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# Exchanges

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The duty of the Exchange Editor is a difficult task at all times, but most especially is he confronted with obstacles to surmount in the effort to maintain his department for the first issue of each year. These extra difficulties are only to be accounted for by the lack of the usual number of college magazines to review. However, in our own case, on this particular occasion, we can consider ourselves fortunate for the exchanges, which we have received, are of an exceptionally high order and, consequently, our task is rendered less arduous.

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The October issue of *De Paul Minerval* contains a variety of stories, articles and poems which is indeed enviable. "Columbia to Erin," dedicated to Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Republic, is a poem which the *Minerval* may well be proud to have upon its pages. Pathetic, yet inspiring, it breathes confidence and hope in the richness of its expression :

" But, Erin, rejoice ! For Columbia hears  
The refrain of your heart-touching lay ;  
And the dawn of your hopes and your freedom  
appears—  
And the dawn holds the promise of day ! "

" Phantoms of the Night " is a strong story—one which holds the reader tense during its perusal. Though " Pals " has a very simple plot, yet it is written in such a masterly style that it is no less enjoyable. Instructive, interesting and pleasing, may well be employed when describing the contents of the October number of *De Paul Minerval*.

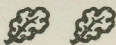
The November issue of the *Xaverian* contains no less than five poems, all composed by students of the College. This is indeed, an excellent record, for it is a difficult task for anyone engaged in such uninspiring labor as the student to invoke the Muse with any degree of success. The essay entitled " Guild Socialism " is a good explanation of the system advanced in England for the settlement of the Labor Question, " Men of Fortune, " the only story in the *Xaverian*, has rather a threadbare plot and is treated in a style much too commonplace for a University Magazine. The greater part of this issue is devoted to college activities and we are pleased to note that St. F. X. is still in the limelight in athletics, debates etc.

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Both the October and November numbers of the *Alvernia* contain several essays upon educational subjects. " Educate the Entire Man " is an excellent article upon Catholic higher education. The addition of a few short stories would make the *Alvernia* a much more interesting magazine.

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That is a good book, which is opened with expectation and closed with profit.

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Virtue often trips and falls on the sharp edged rock of poverty.

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Who ran to help me when I fell,  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the place to make it well ?  
My mother.