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THE LAST WORD

Since we are counted among the severe critics on the campus, it would seem that justice demands something optimistic and constructive before we take our leave. We begin, then, by insisting that in all our years at St. Dunstan's we have never ceased to believe that our fellow students are potentially capable of great achievements, morally, intellectually, and physically. And although there have been individual examples of greatness in all of these three elements of education, things are still far short of the ideal. That, however, does not constitute cause for pessimism. The potential will never be developed until it is realized by all and sundry that it is here. And it is here; our experience as editor of **RED and WHITE** has convinced us of that.

At the beginning of the year it was a fact that no one on the campus had ever made any serious attempt at writing poetry. And poetry has always been a chief feature of **RED and WHITE**. Yet each time **RED and WHITE** came off the press it contained a fair amount of poetry. True, none of it has been exceptional; but what was to be expected from students putting themselves to it for the first time? The same is true for the contents of the magazine in general. More than seventy five percent of the contributors were writing for **RED and WHITE** for the first time. None of them had ever before written for publication. Admittedly, the result was a lack of depth and smoothness; but again what was to be expected from such inexperience?

Besides the fact that many students were making contributions to **RED and WHITE** for the first time, there is the further fact, lamentable as it is, that the majority of these worked not half enough on their efforts, giving serious thought neither to content nor to construction. Yet, for the most part, the contributions were acceptable. That is the very reason why we are certain that with the effort

that should be made when doing anything worthwhile, St. Dunstan's students would surprise not only themselves but all those who may be content with the status quo.

We shall be blunt in our suggestions as to how the raw material on the campus is to be developed. And though we are thinking more specifically of developing top notch writers for **RED and WHITE**, what we suggest holds true of any phase of campus life. Not everyone will agree with us; not everyone will care one way or the other, but in the last analysis nothing but what we are about to suggest will do the job. We advise more encouragement from both students and faculty; we advise less talk and more action; we advise coaxing, threats, frankness, flattery, and exaggeration; we advise a permanent campaign to make the potentialities of St. Dunstan's better realized; we appeal for generous people willing to work hard and to pray hard for success. It matters not that we have not practiced what we now preach. There are better men coming after us; they may feel more equal to the task.

It is a great honor and invaluable experience to be editor of **RED and WHITE**. We feel proud that we were chosen from among so many. We are not entirely satisfied with our efforts, but neither are we disgusted with them. And we have been richly rewarded for them, such as they were. To this year's staff we extend our gratitude for being so dependable; they made the job much easier. To Business Manager Jim Saunders we say "Well done! you were marvellous." To the advertisers, without whom **RED and WHITE** would be non-existent, we say, "May God bless your generosity." To those who come after us we say, "Be aware of the fact that you have a great medium to exercise the responsibility of expressing the true character of St. Dunstan's. Be sure that you always do it justice."

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WORLD CONGRESS

It seldom occurs that Canada plays host to any world congress. For any country to do this is an honor and a privilege. Nevertheless, Canada will be so honored and privileged this summer when delegates from all over the world will meet within her boundaries for the occasion of

the twenty-second World Congress of Pax Romana. Briefly, Pax Romana is an international movement of Catholic student federations and graduate associations for intellectual and cultural affairs. In view of this great coming event and so that you may have a greater knowledge of the movement of Pax Romana, an entire article in this issue has been devoted to an explanation of it. The Congress will extend from August 25 to September 1. The sites for the Congress will be Montreal and Quebec, since it will commence at Montreal and conclude at Quebec. The member organizations of Pax Romana in Canada, the Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students, the Canadian Federation of Newman Clubs and the Canadian Federation of Catholic University Students, are organizing and planning for the Congress.

This Congress will have as its general study theme "The Role of the University". This theme has been divided into six aspects which have been assigned to the various colleges across Canada for discussion. Each morning of the Congress, a prominent speaker will address the meeting on one of the six aspects. Then in the afternoon, there will be sessions of discussion on the subject of the morning talk. The briefs which have been prepared by the different colleges on the study theme which has been assigned to them will aid in these discussions. In this way, the Congress will be the meeting ground for the exchange of thought and opinion.

St. Dunstan's will participate in this World Congress in as much as a brief will be presented in which will be recorded the results of the discussions held on the campus on the subject, "The Role of the Student in the Community". Working together, the local units of C.F.C.C.S. and C.F.C.U.S. have organized study groups to discuss this topic and the brief has been prepared by the head-chairman of both organizations, John Mullally. We can further participate in the Congress by first of all attending it, if that is possible, and by praying for its success so that Canada may profit by this, the first of such Congresses ever to be held here.

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Until death all is life.—Cervantes.

WHY THE UNCERTAINTY?

The present age is one which is being criticized a great deal. Some of the criticism, no doubt, has been valid; and some has not been justifiable. Some of the criticism has painted an optimistic picture of the future; and some has painted a pessimistic picture of the future. In the past few years, our age has been criticized for its characteristic of uncertainty. Some have become convinced that it is the "age of uncertainty". When we examine some of the aspects of the present age, it would appear that this is a valid criticism.

We have uncertainty in politics. In the western civilization, the word "democracy" is cherished by many, even by those who know it only as a word and not in its practical significance. Yet there is uncertainty about it. Are we certain that our civilization is not losing its democratic spirit? As we try to peer into the future, are we certain that we can preserve democracy? Are we certain that, under present conditions, we can promote democracy? Such questions echo with uncertainty.

We have uncertainty in economics. People keep wondering what the best economic system would be. Which economic system can best satisfy the wants of the people? Which economic system will raise the standards of living and increase prosperity? Which economic system operates in accordance with Christian principles? Under which economic system would the people be happiest? Specifically, there is uncertainty about our capitalistic economy, whether it will remain as such or develop into something else.

Most evident of all, however, we have uncertainty with regard to international peace. With so much disunity and discord, international ill-will, and even actual warfare, we are not sure that we will not be plunged into another world conflict. We might or we might not; we are uncertain. We may be certain about the threat of Communism, but we are uncertain about its potential strength for domination and the extent of evil which it can bring about.

But why is our present age characterized by uncertainty? There must be some reason for it. Undoubtedly, there is more than one reason. However, the place which

religion has in the lives of men may be submitted as a basic reason for this alleged uncertainty. Religion is not found in the foreground of the lives of men; it is relegated to the background. Religion is, for the most part, only a "Sunday affair", and unfortunately, for some it isn't even that. It is not associated with men's work throughout the week; work is not integrated. If men practiced their religion and lived according to Christian principles, we would not be uncertain about our democracy; we would not be uncertain about our freedom. Likewise, too, we would not be uncertain about the right kind of an economic system we should have; graft and other abuses would be eliminated. If men prayed a little more, too, we would not be uncertain about international peace. This solution has been proposed by the Mother of God Herself; we are blind if we cannot realize it. If then a reversal of the place of religion in the lives of men suggests a solution to the uncertainty of our age, why don't we put it into practice?

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College Chronicle

Another College year has swiftly passed and once again we find ourselves in the last month of the semester. For the Seniors it is the final and busiest month, a period which will bring to a close a very important phase of their lives. Graduation Day is for them the climax of all their hopes and expectations of the last four years. It is the goal for which they have been striving and they can be proud of their achievement. Through the efforts of the hardworking and ever-faithful faculty, St. Dunstan's once again sends forth her graduates into the world—a world which we hope will benefit from the Catholic education these men and women received. The Commencement Exercises will be held on May 19 this year. We will be very privileged at that time to have Most Rev. John R. MacDonald, Bishop of Antigonish, who will address the graduates. The valedictory will be delivered by Walter Reid. The senior class this year elected the following as life officers: President, George Cameron; Vice-president, Philip Murphy; Secretary, Cody Myers; Committee members, Bethany MacDonald and Jacques Coulombe.