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## EDITORIAL

### THIS ISSUE.

With this issue we present to the public the last number of our journal for the year 1911-12. It is but natural that we lay aside our pen with reluctance and we beg the indulgence of our readers while we make a retrospective glance.

With the results of the past year we are satisfied and we are dissatisfied. "Red and White" had acquired a high standard when we were called upon to assume the duties of editor-in chief, and our task to retain that standard was a difficult one. However, judging from the friendly criticism passed upon us we have not utterly failed. All college magazines experience the same difficulty in securing matter for publication from the students. The common case is that when a board of editors is selected to manage the paper, the student body think that all responsibility rests upon the shoulders of these few and that



they themselves discharge their duty in making such a heavy expenditure as is necessary to obtain a sole copy. If this spirit prevails, as it has in St. Dunstan's since the inception of "Red and White," the journal cannot possibly be a true success. Hence it is that we are not fully satisfied with the year's work. Some of the college papers offer money prizes for the best articles submitted by the students, and by means of this pecuniary incentive secure some written matter at least. But this plan has not proved a great success. We think rather that if the professors of English would allot to the students in the various classes competitive essays on different subjects promising publication to the best, greater effort would be made to hand in a well written article. And thus it would be a boon to the professors, to the students themselves, and incidentally "Red and White" would share the profits. We respectfully call the attention of the authorities to this suggestion and ask that it be given a trial next year. By co-operating in this manner with the hard-working staff of the magazine, "Red and White" could be much improved, and the chief editor relieved of much trouble and work.

One more suggestion and we will be done. For the past three years "Red and White" has been published three times in the collegiate year. If the reorganization of the staff would be effected in September rather than December, there would be no difficulty in publishing four issues,—October, December, March and May. The objection may be offered that the students are not settled down so early in the year and therefore could not dream of composing. Our experience, however, proves quite the contrary. To us it has always appeared that the boys are so busy verbally relating the many and varied experiences of the summer vacation, they find it most difficult to get down to study before they have relieved their minds of the numberless tales and the sweet memories of the balmy summer. Would it not be a common benefaction to permit our reminiscing students to perpetuate their romances by permitting them to commit them to the welcoming pages of "Red and White."

From this and other sources sufficient matter for an October issue could be gathered. We should be progressive enough to publish four issues in the year and if the boys would organize their literary board as early as their athletic association, it would be very simple. We leave these suggestions to the members of the present staff who return next September and to all those interested in the welfare of "Red and White."



## THANKS

Before we bid adieu, we desire to thank those who have contributed to the success of "Red and White." We feel grateful to our subscribers, many of whom are not and have not been students of St. Dunstan's. They loyally supported our young but sturdy representative in the field of journalism and their appreciation of our efforts merits gratitude. We bespeak for our successors the same hearty support as it has been the public's pleasure to give us.

To the business men who rendered our undertaking a financial success by using our advertising columns, we return thanks, we trust that their patronage of us has proved a profitable investment and we exhort the students, present and to be, to help those who help them.



It would be ill of us to rack our pen without expressing our appreciation for the unselfish co-operation of our brother members of the staff. The relations which have existed between us have been cordial, hence by our concentrated efforts, we have been successful in publishing a magazine not unworthy of Alma Mater. Some of us leave shortly not to return, but to those of you who will be present next year we leave our task, and we trust that "Red and White" during the year 1912-13 will be better than ever. Always will we follow its progress with pleasure and satisfaction. May "Red and White" enjoy success to the fullest measure. Vale.