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## Editorial

As we gather up the last loose threads and write this final message, we are struck by the rather paradoxical fact that we, who for one short year have been charged with the responsibility of directing *Red and White*, now sever our connections with *Red and White* almost as completely as if we had never been on the staff.

As we lay down our pen, we certainly are not glad that our term of office has expired; we liked the work, accepted our duties and considered time and labour not too much to sacrifice for *Red and White*.

We have a certain feeling of satisfaction because we are convinced that the year has been a successful one. Two new departments, "Section Française," and "Book Review" have been added. These have been well received





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and we are sure they are well worth the extra work they necessitated. We hope that future Editors will continue them.

Of course our work has not been perfect; we have made mistakes; we have deserved criticism and when it came our way we did not resent it: that is a part of the Editor's inheritance.

The regret we feel is that we shall never again, except in memory, edit *Red and White*; only in memory shall we work with generous Business Managers, and loyal Associate Editors and receive the co-operation of faithful students.

We thank all those who have aided us in our work—the Faculty for their aid and encouragement, all our subscribers and advertisers. We thank also the patient printer who has endured our long delays and faulty manuscripts.

Farewell—this is the very last stroke.

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### The Coronation

On May 12th a modest young man was officially proclaimed King, and on his regal shoulders were placed responsibilities of office. Based on a background of historical traditions and taking place amid a setting of splendor and magnitude which only the Englishman could stage, the ceremony was solemnized at Westminster Abbey with scenes which dazzled the immediate spectators and enthralled the millions of interested followers all over the world. The enchanting city of London was a maze of festive decorations and swarmed with visitors from every corner of the globe. The *Te Deum* sung at the conclusion of the service was taken up by loyal subjects throughout the commonwealth, while many outside of it prayed for the continued unity of the Crown as the binding power which makes the Empire a stabilizing force in a feverish world.

But what is behind this great display of loyalty and love by hundreds of millions of people for an Empire? In a world torn with nationalistic hatreds it is a practical example of internationalism; in a world which tends to discredit democracy, it disfavors totalitarianism and oligarchy by demonstrating the real utility of democracy. It invites a patriotism not of a narrow provincial type,



but of the wider cosmopolitan kind which represents a true Christian virtue.

For Canada, the crowning of a new king marks the crowning of the first King of Canada according to the new statute. It means our renewal of the symbol of unity in the Empire to which we belong and of authority in our governmental and judicial institutions. As the result of long attachment we are blessed with a religious and social freedom unknown in most parts of the world. All our churches enjoy equal privilege and protection, there is a practically complete freedom of speech, and the unparalleled concept of British justice pervades our whole national life.

Viewing this we realize the responsibilities attached to the rank of king in continuing the tradition of such a symbolic office. Fortunately he has the immediate example of his father, King George V, as a splendid guide. He enjoys an ideal home life, with His gracious Consort, noted for her charm and kindness, and his lovable family who have already won their way into the hearts of his people. We wish him a long and prosperous reign and join with all his subjects in their familiar prayer:

*God Save The King.*

—J. A. MacDonald, '38.

### Graduates Receive Degrees

To the many graduates of Saint Dunstan's in the past, graduation had its own proper significance—it marked the successful completion of some five or six years of study within the confines of her walls. It is, or should be, the aim of every student to have his degree conferred on him at graduation. Hitherto, this has been impossible for our graduates, as the Baccalaureate examinations were not held until the month following graduation.

To the class of '37 graduation will mark not only the successful completion, but the perfection, so to speak, of their college careers. Under the arrangement with Laval University which becomes effective this year, Senior students will have written their Baccalaureate examinations before the day of graduation. On the day of graduation diplomas will be presented to those who have succeeded in obtaining a degree. Henceforth those present at the Commencement Exercises will witness a scene yearly re-



heard in the larger universities—the conferring of degrees accompanied by all the formalities pertaining to that solemn occasion.

This is another evidence of the continued progress of Saint Dunstan's: may it mark the beginning of a greater and brighter era for our Alma Mater.

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#### LITERARY D's

We have every reason to be pleased with the aid and co-operation received from the students this year. We regret, however, that we have received very few short stories and no poetry from those outside the staff. We can only attribute this to the law of averages, for most persons can not and should not write poetry and short-stories. The essays have been scattered among a number of students—a hopeful sign—and this makes it hard for us to decide the awards. We are recommending that these merits be carried over and credited to their next year's work. In this way they will be able to win their D by diligent efforts.

This year awards are granted to the following members of the Staff, for faithful service:

William Simpson, Business Manager; Eric Robin, Assistant Business Manager; Leonard McKenna, Assistant Editor-in-Chief; Jerome O'Brien, Exchange Editor; Fernand Deschenes, Editor of the French Section.

An award has also been won by: Rene Escalona '37, for the best short-story, "Reminiscences."

