

EXCHANGES



During the past years the Exchange editors of St. Dunstan's "Red and White" have consistently endeavoured to fulfil worthily the duties of this department. Their success, naturally, cannot be definitely measured, but we trust that their diligent efforts have not been without results. It is our purpose to continue the good work of our predecessors and to spare neither time nor labor in the interests of this student publication in general, and of the Exchange department in particular.

The purpose of such a department is essentially to criticize; and its success depends on the nature of that criticism. Mere fault-finding never produces beneficial results. It is sound, constructive criticism only, which we shall try to offer you, our friends and contemporaries, and it is that which we hope to receive from you in return.

An Exchange department is, in our consideration, a very necessary factor in a student's magazine. It is from criticism, more than from any other source, that we acquire a broadened perspective and the ability to see ourselves as others see us, which are so indispensable to real literary progress. It is human nature to resent that which is unpleasant or detrimental to our self-esteem; but it is common sense which redeems us from this failing. Therefore let it be our policy to mutually accept criticism in the same spirit in which it is offered.

The majority of the publications received have sections devoted to Exchanges. However, there are some which still lack such a department. To these latter we would strongly recommend a fair trial of critical composition, which, we feel sure, will speedily convince them of the benefits to be derived therefrom. Our motive in thus recommending is not purely altruistic, for we realize that on the quality and varied sources of criticism depend

in a large measure the success of our magazine.

THE CAMPION

A cursory examination of the publications which have come to hand reveals one, "The Campion," which immediately attracts favourable attention by its handsome binding; and a critical examination of its contents detracts not a particle from that first impression. The

students of Campion College, Regina, have shown us that they are capable of producing a magazine which ranks among the best of student publications. The arrangement of the contents of this magazine is the result of diligent efforts to please its readers. We find the space assigned to the different poems, stories, and special departments and articles, so allotted that it escapes the heaviness which is a common fault of purely literary

magazines.

Space does not permit of a minute review, so we shall confine ourselves to the salient points only. The editorials are sound and quite readable, but there is a lack of subject matter which is not directly connected with college interests. One editorial, at least, devoted to some subject of public interest, would add materially to the literary value of the magazine. In the short story, "Pioneers," the author has caught the true spirit of the Irish Catholic. The poems in this issue, owing to their excellence, and also to the fact that a number of them have been submitted by members of the faculty, are exempt from criticism. Considerable space is devoted to the various athletic pursuits of the students. Here we may remark that the gravest fault to be found with the magazine is the absence of an Exchange department. Lack of humour may be excused, since the aim of the publication is, evidently, purely literary. But an Exchange department, from which mutual benefits might accrue is, in our opinion, almost indispensable to such a magazine.

We congratulate the students of Campion College on "The Campion," and hope that it will continue to be

numbered among our Exchanges.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP. CHRONICLE

This monthly visitor from far Pennsylvania bears eloquent testimony to the literary spirit of St. Joseph's Prep. School students. Their magazine is a study of arrangement and of literary excellence, and compares favourably with publications of many colleges and universities.

The issues at hand contain several features worthy of special note, but we shall confine ourselves to a few of the more outstanding. The short stories are all quite readable, but one in particular, "The Ranchman," in the

October issue, appeals distinctly to us. Although it is rather short, yet its very brevity and terseness, together with its swift action and splendid unity, conform to the best usages of short story writing. The poems, of which there are many, are featured more by a happy choice of theme and meter than by originality of thought and expression. There are many special articles worthy of commendation, among which is an intimate and comprehensive sketch of the "Roman Question," in the June issue. In the October issue "The Civic Duties of Catholic Men," and "The Religious Duties of Catholic Men," are treated separately in the Statutory Address, and in the Valedictory, respectively. Suffice it to say that these addresses should engender profound thought among the graduates of Catholic schools and colleges today.

We believe that a section devoted to the lighter side of school life, containing jokes, humorous selections, etc., would round out a magazine which already maintains a high standing among student publications.

THE BRUNSWICKAN

This publication from U. N. B., Fredericton, once more occupies its accustomed niche on our Exchange desk and we welcome it, both as a valued friend, and as a magazine of superior quality. We reciprocate the Exchange editor's sentiment with regard to mutual criticism and helpfulness on the part of the different colleges, and we wish him and his associates continued success with "The Brunswickan."

On a careful reading of the magazine we find much to be commended. The university activities are treated exhaustively, and reveal a healthy college spirit among the students. However, in our opinion, the literary value of the magazine would be distinctly improved by including more material which does not pertain directly to college life. One or two short stories and an editorial or article of popular interest would go far to effect this desirable end. If we may proffer another suggestion, it is that the poems, instead of being confined to an individual section, should be interspersed throughout the magazine, thus insuring a more balanced arrangement. In "Rouge et Noir," we find many original jokes, sparkling with wit and humour.

As a whole "The Brunswickan" is eminently worthy of the name which it has made for itself as a college magazine.

THE CANISIUS MONTHLY

In this magazine we find conclusive proof that the students of Canisius College are succeeding well in their aim to promote literary excellence in their college compositions. In the October issue appears an assortment of stories, poems, humorous articles, also a short play, besides the different departments. Of the two stories contained therein, "A Lady of Fashion" appeals to us as the better, because of its original and well executed plot. "Unto Those Who Dare" is rather obscure in so far as it is difficult to decide at what point in Juan Fuerre's adventures reality fades into phantasy. "Weather Permitting" is a poem which is really humorous and creates in us a desire for further acquaintanceship with the wits of Canisius, but in this we are doomed to disappointment. We would suggest that a modest share of space be set aside for the use of the college humorists. This addition, together with an Exchange department, is all that is required to make the "Canisius Monthly" a magazine par excellence.

THE BURR

Once again we greet with pleasure the advent of the "Burr," the pleasing production of the students of West Philadelphia Catholic High School. The latest issue of this magazine is well up to the high standard set by former numbers.

In looking over its pages our attention is first attracted by a poem, "The First Rosary," which presents the development of a beautiful thought in a novel manner. Further perusal brings to our notice other poems of equal merit, among which "Success" deserves special mention for its terse, but thorough presentation of the true spirit of endeavour.

The short story "Three Puffs," although rather brief, appeals to us, for its swift movement and abrupt ending stamp it as something different from the usual run of such stories. Here we would venture to make a suggestion. Do you not think that your magazine would be improved by the addition of one or two more of these stories which

we look upon as an essential part of any literary production?

We noticed particularly several editorials on diverse subjects, which lend a pleasing variation to the contents. With regard to the Sport and Exchange departments, the former is thoroughly treated, and the latter, while fairly satisfactory, would be improved by keener criticism, or a suggestion here and there of what you would consider beneficial.

The addition of a page or so of good clean humour completes a magazine which we consider among the most interesting productions which we receive; and we shall look forward with pleasant anticipation to succeeding numbers of "The Burr."

THE ARGOSY WEEKLY

Again we welcome the weekly edition of the "Argosy" from Mt. Allison. As a newspaper it deserves much credit in carrying out its purpose and maintaining its status among the many such publications of our day. In it we find a great diversity of subjects treated in true newspaper style. Of course, at this season of the year sport topics naturally predominate, nevertheless we find sufficient variety to suit even those who take no active interest in sport.

The poem "Perfect Peace," and the short story "The Theological Engineer," deserve special mention as entertaining reading, and also afford interesting material for thought and study.

This magazine being a weekly, it is practically impossible to review each individual issue in the space allotted to us. It will suffice to say that through the instrumentality of the "Argosy," we have acquired almost as complete a knowledge of the college life of Mt. Allison as we have of our own. We shall always look forward with pleasure to future numbers.

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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Absence of occupation is not a rest, A mind quite vacant is a mind distress'd.

-Cowper

But hushed be every thought that springs From out the bitterness of things.

-Wordsworth