

Once again the cycle has gone around, and here we are at the close of the term 1932-33. Colleges all over the continent are preparing to close for the summer; some, indeed, have already closed. And editorial staffs of college magazines are doing their best to make the last issue of the year the best. But, unfortunately, last issues have a habit of falling short of the standard set by those edited earlier in the term. Indeed, this tendency is so universal among college publications that we hardly think the fault is imputable to the editorial staffs, but rather to the season—Spring, the siren that lures editors away from their desks and manuscripts, out to the trees and brooks and grass. But now, having exonerated the editors, let us change the subject before we become unduly poetical.

We were recently pleasantly surprised to receive from the exchange editor of *The Oracle*, London South Collegiate Institute, a personally inscribed criticism of our magazine, which we take the liberty of reprinting here: "We are indeed pleased to acknowledge your splendid magazine. From your characteristic red and white cover to the little extracts at the end of the departments you are entirely yourself, the *Red and White*; and a good magazine, too. As we read through it, we are particularly impressed by the splendid arrangement and editing of your magazine. The literary section is good. The stories have plot and finished technique. 'The Discontented Ghosts' is quite original. Articles and Editorials are worthy of note; and 'The Jungle' is most original and effective.'

Another pleasant surprise was the receipt of the January to May issues of the Extension Magazine from Chicago. We wish to thank the editors for sending them to us. Of course, criticism here would be absurd. Our aim in criticising is to help other magazines better themselves, and we do not consider ourselves capable of telling

the editors of the Extension Magazine anything in that line.

### LOWER CANADA COLLEGE MAGAZINE

This magazine comes, as its name quite definitely states, from Lower Canada College, Montreal. It is quite a well balanced book, having between its cover, departments dealing with sports, alumni, humor, editorials and, last but most important, "Labors in Literature." This last named department occupies an unusually large part of the magazine and is the most versatile literary department we have seen to date. "About Tobacco Smoke," was a particularly instructive essay; it not so much the the individual contributions, but rather the number and variety of them, that we commend. Taken all in all, this is a good magazine and deserves the greatest encouragement.

#### CHINA

A welcome monthly visitor to our exchange desk is this little magazine from St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Scarboro Bluffs, Ontario. Inasmuch as it seems likely that some, if not the greater part, of this magazine is written by seminarians rather than by clergy, we think it is permissible to extend our right of criticism to it. We have no adverse criticism to offer, anyway. The most interesting articles are those which concern the lives of the missionaries in China. One reason why they are so interesting is because the more one reads of them, the more one realizes that Chinese are much the same by nature as French, English and Irish. If China were to stop coming to this exchange, it would be missed very much.

## THE COLLEGE TIMES

This magazine from our sister college, Prince of Wales, proves something of a disappointment. The humor is fine, we gladly admit; but where are the other departments? The quantity of matter other than jokes and humorous poems is almost nil. The student organ of an advanced educational institution, such as Prince of Wales now is, should aspire to be more literary in its composition. Our advice to this publication is to reduce the number of jokes and print something of literary value.

The aim of every college magazine is, or ought to be, to develop the literary talents of the student body. The composition of jokes is at best but an inferior method of developing those talents.

# THE DALHOUSIE GAZETTE

The students of Dalhousie University are responsible for the publishing of this news-weekly. We should not mind relieving them of the credit for it. The paper is certainly a credit both to the staff and to the students of Dalhousie as a whole. The news is always fresh and of such a kind as is of intercollegiate interest. The editorials are always up-to-date. Humor is supplied, often in novel and diverting forms. Essays and articles appear frequently. Stories, however, are conspicuous by their absence; and this seems a pity. We believe that, with the addition of some short stories, the *Dalhousie Gazette* would become the ideal college publication.

## THE EIKON

Month after month the *Eikon* comes to us from the Redemptorist Fathers of Toronto. It is a small magazine of unassuming appearance; but we think it would be difficult to find elsewhere so much good reading matter in so small a magazine. It is very kind of the Reverend Fathers to send us their magazine, and we thank them gratefully for it.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of following magazines:—

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

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 Canisius Monthly, Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y. The Athenaeum, Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S.

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

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

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

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

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.



Learn to hold thy tongue; five words cost Zacharias forty weeks of silence.—Fuller.

As universal a practice as lying is, and as easy a one as it seems, I do not remember to have heard three good lies in all my conversation.—Swift.

We are ancients of the earth, And in the morning of the times.

-Tennyson.

The sense of death is most in apprehension, And the poor beetle, that we tread upon, In corporal sufference finds a pang as great As when a giant dies.

-Shakespeare.

