



EXCHANGES

With a rapidity which is almost incredible the end of the college year is approaching, so that we are obliged as exchange editor to take up again our pen and make a few suggestions concerning our contemporary magazines. The staffs of these are to be congratulated for the uniform development of good material in their respective periodicals. I would suggest that magazines should not be allowed to become too stereotyped in their publication. A little variety helps to bolster up flagging interest. There is a marked tendency in many magazines to remain in the same groove with regard to laying off departments, writing stories and poetry and other matter. Perhaps our own magazine suffers in this respect.

The editorials of the publications have for the most part showed improvement, and this in itself is a wonderful gain. How many senseless and utterly imitative editorials we now see! This year's staffs seem to have caught the idea of success and cheer which should be the key-note of every college production.

As a final word we wish to thank those who went to the trouble of sending us their periodicals so that we might have the pleasure of perusing them. We hope that they all will continue to do so next year and also keep up their present high standard. Au revoir then is the opportune closing of this short prologue.

THE ARGOSY

We have received this weekly visitor from Mt. Allison University regularly, and its material has kept at a very uniform standard throughout the year, which standard was very good. Social and sport activities are well covered. The humor is excellent. Of course, a weekly paper affords practically no opportunity for literary attempts. An essay or two is about all that is published and sometimes some poems. A year book partly atones for this fault, but in our opinion not fully.

The staff of the *Argosy* did excellent work all this year and they deserve credit for their exertions. In one matter we disagree with their exchange editor. He severely condemns the *Acadia Athenaeum* for including in its pages some "unnecessarily scientific theses." A college is supposed to be a place where we learn science so why not put some scientific articles in our magazines, especially if that college is one which specializes in sciences. But on the whole the *Argosy* is an excellent periodical.

THE KING'S COLLEGE RECORD

In our opinion the *Record* is one of the most interesting magazines received in our department. Its departments are arranged well, and printing is excellent. The story "The Return of Bassingworth—Bassingworth" was an excellent story. Evidently the author is an admirer of P. G. Wodehouse's style. There are a few articles by men other than students; on these we will make no comment as we have to deal with students' efforts only.

"Winter Comes On" is a poem of which the words convey the meaning from their very sound and rhythm. "Book Reviews" is an excellent idea for other college publications to follow. "After Christmas Thoughts" was a transcendent verse which we admired very much. There are many other comments which should be made here, but we have neither space nor time to do so.

ST. JOSEPH LILIES

This truly literary magazine has an excrescence of worthy material, and we are somewhat at loss what to criticize. There are some articles not written by students of St. Joseph's and of these we will say nothing. "The Ineffable" was a repertory of a good deal of thought.

The article "Totem Poles" was an excellent one to be written by a pupil of Grade X. On the other hand, there are a few essays and articles which are rather insipid. We must try to put some life in our words. Even if our theme or plot may be interesting, it does not necessarily follow that our essay, or whatever it may be, is the same. In our opinion, the *St. Joseph Lilies* would profit by a better arrangement of its material. But this magazine is one which contains a great deal of good material and here and there shows strokes of brilliance.

THE NOTRE DAME

This immense year book comes to us from Marguerite Bourgeoys College in Montreal. Between its green covers are essays, poetry, articles, news, in fact everything. The poetry, for the most part is excellent although there are a few jungling rhymes which need the handy word "did" to complete their limping meter.

There are many beautiful illustrations in the *Notre Dame*. There is such a wealth of material in the book that there is no use in commenting on some of them without doing a good many, and the latter would be impossible in our limited space. One fault of the *Notre Dame* is the matter of arrangement. The articles and such are mixed in a great conglomeration so that it is difficult to re-open the book and look up what we might have been reading. Nevertheless we must congratulate the young ladies of Marguerite Bourgeoys for this admirable magazine.

THE EIKON

This little monthly magazine is sent to us from the Redemptorist Fathers at Toronto. Since those who edit the *Eikon* are of great experience its tone is of a very high order. Every one of its tales is permeated with a striking moral, and this in no way detracts from its interest. The editorials are interesting and always instructive.

There is one thing which the college magazines ought to copy from the *Eikon*, and that is, the excellence and real humor contained in its joke column. The humor of the *Eikon* is perhaps the best we have looked over this year. The *Eikon* is as yet small, but in the future it will no doubt grow to be a large magazine. If it keeps up its present worth it will be one of the magazines in greatest demand.

THE CHINA

There are many Catholic families who are missing a great deal both of religious and instructive information if they have not a subscription for the *China*. It is but a thin edition but there is much wisdom in those few pages. The articles of customs and modes in China written by those who have first-hand experience in that dangerous and, to us, mysterious country are intensely interesting.

We are always glad to receive the monthly from St. Francis Xavier Seminary and wish to thank those who so kindly send it.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

This magazine is a monthly visitor from St. Mary's Mission House. It is a rather large publication and contains a good deal of excellent material. The *Christian Family* makes interesting reading for people of every class for there is much erudition to be gained by perusing it. We liked the idea of having a question box on both religious topics and health queries. The numerous short stories contained in the *Christian Family* always drive home an emphatic moral. We sincerely enjoyed reading it.

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

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

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

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

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

The Canisius Monthly, Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., U. S. A.

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

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

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

The College Times, P. W. C., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Beehive, St. Ann's Academy, New York City, N. Y., U. S. A.

The Marksman, La Salle Military Academy, Oakdale, L. I.

The Labarum, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa, U.S.A.

The Notre Dame, Marguerite Bourgeoys College, Montreal, P. Q.

The Quarterly, College of New Rochelle, N. Y., U.S.A.

- The Cadet*, La Salle Institute, Troy, N. Y., U. S. A.
The Gateway, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.
The Oracle, Fort William Collegiate Institute, Fort William, Ont.
The Christian Family, St. Mary's Mission House, Techny, Ill., U. S. A.
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St. Joseph Lilies, St. Joseph's College, Toronto, Ont.
The China, St. F. X. Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ont.



Men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.

—Tennyson

Mind is the great lever of all things; human thought is the process by which human ends are ultimately answered.—Webster.

Modesty seldom resides in a breast that is not enriched with nobler virtues.—Goldsmith.

