White the most noteworthy feature of the final number of the Alvernia is its articles, but, unlike the former, it does not give us any short stories. These articles are well written, and make very interesting reading. They treat a variety of subjects and are all replete with common sense. We admire the featuring of



apt poetical quotations in them; it savours of a broad knowledge of the Poets on the part of their authors. The short poem, "The Pines" is worthy of particular mention. It is the reflection of one who, having passed through the college portals, glances back at the old, familiar scenes; and it shows the love of an old student for his Alma Mater, and his hopes for her future success and prosperity. The Joke Department of the Alvernia chases the away "blues" with its choice collection of the newest ones out. All we miss is the short stories. Let's have a few the next time you come, Alvernia.

### THE ARGOSY WEEKLY

This little paper is always the most interesting of our Weeklies. In literary merit, too, it surpasses the other weekly Exchanges. The short sketches and news items are very well written, and prove their authors to be men and women of no mean literary ability. This might be better developed if more scope were given to literary production and less to the news items, which, although of interest to the students, are not appreciated as much as the true literature by outsiders.

### THE ABBEY STUDENT

The Abbey Student is a book of which the students of St. Benedict's may be justly proud. The poems are especially striking and contain many beautiful thoughts, not the least of which is the thought which inspired the writing of the poem, "Mother." Several short stories, "Eyes of Judgement" and "Discord in the Music of the Heart," made very interesting reading. The editorials are well written and deal with subjects that are of much interest to students. We congratulate St. Benedict's on their athletic success, and also on their literary success, of which there can be no better proof than the Summer Number of the Abbey Student.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the following:

The Labarum, St. Joseph's Prep. Chronicle, The Fordham Monthly, Loyola College Review, The Champion, The Dial, The Brunswickan, Our Missions, China, Le Petit Lavallois, Western U. Gazette, Dalhousie Gazette, The Xaverian Weekly, King's College Record, The Tech Flash, and The Wag.