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# EXCHANGES



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A glance through the Exchange reviews of the different college magazines received—and they are not of very great number—has forced me to reluctantly admit that most colleges do not appreciate the value of the Exchange department in the literary activities of college life. Some have even thought fit to eliminate the department altogether, while others, with apparent carelessness, have merely mentioned a few of the papers or magazines received. The criticism or appreciation received through the Exchange gives that great spur to literary endeavor which leads to further perfection, and which, when lacking, generally results in a college magazine sinking into insignificance. Anyone who knows the interest with which the literary staff receives the opinion of other colleges will realize the importance of the Exchange department. I have known students to display more interest in the little write-ups on their magazine than even the Exchange editor himself. Let us take for our model the splendid review of books and periodicals which we read every day in the different magazines. It may take a little more space sometimes, and may require a little more time, but I am sure that the mental efforts expended will be of immeasurable benefit to ourselves and others.

As I have already remarked the Exchanges received have not been very numerous. Some of our old friends have returned and others have not yet shown up since the Christmas issue of Red and White. It seems most difficult to establish a constant Exchange. Yet I am sure that our magazine is sent to every college that sends to us.

There is a certain consolation in the regular arrival of the Fordham Monthly. It is as much pleasure for us to review this ideal college magazine as it is for our fellow students to read the stories and articles, and especially the Antidote with its jokes, witty poems and sayings. It is always in demand. The Exchange editor is continually interrogated as to the arrival of Fordham Monthly. This of course, is by the way; however we are glad to be able to say as much.

In the January number there is a very illuminating article on Dr. Walsh, whose work,—The Thirteenth, the Greatest of Centuries—is well known at St. Dunstan's.

As usual the poetic element is well represented both in quantity and in quality. I was particularly taken with "Monarch of Dreams, and "Your Gift," a poem which seems to have the delightful rhythm peculiar to Moore. "The Poetry of Chesterton" is a fine tribute to the great G. K. who is today the great dictator of English art and criticism. I share the writer's admiration of Chesterton's poetry. There is one poem especially that I like: it is called "Love's Trappist," and the first verse runs thus:

"There is a place where lute and lyre are broken,  
Where scrolls are torn and on a wild wind go,  
Where tablets stand wiped naked for a token,  
Where laurels wither and the daisies grow."

In the February number of Fordham we find something rarely attempted in college magazines—a dramatic play. It is well done, and the lucky author is to be congratulated on his successful attempt at a most difficult task.

We are glad to see the old, familiar Abbey Student among our magazines. "Retrospect" is a sweet and touching poem. We feel that the Reverend poet must possess a truly poetic heart and insight. The depths of philosophic speculation seem to have been explored by the writer of the article on the importance of Metaphysics. An article on the importance of Latin treats that subject in a thorough and comprehensive manner. Students of Philosophy certainly cannot give too much time to the study of Latin, and would find it a most profitable practice to ponder over the orations of Cicero and other Latin authors even in their leisure moments. Time spent at Latin is well spent, for the student who becomes familiar with the greatest language of all times acquires a grace and ease of expression not easily forgotten.

In the December number of the Athenaeum there is an article on the Klu Klux Klan which was of interest to us. The writer, who seems to have a fairly thorough knowledge of his subject, treats of the origin, organization, and aims of that peculiar organization and of its attempts to obtain a footing in our country. He has voiced our sentiments well. With him we hope that the K. K. K. will never obtain a footing in our peaceful and contented Canada.



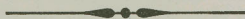
The Brunswickan is a more formal type of magazine. We looked in vain for fiction and such like. Perhaps students engaged in the intricate questions of Engineering and Law have little leisure for "the lighter things." Yet don't you think that a little more literary work would improve the sale of your magazine and make it still more appreciated?

The Alverina is small and unpretentious in appearance but contains, nevertheless, gems of literary effort. The articles are excellent and the "Legend of Brother Joseph" is nicely narrated. Your review of outstanding books might be an ideal for every college magazine. Few of the best magazines could boast of reviews so complete and so extensive. College activities are well discussed.

"Our Missions" receives a warm welcome every month. It serves to keep us informed regarding the noble work that is being done in the foreign missions, and generally contains interesting anecdotes and reminiscences of the many vicissitudes of the missionary's life.

In the last issue of the King's College Record we were pleased to see an article by Judge Warburton of Charlottetown.

We gratefully acknowledge the reception of many other interesting publications such as: Argosy Weekly, Dalhousie Gazette, and Xaverian Weekly: also the Green and White, Index, and Le Petit Lavallois.



'Tis education forms the common mind:  
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

—Pope.

Peace hath her victories  
No less renowned than war.

—Milton.

There is a pleasure which is born of pain:  
The grave of all things hath its violet.

—Ibid.