



EXCHANGES



INTRODUCTION

In this final issue of the "*Red and White*" for the current scholastic year, we shall refrain from making any general comment on our exchanges. Suffice it to say that we have conscientiously endeavored to review each magazine regularly received and, if we have fallen short of the mark, it is only because, in a few instances, we had no recent number on hand. We realize that, with the approach of commencement, thoughts are flying beyond the final examinations to the vacation ahead; yet we dare to hope that, when those happy days are over, and editorial pens are again being wielded, some of the seed we have sown will bear fruit. Nor are we unmindful of any gentle admonitions administered us, but rather are we grateful. We also acknowledge any assistance received, and wish all our fellow exchanges a bright and successful future.

KING'S COLLEGE RECORD

In the fiftieth anniversary number of the King's College Record, which is printed on an exceptionally fine quality of paper, we find a variety of contributions from persons representing the various decades, giving an excellent account of the progress of the magazine during the past half a century. Among the editorials, one was provocative of our deep thought and attentive consideration—that on the compulsory system of attending lectures. The non-existence of original stories and poems is a defect meriting an immediate remedy. There is no exchange column. Your alumni news is merged with "College Notes." These might very well be separated, as each is deserving of a place by itself. "Shrapnel," the jokes department, is very good, and athletics is well-treated.

Now a word about the articles. Of these there are a considerable number, among which we note three in particular. "A Paradox of History," dealing with the Renaissance, we shall not attempt to criticize. We would only ask by what *authority* the author makes the assertions of his concluding paragraph; but he needs none, having already voiced his disbelief in any. "Through the Gateway" is a brief but good account of the troubles

and joys of immigrants on landing at Halifax. Another informative article is that on "The Historic St. John," giving a splendid synopsis of outstanding events of important periods of New Brunswick's development. On the whole, your Jubilee Number is well worthy of praise, and we hope the Record will continue to advance during the next fifty years as it has in the past.

THE ORACLE

We find it somewhat difficult to review this publication of the Fort William Collegiate and Technical Institute, as it is, unfortunately, the only issue exclusive of the Year Book, and since, moreover, it seems to follow no regular order. We notice it is printed on extra-fine quality of paper, and the type is unusually clear. These are two good features which will serve as the foundation for further improvements. Many of the departments are concluded in the advertising pages. This is a practice of which we recommend the discontinuance. Then, again, there are too many such departments. Those original and novel ones, Competitions, Hall of Fame and Form Papers might be retained as adding variety, but we would suggest consolidation and rearrangement of the others. For instance, your stories, articles and poems ought all to precede your exchanges, sports sections and social notes. The latter should be grouped in close relation to Literary Societies and Commencement sections.

Your jokes, which we must say are amusing, are very properly relegated to the back of the magazine, but we regret to add that a little too much of the matter in front of them is humorous rather than literary. We mention the following: The Hall of Fame, Form Papers, Anti-Bunk, at least one editorial, many of the social notes, much of the exchange comment, most of the miscellaneous stories and articles, and even the prize poem. Much as we enjoyed them, especially, "A Discourse on Boys" and the "Mutter and Mumble" ramblings of Melville, they nevertheless make up a formidable list, leaving what for the serious side? Only a fine editorial on Music, the sports, literary societies and Commencement sections, possibly the prize story and article, which are splendid, and the residue of the above.

You see, then, the composition of your magazine, and what will be necessary to better it. We congratulate you, however, on the splendid student spirit displayed, evidenced by the number of contributions, and confidently expect to witness a greater output of literary material in your future numbers.

WESTERN U GAZETTE

The March 21st issue of the Western U Gazette contains much of interest. Dr. H. H. Gilbert writes an instructive letter about China, which furnished us with some very valuable information as to existing conditions in the Orient. Other news items include dramatic and social events, book reviews, doings of Meds and Le Cercle Francaise, and debating reports. Of the latter, the account of the trip to the States was very enlightening. All are done in breezy newspaper style.

The editorials and letters to the editor, although splendid, are all of local interest only. We suggest that you endeavour to insert a few along more general lines, as well as an occasional story or original essay. More verse, too, would be welcomed. We liked "Memory" and appreciated the humorous thought so aptly expressed in "Where Are The Co-Eds of Yesteryear?" We deplore the absence of an exchange column, but find that alumni and athletics receive sufficient attention throughout the paper. Advertisements are well-disposed and cuts are clear. We trust in a long continuation of your friendship.

THE XAVERIAN WEEKLY

From Antigonish, N. S., comes the Xaverian Weekly, a snappy eight-page college paper. The issue under review is well up to the standard of this journal, which is constantly improving. Athletic news is featured on the front page, where we also find an up-to-date article on "Education Reform For Nova Scotia" and an amusing little sketch with local coloring entitled, "Personality Conquers Brawn." Looking inside, we are delighted to be entertained with another of the same type as the latter, which endeavors to prognosticate what will happen "Six Hundred Years Hence;" on the next page is an interesting and instructive essay on the "Canadian Banking System."

The editorial page includes The Forum, expressing student opinion, and is followed by an extra sport section. Humor comes into its own in the rest of the issue, in the form of a number of smart "Kampus Krax," and a poem—*Une Lettre A Marie*—fashioned after the manner of "The Habitant." Although we relished it, yet we regret to say that no attempt at serious poetry seems to be made. This we must point to as a major deficiency. We notice your paper rejoices in a French section called "*Le Cercle Francais*." The Xaverian is exceptionally well-balanced and regularly arranged, and we hope to see it appear regularly on our shelves next year.

ACADIA ATHENAEUM

We welcome once more the Athenaeum. We are pleased to read a magazine which ranks high in literary merit. The articles and essays are all very good, but "The Pageantry of the League of Nations" is extremely interesting, and well-described. "Alone" gives food for thought, and "That Not Impossible He" is a good treatment of the question of choosing a husband—a very serious one, no doubt. We commend the author of the literary criticism, "James Gay: Poet Laureate of Canada and Master of All Poets," on the comprehensive scope of her review of his work. The story "Revenge" depicts the actions of a man with a guilty conscience very well. The many poems are of a superior grade, but "Eventide" and "Twilight" appealed most to us. "You Can't Tell—Never" is of a peculiar type, and realistic, to say the least.

We were a little confused as we wandered through the maze of divisions in the editorial department, and would suggest a clearer arrangement of sub-headings. Nevertheless, the subjects are ably-handled, above all "What Should We Get From Acadia," which should be of interest not only to students but to all classes of people. "The Month" is an excellent record of activities within the college walls. The Science Section is a laudable feature not noticed elsewhere. The jokes in "The College Clown" are of a mediocre class.

The other departments are well-edited, which may be said of the Athenaeum in general. We trust that the ties of fellow feeling which bind us may never be severed.

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Dalhousie Gazette, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

Xaverian Weekly, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S.

Western U Gazette, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

St. Joseph Lilies, St. Joseph's College, Toronto, Ont.

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