

## ALUMNI

On completing for this term the department devoted solely to our Alumni, your Editor feels that the past year has been one of progress from the standpoint of increased enthusiasm and due recognition of the real ties which should exist between the ex-student and the college to which he owes so much. Visits from old students have been frequent, news for your department has been plentiful and an increased co-operation has been shown in the contributing of such, and the Alumni Association seems to be progressing steadily. In passing, a splendid gesture was made by this body in entertaining the students of the college years, on April 30th, showing them that the Association is active and interested in them. There is need, however, to awaken many former students—especially those throughout the Island—from their lethargy and induce them to become members of their own association, take part in reunions, such as those held on Commencement Day, and, when possible, to be subscribers to *Red and White*.

Thus, we hope, ex-Saints, that this increased appreciation of what were probably the happiest days of your life will grow and spread to your less active fellow Alumni and engender a proper *esprit-de-corps* for your Alma Mater.

The secretary of the Alumni Association reports that he has received several very interesting responses to the letter he sent out to members in March last. He has these on file, and expects to use them at a later date. Those replying were: S. R. Burke, Alberton; C. V. Darveau, C. N. R. Solicitor, Quebec; Rev. P. J. Phelan, Pueblo, Colo.; Rev. T. J. Eagleston, Cogswell, N. D.; F. R. Conroy, North Battleford, Sask.; Dr. J. B. Brown, Belmont, Mass.; Len. G. Violette, Brunswick Hotel, St. Leonard, N. B.; Amedee Caron, Rimouski; Leo F. Macdonald, Ch'town; Rev. R. O'Neil, Viking, Alta.; J. A. McIntyre, '27, Weyburn, Sask.; D. J. McCarthy, Amherst; Elude Plourd, Edmunston, N. B.; Allan Gauthier, North Rustico. These letters, from widely different places, and from alumni whose attendance here varies



from the 80's to the 30's, provide most interesting reading; and reveal the fact that some of the old boys do think of the old place now and then.

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From newspaper reports and Hansard we note that the Honorable Senator James J. Hughes, former student and present member of the Board of Governors, is continuing his efforts towards bringing about a better social and moral life in our Dominion, and is a recent advocate of Adult Education. An impartial and fearless speaker Senator Hughes is rated among the most weighty speakers in the "Red Chamber." *Red and White* wishes him success in his very meritorious work and hopes that he will be given many more years to champion the all-important, but unfortunately too often overlooked, cause of adherence to true Christian principles in all things. *Ad Multos Annos.*

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In our Christmas issue we had the pleasure of chronicling the Jubilee Anniversary of Father J. C. MacKenzie, when he was fittingly honored by his parishioners and by the attendance of numerous brother priests from all parts of the West at his celebration. An appropriate sequel to long years of achievement and faithful service and a recognition of outstanding qualifications, the Holy Father has raised him to the rank of Domestic Prelate, and his Bishop, Bishop Johnson of Nelson, has appointed him Dean of Cranbrook, B. C. The Solemn Investiture took place on April 27th with Bishop Martin M. Johnson, D. D., officiating and Bishop Francis P. Carroll, D. D., of Calgary, as the preacher. *Red and White* extends its congratulations to a former student and professor in echoing the remarks of a leading Catholic of Nelson: "Both clergy and laity throughout the entire West, especially of the Diocese of Nelson, will unanimously accord this apt promotion; and . . . will experience pride and thrill in applying that new and permanent title so signally earned—Monsignor MacKenzie."

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Alumni and students who frequent moving picture theatres have noticed from time to time in recent years the name of J. Farrell MacDonald, '97-98, indicating the actor of natural and likeable characters. After playing minor roles for some years he attained his first real success in the John MacCormack film "Song O' My Heart."



Soon afterwards recognition of his outstanding ability was confirmed by his excellent portrayal of the famous Knute Rockne in "The Spirit of Notre Dame," a picture especially popular with college students throughout the continent. It was thus of interest to many to see that in the recently finished four star picture "Silent Barriers" he again takes a leading role. For this picture produced from Alan Sullivan's novel "The Great Divide" on the founding of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Gaumont-British borrowed Mr. MacDonald from Fox Studios to play the role of the famous engineer "Hells Bells Rogers." While here some forty years ago he was noted as a gifted musician and actor, having put on the light opera "The Doctor of Alcantara," himself taking the part of the Doctor. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

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*Red and White* extends congratulations to Reverend Joseph Trainor on his elevation May 23rd to the dignity of the Holy Priesthood by His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan of Charlottetown. Father Trainor will be attached to the Island Diocese. We wish also to send our best wishes to Edward Berrigan and William McGuigan who will be ordained in the Redemptorist Order during the early part of the summer.

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Father Finley Mullally of Sturgeon was a recent welcome visitor to the college. According to reports Father Mullally is doing splendid work, although it is scarcely a year since he left the college and, as may well be expected, is very popular with his parishioners.

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Three new additions to our Alumni are Doctors Emmet Donahoe and Roy Grant, who graduated from Dalhousie University on May 13th, and Doctor Philip Doyle, a graduate of McGill University on May 18th. Dr. Donahoe will be attached to St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal, Dr. Grant will practise in Summerside, and Dr. Doyle will take up post-graduate work.

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Kenneth and Irving Fraser are among the recent graduates of the St. John Law School. It is reported that they will open an office at Montague.

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Many Alumni will be pleased to hear of the recent promotion of Mr. Alex. McIntyre to the accountancy of



the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Weyburn, Sask., following his transfer from a Manitoba branch. Mr. McIntyre who graduated with the class of '27, was a native of St. Columba, P. E. I.

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From Portland, Oregon, we note that two brother-Alumni, Joseph and Leo Campbell, are well situated. The former is first bookkeeper and the latter head of the freight and shipping department in the firm of Joyce Bros.

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Arthur Hughes, '31, and James O'Connor, '34, have recently departed to take up positions in our neighbouring country to the south. Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Jimmie in New York City. *Red and White* wishes them success.

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Father James Fitzgerald, of the Winnipeg Archdiocese, visited his home in Georgetown during April to attend the funeral of his mother.

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Luke Dunn, of Boston, paid a visit to the college this spring, being called home by the death of his father at Sinnott's Road. Luke is doing well at "The Hub" and abandoned the single life a few years ago.

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From the sports pages of recent newspapers comes word that the Amherst St. Pats have acquired Jimmie MacDonald for the summer months. "Fiddler's" progress will be followed with interest by many Island well-wishers.

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We note also that Leo Kelly returned a few weeks ago from a successful ring season in the New England states and left for Moncton to continue his work under a "big time" manager. Best of luck.

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Among the officers of the various units of the militia on the Island we note the names of a number of our Alumni. On the strength of the P. E. I. Highlanders there are: Major W. J. MacDonald, Prof. at P. W. C.; Major Sylvere DesRoches, barrister; Capt. J. Frank MacMillan, Quartermaster, Prof. at P. W. C.; Capt. E. J. H. Morrissey, Adjutant, Vice-principal of Queen Square; Lieut. C. J. Campbell, Asst.-Adjutant, barrister; Lieuts. Arthur Hughes and Cecil Hynes have retired last year. In the Signal Corps there is Capt. Leo. MacDonald, Principal



of Queen Square School; and in the Medical Corps are Colonel Jack Blake, M. D., and Capt. R. D. Howatt, M.D. Besides these, a large number of Alumni are to be found listed under "other ranks" who are preparing themselves for the defense of their country if called upon.

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Congratulations to Lionel Cote '28, on his promotion to the office of C. N. R. Solicitor, Montreal. "The Big Cote" is forging ahead as he used to in a hockey game. Success to him.

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Rt. Rev. Jean Chaisson, pastor of Rustico, is our oldest alumnus and we regret that illness has hindered his parish activities during the past winter. It is reported he will retire from parish work in July. It is hoped that the rest thus afforded will enable him to be our oldest alumnus for many years to come.

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Father Dick St. John, '16, is leading a tour of Europe in July. They will visit Rome and other famous shrines of Catholic interest in the old world. We know that the genial and affable qualities of the leader will go far in making a happy vacation for all who will be privileged to enjoy this tour.

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*Red and White* extends congratulations to Loyola Duffy, '33, who has obtained his degree in Dentistry from McGill University, winning the Lieutenant-Governor's prize. Mr. Duffy will practise in Charlottetown.

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We are glad to see two of our Alumni, Rev. Joseph and Saint Clair Monaghan, who paid us a visit when they were home attending the funeral of their brother, Rev. Martin Monaghan.

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#### FATHER POIRIER WILL CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE

We are happy to congratulate Father Poirier, who this year celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Father Poirier has spent these twenty-five years as a professor at Saint Dunstan's—a record unique in the history of the institution. For twenty years he has held the position of Vice-



President of the College. This year he retires to parish work. Saint Dunstan's will be sorry to see him go. All who have come in contact with him admire the zealous priest and learned scholar; those who really know him delight in his refined wit and pleasant humour.

We understand that his jubilee will be fittingly celebrated at Saint Dunstan's early in June. *Ad Multos Annos.*

To those of our Alumni who are acquainted with members of the class of '27 we give the following report on their addresses and occupations which is as thorough as we were able to make it at the time of writing. We hope it will be of interest to our readers.

- A. Bordeleau—unknown.
- P. Campbell—New York, N. Y.
- Rev. F. Coady—deceased.
- C. Connell—St. John, N. B.
- M. Conway—merchant, New Zealand, P. E. I.
- C. Cullen—Bank of Commerce, Edmonton, Alta.
- M. Curley—Kelly's Cross, P. E. I.
- F. Doiron—barrister, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
- Rev. W. Dunphy—pastor, Sinnott, Sask.
- Rev. Dr. R. Ellsworth—professor, St. Dunstan's College.
- Rev. Dr. J. Farrell—deceased.
- Rev. A. Francis—pastor, Truro, N. S.
- A. Gardner—New York, N. Y.
- Rev. A. Guilleumette, O.P.—Ottawa, Ont.
- J. Hagan—Hope River, P. E. I.
- J. Johnston—New York, N. Y.
- Rev. R. MacDonald, C.S.S.R.—Toronto, Ont.
- J. MacIntyre—bank accountant, Weyburn, Sask.
- D. Praught—unknown.
- C. Trainor—Mgr. Prudential Life, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
- Rev. J. Walsh—pastor, Manor, Sask.
- M. White—carpenter, Emerald, P. E. I.

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### REV. MARTIN F. MONAGHAN

The untimely passing of Rev. Martin Monaghan, parish priest of Amherst, M. I., was a shock to his relatives and many friends. Following a particularly strenuous



winter Father Monaghan was taken to the Charlottetown Hospital early in January, but in spite of the best medical care could not make a recovery from his illness, and passed away on April 19th. Born at Kelly's Cross in 1899, he received his early education at Saint Joseph's Convent and Queen Square School, later continuing his studies at Prince of Wales and Saint Dunstan's where he graduated with the class of '21. He studied theology at the Grand Seminary, Quebec, and in 1925 was elevated to the Holy Priesthood by the late Bishop O'Leary of Charlottetown. For two years following his ordination he served as curate at Souris, after which he received his appointment to Amherst where he served until his death.

Coming from a family which has given five other sons to the Priesthood, we would expect that Father Martin possessed outstanding qualities in that high calling. These expectations are justified in every respect. He was the ideal type of priest, who exemplified our Lord's description of the good shepherd who knew and loved his sheep. That great love was manifested by his constant devotion to his flock in this life and his desire to be with them even in death. He was buried among his former parishioners, where he will be gradually joined by those who now deeply mourn him and for whom he lived and died.

*Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine.*

#### EDWARD W. MANSON

As we go to press we regret to hear of the death of Mr. Edward W. Manson, prominent citizen and former Mayor of Summerside. Mr. Manson studied here in 1891-2. *Red and White* sends condolences to his family.

#### JOSEPH E. GILLIS, K.C.

A newspaper report from the western provinces informed us recently of the death at Blairmore, Alta., of Joseph E. Gillis. Mr. Gillis was a native of Miscouche and attended St. Dunstan's, graduating with the class of 1908. After graduation he remained here as a professor till 1912, during which time he studied law in the Charlottetown office of the present Chief Justice, the Honorable J. A. Mathieson. He then went to the prairie provinces where he obtained considerable prominence with the result that he was chosen standard-bearer of the Liberal party



in the election of 1921. We do not know any of the details of his life but from his candidacy and his elevation to the rank of King's Counsel we judge that he had acquired a good reputation as a lawyer and citizen. Old class-mates will remember his oratorical powers and active intellect, and his former pupils, while he was vice-principal at Queen Square and a teacher here, will regret the passing of a splendid instructor and outstanding gentleman. *Requiescat in pace.*

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#### MAYOR LUCIEN BOURASSA

Students of twenty years ago will regret to hear of the demise at the early age of fifty-two of Mayor Lucien Bourassa, Shawinigan Falls. Mr. Bourassa was a student here from 1904-06 and was an outstanding and popular athlete at that time. A rugged and powerful football and hockey player, besides playing on the College teams he played cover point on the old Victoria hockey team in Charlottetown. After leaving St. Dunstan's he advanced steadily to a position of prominence in the business and social life of his city which culminated in his election to the mayoralty last July. Unfortunately, ill-health overcame him and he passed away on the first of April after a short term of office. As he was a loyal citizen of Shawinigan and a generous friend of the poor, his civic funeral held a few days later drew a large number of mourners. *Qu'il repose en paix.*

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#### MICHAEL J. MOREN

We regret to chronicle the sudden passing of Mr. Michael J. Moren, an elder Alumnus well-known in Charlottetown and throughout the diocese. Born at Newport he attended St. Dunstan's and from here entered the employ of Peake Bros. After a decade with this wholesale firm he entered the Customs service in Charlottetown advancing to the position of Chief Clerk before his retirement in 1924. Since that time he has been accountant for the Diocese of Charlottetown, which position he filled capably and carefully up to the day of his death. *Red and White* extends sympathy to family and friends on the loss of one who has always been an exemplary Christian gentleman.