

During the college year 1928-29, it shall be our policy to comment on each magazine regularly received at least once, and in as full a measure as seems appropriate. We anticipate the renewal of friendly relations with all former exchanges, and expect that many new ones will be added to the list. Each will be examined with the same spirit of constructive criticism and our opinion of it worded, let us hope, in such a fashion that no accusation of unfairness or prejudice can be laid against us. We are confident of receiving similar consideration from our exchanges, but alas, many of those already on hand have no department devoted to comment, and in some which have, it is all too short.

This indeed is a condition to be deplored, for if we do not know what others think of us, how can we expect to improve? Therefore it becomes our duty to reciprocate our critic's kindness by commending his magazine, wherever praise is merited, and by offering suggestions

for its improvement.

We shall mould our opinions in accordance with our own idea of a proper standard, namely, that each issue of a college publication should contain a number of poems and articles, several editorials, at least one story, and the following departments: exchanges, athletics, alumni and one covering occurrences among the student body. The latter may include or have as an extension humor, if the aim of the magazine is not purely literary.

We recommend the reading of the Exchange Departments to students of the various colleges, and again extend to those of our own, an invitation to read and imbibe the good of the magazines we receive, and to form their

own opinions.

# ST. JOSEPH LILIES

One of the most interesting numbers which we have had the pleasure of reading is the St. Joseph Lilies. The young ladies of the college have produced a magazine par excellence for quality of articles, stories and poems. We find, however, that the proportion between the productions of the student body and those of their reverend instructors is somewhat unbalanced. We would re-

commend the inclusion of more of the students' own work, even if this should require the omission of articles which, though excellent, have only a more or less remote bearing on College Life. We would suggest further the addition of some editorials, of which there are none at present, and an exchange department, as essential features of any college magazine. Perhaps the girls of St. Joseph's do not engage in athletics of any kind, as we find no section devoted to sport. However, the Alumnae and Community Notes are well-treated, and there are several splendid convention reports.

The article, "The Virgin Mother," explaining as it does the reasons for the devotion of Catholics to the Holy Rosary, is deserving of especial praise. Such writing plays a most important part in dispelling the fog of misunderstanding and wrong ideas with which many view our religious practices. Then, too, we have read with pleasure the poem "House-Weariness." The ease of style with which it is written and its appeal to all lovers of the Great Outdoors strike a responsive note within us. Finally, the insertion of a humorous column would, if your aim is not purely literary, add greater "spice to the program" of an already excellent magazine.

#### ARGOSY WEEKLY

Regularly we find deposited on our desk The Argosy Weekly, a messenger from our nearest neighbor, Mount Allison. This week's number is on a par with others, containing complete records of college happenings. We were much amused by the contribution entitled "Some Acquired Tendencies," and were greatly interested in a report of the inter-class debate. However, we could not but observe the scant quantity of original literary matter contained in the issue. Of course, if your sole purpose is to put out a newspaper, you have indeed succeeded, but would not a few more poems and articles and occasionally a story of a more serious nature add considerably to the value of your publication? We think so.

Humor, surely, is well treated, and is the main constituent of the sections known as "Co-Ed Gossip," "L.C. Paragraphs," "Academy Notes" and "Campus Comments." Although nearly all of a local character, the editorials are up-to-the-minute and well-written. The

"Spirit of Mount Allison" and the Old Students' Column serve very useful purposes. We could not close without referring again to the Weekly's excellence as a newspaper. It requires an efficient staff to gather a comprehensive record of occurrences at college, and to set it forth in such a businesslike manner. It is in this section that the serious as well as the athletic side of student life receives ample consideration, and both are illustrated with splendid cuts. The paper is exceptionally clearly printed, and we hope that it will long continue its weekly journey across the Strait.

#### GREEN AND WHITE

We have with us again our most welcome visitor, the La Salle Green and White; most welcome, perhaps because it comes to us all the way from the Phillippines, but most certainly because of its high literary merit.

The Second Quarter edition is well up to the usual standard, and all the more so because poetry of splendid quality lends charm and beauty to its pages. The editorial, "A Caution," is very apt, owing to the increasing number of sensational books, magazines, etc., which are finding their way into youthful hands. "Clowns," in the literary section, is a clever satire, but nevertheless a true representation of the modern dandy and flapper. To its author, who as an observer rivals even the Spectator, we extend our congratulations. The literary section as a whole is very instructive, and reflects great credit on La Salle and La Sallites.

Although we were unable to read the Spanish section, we feel sure that it is equally as good as the others. The local news is not the least bit dull, as might be expected, but is very interesting, especially as it shows us who and what our Filipino friends are.

We can but read and exclaim, "The best yet!" Return often, Green and White, you will ever be greeted with joy.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PREP. CHRONICLE

We welcome back another old friend, the St. Joseph's Prep. Chronicle. The energetic editors have succeeded in amassing a considerable volume of splendid material for so early in the term. Although their publication is rather belated, yet we believe your commencement addresses will furnish inspiration to many freshmen. The

editor's exhortation to the latter is also excellent, as are the remaining editorials. Your "Gleanings" are particularly good, especially "The Moon of Falling Leaves."

"Starlight" stands out as best among the poems, but we could wish the author of "The Diver" a more cheerful and less "sanguinary" disposition. However, if some of your poetry falls short, the general excellence of the magazine more than compensates for this. There are several good articles, but we must commend in a very special manner the writer of "The Bell" on his admirable and successful effort to bring home a moral by means of a narrative. Your story is very praiseworthy, and works up to a fitting climax. In conclusion, we would express our pleasure in the orderly arrangement and judicious spacing throughout, and our desire for many future visits from the Chronicle.

### THE BRUNSWICKAN

We always welcome the Brunswickan, from a not far distant capital city. Your October edition is certainly up to U. N. B.'s high standard. If we should offer any criticism on the magazine as a whole, we would say that it lacks stories. Of course, the students of U. N. B. may look upon fiction as not having a place in their magazine, but we think that if some good short stories were included, the publication would be given an even higher ranking than it already enjoys.

We must say that the Editorials are well-written and are very interesting, just as are the topics treated in the Literary Section. The first of these treat of current events, while the last two are in lighter vein. Keep up the good work in this department; it adds much to your magazine. The poems are very good, and we could wish for more of them. "Over The Hill" contains some beautiful thoughts and reflects much credit upon its author. The departments are very comprehensive in their scope, embracing all branches of college activities. The section "Rouge et Noir," which is devoted to the humorous side of life, ably fulfills its mission as a gloom-chaser. Brunswickan, maintain your present standard, and with the addition of some short stories, your magazine will be second to none. Come again!

## "OUR MISSIONS" AND "CHINA"

We are in receipt of the October numbers of each of these kindred publications, which have as their common aim the encouragement of missions.

"Our Missions" seems to be the organ of a society, rather than of a college, but inasmuch as it endeavours to enlighten the unchristian in all parts of the world, it ought to be of interest to students. Its Mission Chronicle keeps tab on its various activities. There are several good stories dealing with missionary life, and its editorials and articles, naturally, deal with similar subjects. We learned something of the brown man's character from "Sugar-Cane Wine" and "A Kanaka Motto." This well-illustrated magazine is an American monthly.

Our own Canadian "China" each month delights us with the happy way it performs its task, that of arousing interest in its particular far-off mission field. It is the voice of the students of a seminary which strives to see that the laborers shall not be few in China, where the

harvest is so great.

The present issue does not seem so replete with material as usual, perhaps because there are fewer stories which bring us into intimate acquaintance with Chinese customs. Yet the editorials are cheery as ever, and the page of nonsense retains its old power of proving man's risibility. The poem, "Alone With God", conveys a beautiful and inspiring message. We like Father Jim's "Rose Garden," and trust that this friendly comment will be thought of as a letter dropped in his Mail Bag.

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

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

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

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