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Among the college productions which have come to us since Christmas we welcome many newcomers and deplore the absence of some of our old friends. While the unexpected arrival of the former exchanges is more than pleasing to us, nevertheless the failure of some of our contemporaries to exchange naturally disappoints us. However we will hope for the best and trust that both our newly found acquaintances and our older friends will adorn our shelf ere next issue of "Red and White" will be on the press.

## Alvernia.

This magazine came to us for the first time in the form of the February issue. All the literary efforts contained in it are worthy of praise, but the articles entitled "Cardinal Mercier" and "Christian Education" reflect the greatest credit upon the students of St. Francis College. The former article pays a true and just tribute to the hero of Belgium who for the past four years has been the fearless and undaunted champion of his people's rights. Had the author not been so biased in his opinion concerning whom he considered to be the world's greatest statesman, we could have said that this article was excellent.

## Memorare.

Affected in a very slight degree by war conditions, the ladies of Mt. Saint Bernard College, in the December issue of the "Memorare", give evidence of their ability and industry. "War Poetry by Soldier Poets", written by a former student of the college, is an excellent criticism on the poetry produced by some of the heroes who did not hesitate to forgo promising careers to suffer, yes even to sacrifice all, for the welfare of

their countries. The other essays, though they do not treat their subjects very thoroughly, nevertheless give the reader at least a general idea of the questions under discussion.

## De Paul Minerval

Both the December and February issues of this magazine from Chicago contain much profitable and interesting reading. Though this is one of our new exchanges, nevertheless we are inclined to treat the "Minerval" like one of our old friends. While all the stories in the February number are interesting and well written, still we have no hesitation in declaring that "The Personal Interest" is the best, not only from a literary point of view, but chiefly because it breathes the true Catholic spirit which is very appropriate in a magazine of this kind. We thus journey on through a great deal of very interesting matter until the Editorials are reached, and there-"ah! there's the rub." Though the learned Editor does not seem to be at home either in his atmospheric wanderings or in his childish search for the things which St. Paul says men should leave behind, nevertheless he made a far better attempt at his first two subjects than he did at "America First." While the wonderful part played by his countrymen in the Great War might be worthy of a certain measure of appreciation even from a people who have been "doing their bit" since 1914, on the other hand his ill-chosen and prejudicial remarks concerning the British Naval Policy demand an emphatic condemnation from us. The last few lines could not have been written in a more inappropriate time.

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Wisdom is oftimes nearer when we stoop Than when we soar.

-Wordsworth.