


EXCHANGES



Since the beginning of the present scholastic year our Exchange Department has been fairly deluged with the literary output of our sister colleges—the College Magazines. Needless to say, we have enjoyed reading them, but it is with no little timidity that we approach, for the first time, the more serious business of so-called constructive criticism. In the small space allotted to us it is impossible to write an appreciation of all the exchanges we have received; we must confine ourselves to a few, not necessarily the best ones. We shall endeavour to be fair, and ask only that our humble efforts be not judged too harshly. We, in turn, invite an honest criticism of our own publication. Fellow Exchange Editors, what do you think of Red and White? Does it measure up to your ideals of what a college magazine ought to be? If it does, we shall appreciate your telling us so; if you have any suggestions to offer for its improvement, we shall be thankful for them.

ST. JOSEPH'S PREP. CHRONICLE

A neat little magazine containing a wholesome variety. The three articles on "Higher Education" are well written, and worthy of more experienced authors. We like your "Gleanings" department; it gives an opportunity, especially to the younger students, of exercising their literary talent. Red and White extends its best wishes for the success of your new college.

THE ACADIA ATHENAEUM

The June number of the Athenaeum maintains the high standard we expect of Acadia's official organ. The short stories, especially "Alone", are interesting and seem to be original. The poem "Farewell to the Class of '25" is of high merit and compensates somewhat for the lack of sufficient quantity of poetry in this number. The article "Maritime Rights," though a bit pessimistic in tone, gives a frank and fairly accurate picture of the position of the Maritimes today. The play "The Lost Queen" adds variety and gives the magazine a distinctive touch all its own.

THE ABBEY STUDENT

We feel that it is somewhat presumptuous on our part to comment upon the work of those who already

have the privilege of adding A. B. to their names; however, we cannot allow the opportunity to pass of congratulating the students of St. Benedict's on the excellence of the August number of the Abbey Student. It contains five articles, an unusual number, and all so good that we shall not venture to choose the winner. The two short stories "I Told You So" and "The Broken Silver Wings" are among the best we have read this year. Come again Abbey student; you hold an honoured place on our Exchange Shelf.

THE BRUNSWICKAN

It is difficult to judge the merits of a college magazine by the graduation number, since it consists generally of biographies and class-prophecies, together with a report of the addresses and the several exercises attendant upon graduation day. The Brunswickan contains one good short story, "A Chapter of Accidents," a story with plenty of action, and written in a humorous and easy style. We thank you for your appreciation of Red and White.

THE FORDHAM MONTHLY

After a careful perusal of the October number of Fordham Monthly we hasten to pronounce it good in every respect. The literary flavour of the magazine is excellent, and bears comparison with the best. Fordham students, you have a reputation to maintain; we trust that it will be safe in your hands. We take exception to the editorial on "constructive criticism." While admitting that the term is much abused, we think the author is going a step too far in denying that criticism can ever be constructive. Certainly, criticism in the strictest sense of the word is nothing more nor less than a judgement, which may be favourable or unfavourable, but is all suggestion unwelcome, as the author would have us believe? Are not wise and tactful suggestions truly constructive, in as much as they point the way to improvement? However, the author has given us food for thought. At least he is frank in expressing his opinions. We eagerly await further articles from his pen, but not that we may indulge a propensity for "constructive criticism."

THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

The graduation number of the Gazette, as is usual with such numbers, is of more interest to the students,

especially to the graduates themselves, than it is to the general public. It is to be regretted that space could not have been found for a story or two, and at least a companion for the single poem "Alma Mater to her Graduates," which is good, reminding us of the advice a mother might give to a son or daughter going out into the world. We have received several copies of your excellent weekly. The editorial appealing to college spirit in promoting the magazine should bear good fruit. Lack of interest among the students seems to be a common complaint among the editors of college magazines. Perhaps a mild form of compulsion would be effective.

GREEN AND WHITE

From far off Manila comes the Green and White, a monthly periodical published by the students of La Salle College. The class notes are the outstanding features, but editorials, stories, poems and a "play" combine to make an altogether well-balanced variety. Evidently athletics receive their due share of attention at La Salle. The story "Plucky Midget Joe" is deserving of special mention. There is a vein of humour running through the whole magazine, which makes it especially easy to read. Brother V. Andrew of your commercial department is a native of P. E. Island. To him and to La Salle, Red and White extends the season's greetings.

THE ARGOSY WEEKLY

Old friends like the Argosy are always welcome at St. Dunstan's. The weekly magazine is supplanting the old type in many of the larger institutions, and Mount A., as always, is keeping abreast of the times. The official mouthpiece of a college is the criterion by which the intellectual calibre of its students is judged; as one of the judges we have nothing but praise for the Argosy Weekly. It breathes the spirit of an active and progressive college. The visit of Dr. C. G. D. Roberts should be a milestone in the life of Mount A. Visits of such distinguished men as "The Dean of Canadian Letters" are not every day occurrences even in such a large and widely known Institution as Mount Allison.

Since the last publication of Red and White we have received, in addition to the above, one or more numbers of the following: The Labarum, King's College Record, LePetit Lavallois, Our Missions, China, The Xaverian Weekly, Post Office Progress, The Canadian.