



EXCHANGES

Time has been industriously ticking away since the last issue of the *Red and White*, and now again we are called upon to give a little friendly advice concerning the magazines which we have received. We have read these periodicals fairly carefully and given criticism which is honest even though sometimes it may be ill-directed. At best the position of exchange editor is a thankless one unless he gives out nothing but praise or, and this is the ideal state of affairs, unless the other publications take the criticism in a friendly manner.

In the present case, our first task is to thank our contemporaries who have so kindly sent their productions for us to read. We enjoyed looking over these magazines and there is no doubt that some of these young authors and authoresses will in time be writing for public periodicals. Everyone should be made to understand that writing is an art to be gained by practice only. What better chance has the student to get his work published than through the medium of his school magazine? Yet we see students who plan to become writers totally ignoring their magazine. Most college publications have a difficult time trying to get enough good material to publish. Surely this should not be so. Students should be glad of the opportunity to get their articles in print so that others may pass their opinions on them.

The magazines which we have received since our last number are slightly superior to those received before. This, of course, is natural since the writers and staffs get "warmed up," as the slang phrase has it, to their work.

In many of these publications we have read criticisms of the *Red and White* and we are grateful for such. We will close this short prologue with the wish that all our contemporaries may have a successful year.

THE SPUR

Social activities and articles take up most of the pages of the *Spur*, and these are quite praiseworthy. Short stories and a few poems are also present; athletics are fairly well described.

"The Lost Mortgage" is good but its closing paragraph is exceedingly weak. "Our Little French Comrade" is rather short and its plot is not very true to life, that is, with regard to quickness of action and fortunate events dove-tailing. I am afraid that the article entitled "The Radio Announcer" is very apt to cause dissatisfaction among the adherents of Graham McNamee.

Social events are excellently portrayed, and it is easy for the reader to get a good idea of life at Mission Church High School. The editorials are very well executed, but some of them are not really editorials in the sense in which our modern periodicals use it. The "We Observe" article is interesting and should be continued. The *Spur* is certainly the equal of other high school magazines received here.

THE MEMORARE

This well-bound magazine from Mount St. Bernard's College shows that its staff have spent a great deal of time and industry in editing it. Our reading of the *Memorare* was rather hurried, but we liked the essay "Hidden Blessings." It was interesting and well put together. The fiction used in "Ill Wind" was good but as a story, it was just a tale which was very improbable. "Their First Christmas" was well-written, but it had the very hackneyed idea of Scrooge's Christmas running through it.

News in and around the college was attended to; this item is one in which many college publications fall down. The arrangement of the *Memorare* was excellent. Exchanges were fairly well covered, but in "Wise and Otherwise" we recognized the otherwise but certainly not the wise. Surely you girls of Mount St. Bernard's can find a better brand of humor. However, considering the magazine as a unit it is very good.

THE COLLEGIAN

The students of St. Mary's College publish this attractive magazine. It is very easy to see that athletics capture the students' hearts at St. Mary's because sports

permeate the pages of the *Collegian*. A considerable number of articles are present, but only one poem, and there is a total lack of short stories in the January issue. Surely, St. Mary's, you can ratify this. Among your student body there must be some Poes or Tennysons.

"A Parade of the Major Sports for the Year 1931" was excellently done. Your athletics are written in an interesting manner. The student who wrote "A Philatelist" must certainly be a philatelist. The humor department is very good; this is a department that all students enjoy and the better it is, the better the magazine is liked. Au revoir, *Collegian*!

THE ORACLE

This large year book comes to us from Fort William Collegiate Institute. It is by far the largest magazine we receive and a great deal of time must have been spent in publishing it.

The pages abound in photographs of students and of various people connected with the institution; class notes are also present. Athletics are completely covered, and the editor's description of the games and meets are very interesting. The literary portion of the *Oracle* was not very large. An institution of the size of Fort William Collegiate Institute must have a great many students who are proficient in writing. Why not encourage them? We thought that "Little Boy Blue" was excellent. "About a Brook" was also charming. The short article entitled "Dad" was certainly true.

We wish to thank the *Oracle* staff for giving us the opportunity of reading their production. Come again.

THE LABORUM

The young ladies of Clarke College succeeded excellently in editing the winter number of their periodical, the *Laborum*. This magazine contains a wealth of literary, social, and athletic material. What we missed was humor. My, my, is it that the young ladies of Clarke College are without humor? We sincerely hope not.

The literary achievements of the *Laborum* are so many and so well done that we hesitate to select the most praiseworthy ones. However, we shall name a few which appealed to us. "The Novel of American Life" was good. "A very Ordinary Evening" was well executed

although it may have been slightly overdone. The department entitled "Loose Leaves from English Note Books" is a very interesting one, and it is something that other magazines should imitate.

The poetry contained in the *Laborum* is fair; we liked "Mist" the best. The staff is to be congratulated on their work since their production measures up well with the others received by this department.

THE COLLEGE TIMES

This quarterly comes from our near neighbor, Prince of Wales College. It contains a great deal of material, and the staff must have spent much of their time in editing the magazine; therefore praise is due them for their efforts. Social news in and around the college was fairly well covered, but we must admit that if humor were totally excluded from the *Times*, as it is in some college publications, there would not be very much remaining. There should be some humor in every college magazine, but this factor can easily be overdone.

The athletic editor did his task very well, description of the games being fairly and impartially done. The jokes were good but why mix them with the advertisements? The cover of the *Times* is attractive and as we look at it we are reminded of the great loss which your institution suffered in the destruction by fire of your building.

THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

This excellent paper arrives regularly every week from Dalhousie University. The social and sport news of the University is described fully in the *Gazette*, but like most weekly papers it lacks the opportunity of publishing much literary material. There is one thing in particular for which we must congratulate the staff of the *Gazette* and that is for their editorials. They are really good, and this cannot be said for most college periodicals. The great majority of editorials published nowadays consist merely in senselessly repeating what some other magazine has published.

With a few short stories, and some essays the *Gazette* would be considerably enhanced. The activities of Dalhousie are so well narrated that we, although never present at that college, take considerable interest in reading the

Gazette. This in itself tells something of the style of the writers in the *Gazette*. Keep on in your stride, *Gazette*, and there will be nothing for which to be sorry.

THE QUARTERLY

We took great pleasure in reading this truly literary magazine which includes everything from one-act plays to poems. We do not like to pass judgment on which were the best achievements, but we will confine ourselves to a few remarks on some of them.

In the first place we were interested by "Literature in Westchester County." The exchange editor had the privilege of going through that county, but he never dreamed that he was passing through such an Eden of literature. The poetry is similar to that of the romantic era of literature, for nature and love seemed to run through all its lines. Shelley and Keats must have been read diligently by all these budding poets. But, would it be a desecration to your magazine to include a little humor? After reading a few heavy articles on ambition, literature, etc., it is quite a relief to smile; for everybody loves to laugh, not incessantly but just often enough to make the sensation pleasant. However, we were glad of the chance of reading your excellent periodical and hope that it will continue as successfully in the future.

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The Oracle, Fort William Collegiate and Technical Institute, Fort William, Ont.

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'Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

—Pope

Take away the sword;
States can be saved without it; bring the pen.

—Lytton

Choose an author as you choose a friend—*Roscommon*

One cannot always be a hero, but one can always be
a man.—*Goethe*.