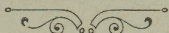




Exchanges



We heartily welcome the November issue of the Oberlin Literary Magazine. The pages of this excellent college journal are replete with matter that furnishes many hours of delightful reading. The subjects are treated in a manner so original and with a style so lofty and refined, that we have no hesitation in placing this monthly in the foremost rank of our exchanges. The exact and vivid portrayal of camp life by a former student is particularly interesting as is also the article entitled "Al Fine Del Giorno Il Miracolo." The description of "Life in Chinese Schools" is very fascinating, and while we cannot but disapprove of the dull and monotonous routine practised in these institutions, there are at least a few things we can admire in them. We fully agree with the writer when he says that "Ere long the whole paraphernalia of American academic life may be transplanted in the Eastern republic." The description of "A Summer Night" is real and picturesque and compares favorably with Stevenson's description of the same. The Oberlin Literary Magazine deserves the thanks of all lovers of good literature.

The Prospector for November is a splendid issue. We hasten to congratulate the staff for the general excellence of their journal, which, is rapidly winning for itself an enviable reputation among its contemporaries. "The College, a War Asset" by Bishop Carroll, treats of a subject of vital importance in this great crisis of the world's history. His Lordship is but voicing sentiments of every thoughtful man when he makes a plea for greater efficiency in our colleges. This, he says, is essential, if we are to grapple successfully with the dangerous and difficult problems of reconstruction after the war. The editorials are well written and deserve careful reading, especially the one entitled "College Spirit." The reproducing of the debate is an admirable idea and one which will add a stimulus to this important branch of college training. The poems, though short,

are deserving of much praise. It is to be hoped that the poets of Mount St. Charles College will continue to "court the muses."

We are sorry that we are not in possession of the last number of the St. Joseph Lilies, as this is one of our exchanges, which we always read with a great deal of pleasure and profit. This magazine is fortunate in having such a large number of gifted and scholarly contributors. The exposition of "Ordinary Mysticism" in the June number, by Rev. C. C. Kehoe, is presented in a forceful and interesting manner. The short story entitled "The Little Girl Who Smiled Back," is a good specimen of a work of this kind and the author may justly feel proud of its success. The poems, which are all of a high order, reveal a depth of thought and a beauty of expression often lacking in modern writers. Altogether, the "Saint Joseph Lilies" is one of our best exchanges. The selection and arrangement of the matter coupled with its high moral tone and simple yet dignified style, entitle it to a high standing among college magazines. We wish the "Lilies" every success in their endeavours.

The November number of The Saint Francis has just reached our desk. Although we have not had the pleasure of reading all the articles contained therein, nevertheless, the magazine as a whole has left a favorable impression on our minds. We predict a successful future for the quarterly of Saint Francis College.

We desire to extend the season's greetings to all our contemporaries and to acknowledge at the same time the receipt of the following exchanges :

"Oberlin Literary Magazine," "Saint Joseph Lilies," "The Prospector," "L'Action Catholique," "The University Monthly," "The Saint Francis," "The Canadian."