


EXCHANGES



In "the Abbey Student," we read an article entitled "Catholic College Journalism." The author deplors the lack of enthusiasm among college students for their magazine. Although there is no trouble in keeping athletics alive, yet it is almost impossible to get material for the college magazine, and the work generally devolves upon a few. We congratulate the writer of this article. He has indeed spoken truly. The same thought has at many times come to us, and we have wondered what cure could be found for it. The writer also condemns the magazine that publishes as the work of a student, material which is in reality written by an outsider.

Journalism is a great factor in the world today, for it is principally from printed matter that people obtain their ideas. Anyone, therefore, who wishes to communicate his ideas to others in a permanent way, must have recourse to writing. The college graduate should be a leader among men. But how is he going to do this if he does not know how to reach the people, or does not make use of the means at his disposal. There is no work in his college course which helps a student more when he goes out into the world than that which he has done for his college magazine. If he has learned to place his thoughts in a convincing manner before the public, then, truly will he fulfill his duty of leadership. He will be one who directs many whom he has never seen or known, a leader who will direct hosts along the paths of truth when his body will have returned to the dust from whence it came.

The editor of a magazine should be deluged with matter; he should not have to seek for it.

It has been our unpleasant duty to read many college magazines of low standard—magazines which have no literary merit. The greatest offenders that we have found, are the monthly and weekly papers. This should not be. A college paper should be above the ordinary and should contain material worth reading. We do not wish to discourage anyone, but if some of the periodicals that appear cannot do better, they should cease publication, for they are injuring their colleges.

The Alvernia: We were pleased to see "The Alvernia" once more. The November number contains some good parts. The Editorials have many sound thoughts. What the nations need today are men of thought and deliberation, not men who are carried along by every breeze that blows. The colleges of the country must supply these men, and one may judge what kind of men college students will be by the thoughts that they express.

Xavernian: The November Issue of the "Xavernian" contains some very good articles. One especially, "Some aspects on Modern Literature," describes the tendencies of modern literature. The author deplors the fact that the great bulk of the present literature no longer interprets life, and that it is calculated to stimulate the baser instincts of man. That present literature is of such a quality is true. It must be remembered, nevertheless, that literature is reflective of the wishes and demands of the people, and that, therefore, the people are, to a great extent, responsible. The number would be highly meritorious were it not for the lack of short stories.

St. Joseph Prep. Chronicle: Upon reading the "Chronicle" we are led to believe that the students at St. Joseph's have natural ability to write, at least to put words together. The stories lack plot. The poems are good, although care is not always taken to observe the rules of poetic diction.

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