



EXCHANGES



In setting out to edit the Exchange Department of the *Red and White* for this issue, we find that no suitable topic suggested itself to us as the subject of an introduction. There is no great common defect upon which we might comment, that has not been disposed of previously. Many of the magazines reviewed, and others surveyed in a casual way, have shown marked signs of improvement, and an excellent balance between the literary section and special departments. Some, however, even omit the latter, and others still neglect the exchanges and alumni especially. A few, which do not profess to be exclusively literary, fail to give any thought to humor. This is a part of our nature which needs to be cultivated, as well as the serious side. The latter, as evidenced in many fine exchanges, does not suffer deterioration through contact with the former, but rather is relieved from heaviness by it.

We continue to notice a paucity of stories and editorials in numerous magazines, and in certain publications almost a complete absence of essays and poems. However, we shall refer more fully to each individual case as we review it, for we hope before the end of the year to have completed a particular criticism of every exchange received. We are gratified to observe that these continue to come in regularly, and solicit copies of new publications, assuring them that it is our pleasure to make their acquaintance and exchange with them.

THE BURR

We welcome a new friend from Philadelphia, *The Burr*, a bright and interesting publication. The January number starts off with a forceful poetic animadversion against Winter and, although we might disagree somewhat with his sentiments, we cannot help admiring the author's rugged style. The other poems are good, and so are the prize stories. "'Twas the day after Christmas" presents a brand new plan of rapid financing which we recommend to any "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingfords" among students.

There are some splendid editorials, including one on the doubtful value of the talking picture. Another on

"Opportunities" contains an admirable thought—that of helping one's neighbor.

The magazine is very well arranged, departments constituting the latter half in the order: Campus Gossip, Exchanges, The Old Grads' Garland, Sports and Humor. The latter section is far above the average. We also congratulate *The Burr* on the attractiveness of its advertisements, and on the excellence of the decorations which grace the headings of its various departments. We trust our mutual friendship will long endure.

THE LABARUM

A well-bound publication, with an attractive cover, is the *Labarum*, from Clarke College, Iowa. Its winter number commences with a special section. "The Spirit of Bethlehem," consisting of a number of appropriate stories and poems. With the pathos expressed in one of the latter, "Awakening," we were especially struck, as we were with the reverence and appeal of "Bethlehem." "If Shakespeare Were Alive Today," two excellent papers dealing from a modern point of view with the contingency expressed in the title, present somewhat similar opinions in very novel style, especially the former. Both are interesting and amusing. The same may be said of the story, "Hope Springs Eternal," and of "Woman's Dress," among the Fourteenth Century Yesterdays.

The verselets for December Eighth and Midwinter are beautiful. We read all, and found them equally meritorious. The Loose Leaves from English Note Books are good, and indicative of the proper feminine spirit which evidently exists among the girls of Clarke. We liked "Good Morning." Indeed, we liked your whole magazine and its type of literary matter, which we might classify as "different," both in style and in arrangement. "College and Campus," "Field and Gymnasium" cover activities among the young ladies more thoroughly than we have witnessed in any other magazine, and your Alumnae themselves do the work of their own department, which is as it should be, and which is not often the case elsewhere. Why not add an Exchange Department, in which you may pass along helpful suggestions to many of us who need them more than you?

THE FORDHAM MONTHLY

Perhaps it is that we have not lately thoroughly looked into a *Fordham Monthly* but, be that as it may, we were amazed and delighted with both the quality and quantity of poetry found between the covers of the January issue. We passed on from one to another with avidity, from "Excuse," which conveyed a beautiful ideal to us, to "The Poet," which summed up the art of verse in a few words. Between, we paused to read twice, "Variations of the Theme of an Eminent Victorian," "To Be Played Softly," "Old Adage" and "Fair Warning." With all these and the many others we were extremely well-pleased. Indeed, this is a veritable poetry number.

Of stories and essays, we mention one of each class which, as well as being written so as to hold the interest, has also an amusing turn; namely, "The Arm of the Law" and "According to the Movies." The "Opinions" on books and current plays continue to hold their places as valuable features found in few college magazines. We must point to the *Fordham Monthly* as a true type of real literary value. Less than a dozen of its pages are devoted to college, alumni and athletic news, grouped under the head of "Fordhamensia," and humor, (which is not neglected), in "The Antidote." In fact, we are fearful of asking for an exchange department and more editorials, lest such increments might in some manner impair the present excellence of a nearly perfect magazine.

THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

Every week we look forward eagerly to the arrival of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, a brisk student newspaper from Halifax. It approaches more nearly to proper newspaper form than any other weekly we receive, coming very close to standard size. The headlines suitably emphasize important topics. We were much interested in the item from Toronto in your issue of February 15th, concerning the dismissal of the editor of "Varsity" daily. "Oh Mores, Oh Tempora" offers some rather amusing headlines. "On Smoking" is an excellent article, and not too serious. Indeed, there is an abundance of humor in the issue, reaching its climax in "The Goofees."

The *Gazette's* editorials are always good, but that on "Child's Play For Grandpa" is particularly forceful and

to the point. Athletics are covered fully. "The Life of a Little College" gives us an understanding of the student spirit. "Poetic Vein" usually contains some splendid verse. This week we liked "As Aprils Come" best. The *Gazette*, as a special feature, keeps Dalhousians well-informed as to what's going on at the theatres. All its advertisements are arranged in real newspaper form, and the many illustrations show up very clearly. We wonder where Dalhousie finds an outlet for its story writers, but suppose the printing of fiction is not regarded as one of the services of your publication, which excellently fulfils its mission as a medium for expressing student opinion and recording College activities.

THE ABBEY STUDENT

The winter number of the *Abbey Student*, published by the students of St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas, contains much interesting reading-matter. The poems, stories and articles are well-written and of a high literary order. We have appreciated, in particular, the poem, "Soul's Questing," not only for its poetic value, but also for the idea which it so nicely expresses. We shall not attempt to make special reference to any one story as they were all of high merit.

The addition of an Exchange column, and of Alumni and Athletics sections would, we feel, by giving a wider variety of subjects, increase greatly the scope of the periodical. And a page or two might profitably be devoted to the droll side of life which, it is said, is relished by even the gravest men. However, we should say that humor finds a place in the article on "The Human Nose."

Finally, we do not like the plan, evidently imitative of non-student magazines, of continuing at the back stories begun at the front. It is an innovation that we would discourage. Outside of that, and the lack of departments, we think your magazine is splendid, and especially commend the students on being able to produce so many stories, something that cannot be said of very many college magazines.

THE CANISIUS MONTHLY

We indeed rejoice that such a standard production as the *Canisius Monthly* continues to find its place regularly

on our exchange shelf. The first issue of the New Year was no exception to the general rule of excellence. It is overflowing with good things, although we must confess that our attention was first attracted by the story "Within The Law." Upon perusal of it, we were not disappointed. It is a new presentation of an old theme, well worked out, and with a decidedly original turn at the conclusion "On The Button," which might be characterized as a snappy short story, also has a somewhat similar element of surprise at the climax.

Upon further examination, we found a depth of thought displayed in several fine articles, among which we mention as of general interest "A Biography With A Difference," dealing with that of Father Marquette. Of the poems, "Jade Dust" is unusual and striking, "A Rondeau Now" a trifle obscure, and "The Song of the Wandering Scholars" full of lofty and inspiring sentiments. A one-act play, a timely editorial, (we could wish for more of these), the Chronicle, Alumni and Athletic sections round off a well-balanced magazine. We miss only the Exchange Department, and include with the suggestion of its addition our desire for the continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

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The Fordham Monthly, Fordham University, New York, N. Y.

Green and White, De La Salle College, Manila, P. I.

King's College Record, University of King's College, Halifax, N. S.

Canisius Monthly, Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y.

The College Times, Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Brunswickan, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B.

Our Missions, The Mission Press, Techny, Ill.

China, St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ont.

Tech Flash, Nova Scotia Technical School, Halifax, N. S.

Acadia Athenaeum, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S.

St. Joseph's Prep. Chronicle, St. Joseph's College High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Providence College Alembic, Providence College, Providence, R. I.

Argosy Weekly, Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N. B.

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.

The Labarum, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa.

The Burr, West Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Abbey Student, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas.

The Memorare, Mount St. Bernard College, Antigonish, N. S.

The Oracle, London South Collegiate Institute, London, Ont.

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O many a shaft, at random sent,
 Finds mark the archer little meant!
 And many a word, at random spoken,
 May soothe, or wound, a heart that's broken!
—Scott.

Kings will be tyrants from policy, when subjects are rebels from principle.—*Burke.*