



## EXCHANGES

Plain speaking is characteristic of Exchange departments, plain approval and plain disapproval; therefore, to be consistent, we open this department by wishing our contemporaries a plain Merry Christmas. Having thus extended such greetings as are fitting to this cordial season, we turn to the work in hand.

The craze for specialization which characterizes our present educational system is beginning to be reflected in college publications. Almost every magazine that comes to this exchange could be classified as being particularly devoted to poetry, or to literary criticism, or to fiction, to humor, to sport, etc. Following up this classification, we would say that, in the fields of fiction and literary criticism, *St. Mary's Review* and the *Quarterly* excel; in the realm of poetry, the *Acadia Athenaeum* stands out; in sport, the *Western U. Gazette*; in humor, the *Collegiate Institute Oracle*; and so on for all the others. Each is characterized by an inclination to, and an excellence in, some particular field.

### THE "TARANAKIAN," New Plymouth, New Zealand

This magazine is so different from those put out by Canadian and American colleges that it is impossible to find any basis of comparative criticism. The first thing we notice is the absence of advertisements, and we wonder how in the world the book gets along without them. We notice also that the contents consist almost totally of notes on the various intramural sports and other activities, and that what little material there is in addition to those is written, not by students, but by "old boys." We have nothing to say about an occasional contribution by an alumnus; but, at least according to the policy of North American college periodicals, the students should be given a chance to display their literary talents. However, it is easy to see that a distance of twelve thousand miles may make a difference in editorial policies.

Fellow students at the other end of the earth's diameter, we salute you, and sincerely invite you to come again.

#### THE XAVERIAN WEEKLY

A well balanced weekly paper published by the students of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S., bears this title. It contains articles on local activities, essays and short stories, and discusses practical questions, thus being a source of interest to the outsider as well as to the students. If the writers would take more care in avoiding such hackneyed phrases as: "down through the ages," and "the pages of history," which appear very frequently, we believe that their work would have a more pleasing effect.

#### THE BRUNSWICKAN

This weekly publication is a most interesting little paper which comes from the University of New Brunswick. College "goings-on" are remarkably well recorded; the numerous social events receive due space in well written form; inter-collegiate and intra-mural sport news is so treated as to keep up the spirits of participants.

The screen and radio page could probably be dispensed with; as these can be found in any daily newspaper, there is hardly need of them in a college publication. As a substitute for this page, why not a short or continued story?—a feature which is lacking in the Brunswickan.

#### ST. JOSEPH LILIES, St. Joseph's College, Toronto

The trend of the literary work in this magazine is ever consistent with the motto which graces its cover; "Congregavit nos in unum amor Christi." The contributions by the Reverend Fathers and Sisters were greatly enjoyed. In the article "Ins and Outs in Chinese Inns," the author, without ignoring the humorous aspect, gives us an appreciative knowledge of a missionary's life. Contributions made by the students deserve commendation, but such contributions were very few.

#### THE ORACLE

The Collegiate Institute of Fort William is the producer of this interesting magazine. Student activities are well dealt with. The humor is excellent. Much space is taken up by class pictures and character-sketches of the students. This section might be limited somewhat,

as it is of purely local interest. Added improvement could be made by the appearance of articles of a more serious nature; for instance, on subjects of current interest.

#### THE KENSINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ORACLE

This is a new and highly commendable venture and one which other high schools would do well to copy. As the editor remarks, a school paper should help in the teaching of composition and should stimulate the interest of the pupils in written expression. We would suggest publication quarterly, if at all possible, instead of semi-annually. The material contained in its eight modest pages is of a very high calibre and reflects credit on the pupils and teachers alike.

#### THE ACADIA ATHENAEUM

This magazine is an example of what a college publication should be. It is both well-balanced, and well written. The poetry is, from our point of view, especially commendable, for example "Peace" and "Despair." The articles are also of a good quality, and, dealing as they do with the problems of the day, and with subjects that are always of interest to everyone, they have the advantage of appealing to the general public. There could possibly be some improvement by the inclusion of more short stories.

In addition to the publications mentioned above, we gratefully acknowledge the following:

*The Champion*, Campion College, Regina Sask.

*The Voice*, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, N. Y.

*The Lower Canada College Magazine*, Montreal, Que.

*The Mitre*, University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Que.

*The King's College Record*, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

*The Quarterly*, New Rochelle, New York.

*The Collegian*, St. Mary's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

*The Academy Broadcast*, Halifax Academy, Halifax, N. S.

*The Canisius Quarterly*, Buffalo, New York.

*St. Mary's College Review*, St. Mary's College, Brockville, Ontario.

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

*The Christian Family*, St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Illinois.

*The Eikon*, Redemptorist Fathers, 135 McCaul St. Toronto, Ontario.

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

*The Argosy*, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.

*The Gazette*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.

*The Labarum*, Clark College, Dubuque, Iowa.

*The Challenger*, St. John Vocational School, St. John, N. B.



The attempt and not the deed  
Confounds us.

—*Shakespeare.*

Honour and shame from no condition rise;  
Act well your part, there all the honour lies.

—*Pope.*

Words are like leaves; and where they most abound  
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.

—*Pope.*

