



## EXCHANGES

Now that Easter is just around the corner, to use a common expression, we find it our pleasant duty to take up our "gentle weapon" again and pen some remarks about a new flock of jolly college mags. The first thing we must say is that the more recent issues of almost all the preperiodicals which come to this desk show a marked improvement over those of the first part of the year. This, no doubt, is because the various editorial staffs are finding themselves, so to speak,—becoming more conversant with the fine points of journalism. Might we say, becoming more worthy to be classed in the ranks of the great Fourth Estate. At any rate, the magazines and papers are being got up better than they were earlier in the year.

Now we have a complaint to make. Some of our old friends are not exchanging this year. Times are hard, all must admit; and college publications feel in a special way the necessity of curtailment of expenses; but is the exchange department a suitable place for such curtailment? It is not an expensive department, and we think that any saving made through cutting down in it will not be great enough to be noticeable. So, old friends,—and this is meant particularly for our friends of the Prairie—why not keep up your exchanges and do your economizing in other departments where there is more scope for it?

We believe that the main object of exchange departments is to help other publications better themselves; and, therefore, in the following remarks, we shall, while evaluating the various books and papers to the best of our ability, try to give some advice that may be worth acting upon.

### THE LABARUM

Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa, is the home address of this magazine with the smart-looking cover which



comes quarterly to our exchange desk. The material is, as a whole, good. "Some Aspects of Medieval Life," in the winter number, is especially meritorious. We would suggest some decoration at the beginning of the various stories and articles, and perhaps a picture here and there, to make the interior of the magazine more attractive in appearance. As they now stand, the plainness of the captions creates in the mind of the reader a prejudice against the story or article following which is usually entirely undeserved.

#### THE ARGOSY WEEKLY

The students of Mount Allison seem to have captured the real spirit of journalism. The *Argosy* is, in our opinion, the best college paper that comes to this exchange. While the primary end of this paper, as with all newspapers, is to give news, it does not limit itself entirely to this, but devotes a considerable amount of space to the literary efforts of its contributors. By the way, we wish other papers would follow the *Argosy's* example in fastening their sheets together.

#### THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Ill. publishes this monthly magazine, which seems to us quite suitable Catholic reading material for the ordinary home. As the editors are not students, we do not feel competent to criticise. We shall just thank the reverend fathers for sending us their magazine.

#### THE L. S. C. I. ORACLE

This year-book comes to us from London, Ontario, and wishes to be commented on. We are always ready to oblige.

We don't like year-books, as a rule; they are very often a chronicle of college affairs and little else. *The Oracle*, on the other hand, has quite extensive literary and scientific departments. Our advice is that the editors enlarge those departments still more and cut down the sections dealing with intramural activities. This, however, is a mere "outsider's" opinion; perhaps the book is more in agreement with the wishes of the students of the London South Collegiate Institute as it stands.



## THE BRUNSWICKAN

This is a newsy little sheet from the University of New Brunswick. College activities are thoroughly covered; but the paper contains practically nothing except news. Strictly speaking, of course, that is what a newspaper should do; but we think this paper could be made more worthy of its glorious home college by the inclusion of a literary section.

## THE QUARTERLY

This quite excellent monthly comes to us from New Rochelle, New York. It is exclusively literary in its material, having got rid of the departments which clutter up the pages of so many college magazines. The February number upholds the high standard of its predecessors. It contains a number of short-stories, some well-written essays, and poems that are real poetry. We would like to comment at greater length on this magazine, but our space is limited.

We gratefully acknowledge the following publications, received since our Christmas number went to press:—

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

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

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

*The Tech Flash*, Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, N. S.

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

*The King's College Record*, King's College, Halifax, N. S.

*St. Joseph Lilies*, St. Joseph's College, Toronto, Ont.

*The Eikon*, Redemptorist Fathers, 141 McCaul St., Toronto 2, Ont.

*The China*, St. F. X. Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ont.

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

*The Xaverian Weekly*, St. F. X. University, Antigonish, N. S.



*The Memorare*, Mount St. Bernard's College, Antigonish, N. S.

*The Collegian*, St. Mary's College, Halifax, N. S.

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

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

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

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

*The Quarterly*, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, N. Y.

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

*The Lower Canada College Magazine*, Lower Canada College, Montreal, P. Q.

*The L. S. C. I. Oracle*, London South Collegiate Institute, London, Ont.



Like one that on a lonesome road  
Doth walk in fear and dread,  
And having once turned round, walks on  
And turns no more his head,  
Because he knows a frightful fiend  
Doth close behind him tread.

—Coleridge.

I have a soul that, like an ample shield,  
Can take in all, and verge enough for more.

—Dryden.

