

“ THE ACADEMIA ”

Owing to some unknown cause this society did not figure very prominently for the past few years. But this year it has decided to cast aside any spirit of lethargy which hitherto might have been the cause of its inactivity and now it has determined to pursue things to a successful issue. At a meeting of its members the following officers were selected for the year 1918-19.

Moderator—Rev. G. J. McLellan, D. D. Ph. D.

President—Mr. M. E. Francis.

Vice President—Mr. M. McQuaid

Secretary—Mr. J. Rupert O'Neill.

Executive Committee—Messrs. Reginald Faber McDonald, Patrick Walsh, John Buote.

Since the re-organization of the society a meeting was held, at which the Moderator placed before the members in a clear cut and succinct manner, the aim and object of the “Academia.” He took examples, such as history and showed the rapid progress that was accomplished within the past century, along the line of getting reliable historical information by means of research. In conclusion he urged the members to take an active part and assured them his hearty co-operation.

ATHLETICS

The prospects for perpetuating St. Dunstan's unique reputation on the gridiron were very dismal indeed at the re-opening of the University last Autumn. The cloud over-hanging our athletics, doubtless, was due to the fact that many of our stalwart veterans were utilising their efforts in defence of the Motherland.

However the spark of athletic activity still smouldering when we returned was not allowed to be extinguished entirely ; but, on the contrary, the remnants of

last year's student body carefully rekindled it by setting themselves to the work of re-organizing the Athletic Association.

At the meeting of the students held in the Recreation Hall on September 13th. the following were elected officers of St. Dunstan's A. A. A. 1918-'19 ;

Moderator—Rev. J. C. McDonald, D. D.

President—Alphonsus L. Sinnott.

Vice President—Austin O'Brien.

Secretary—Treasurer—Michael J. Rooney.

Executive Committee :—Norbert Hughes, Jos. Sullivan, Somerled McDonald.

These officers began at once to perform their duties by gently admonishing the students to don the "Red and White" uniform in order to be able to contend for Intermediate and Intercollegiate honors ; but since we received no opportunities to play against outside teams our practices were fruitless.

The officers of the Athletic Association came to the fore-ground again and formed an Intermural league, similar to that of last year, consisting of three teams who were to play two games each before the remuneration—a night in town—could be claimed by the winners.

The "Flu" permitted the occurrence of only one encounter before it visited us with its terrible afflictions which caused the athletes to abandon the struggle for Intermural honors and to take up the struggle against the bacteria threatening their very existence.

Field Day events which were to have been held on October 15th had to be postponed indefinitely owing to the presence of the epidemic.

We take this opportunity of extending to Mr. Jas. Coyle, ex-Abegweit Quarter Back, our heartiest congratulations for his splendid production, "Island Athletes in the Great War", and we were very much gratified to notice in his lists the large number who hail from "Old St. Dunstan's".