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## College Chronicle

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### Philosophers' Day

On March 7, the Philosophers celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Thomas Aquinas. The day was fittingly begun with High Mass celebrated by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, B.A., Professor of Philosophy. The choir at Mass was composed entirely of philosophers.

At nine o'clock the Seniors and Juniors met in an exciting game of hockey. The hopes of the Juniors appeared to be crushed in the first period, when the Seniors got two scores, and defeated all their opponents' efforts to score. The Juniors fought on with determination, and finally were rewarded by scoring in the last minute of play, and the game ended 4—1 for the Seniors.

In the afternoon a sumptuous banquet was given to the Philosophers, in the dining-hall. After all had satisfied their appetites, the following toasts were proposed by the Toast Master, Arthur Hughes, and responded to as follows:

The Pope and the King.

The Church—Rev. J. A. Sullivan, B.A.

The Day We Celebrate—Alfred Murray.

Our Country—Justin MacLellan.

Our University—George McCormac.

The Ladies—Joseph McCarthy.

Between toasts, solos were given by Alfred Doucette and Mark Greenan.

The Rev. Rector, Dr. Murphy, the Guest of Honour, then addressed the gathering, after which a vote of thanks was tendered the Sisters, and others for the assistance they had given to make the banquet a real success. After the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King, the celebration was closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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### Lecture

On Wednesday, December 10, Mr. Justice Arsenault addressed the student body of St. Dunstan's. This was the first of our series of lectures, and we were particularly



fortunate in securing such a notable and capable lecturer. Judge Arsenault chose a very interesting and instructive subject in, "My Trip to Louisiana."

Judge Arsenault made this trip under the auspices of the Assumption Society. His object was to get an accurate knowledge of the Acadians of Louisiana, and we can affirm without doubt, after having heard his address, that he achieved his end.

In opening his discourse he gave an account of the actual trip to Louisiana. With a true lecturer's talent, he enlivened serious details with humorous anecdotes. Especially vivid was the description of the voyage up the Mississippi to New Orleans. Then he pictured for us the customs of these exiled Acadians and gave us their history, as related to him by one of themselves. He gave us a very accurate insight into the setting and history of Longfellow's famous poem, "Evangeline," which supplemented our knowledge of Acadian life derived from this poem. A vote of thanks was extended by the students at the close of the lecture, and the hope was expressed that in the near future he would again favor us with another of his addresses.

#### St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society

On January 14, the Society held its first meeting after the Christmas Holidays. This was in the form of an open debate. The subjects under discussion were taken from current events, and these are topics, upon which we should all be able to speak extemporaneously. This form of debate should be encouraged, for it gives one the facility to speak, when called upon in public with little or no time for preparation.

The Society held its next debate on January 21. The subject was, "Resolved that Party Government should be Abolished." The supporters were, Pro: F. Cass and J. Lynch, and Con: A. Hughes and J. Lewis. The Pro side maintained that Municipal Government would be a very efficient substitution for Party Government, and they supported their supposition with many strong arguments. The Con side argued that the legislation by party government is that of the majority of the people, and then, bringing their philosophical principles to practical use, they quoted that the universal consent of man is true if it does not involve contradiction. Therefore,



since Party Government is more in accordance with universal consent it is the better form of government and the one less likely to err. The Pro side won by a small majority. A five-minute speech by G. Handrahan and a reading by L. Hessian were also well given.

"Resolved that England has been the greatest colonizing nation the world has ever known," was the subject for debate on January 28. The speakers for the Pro side, E. MacPhee and D. MacIntyre, held that England, since she had the greatest possessions and offered them greater protection and toleration, was the greatest colonizing nation. A. Doucette and O. Dalton of the Con side maintained that England had almost constantly made war on the natives in America and drove them out, and that in the case of the United States she had burdened her colonies with taxes and restrictions. The debate was won by the Pro side. G. MacLellan and E. Doucette gave a five-minute speech and a declamation respectively.

At the meeting of February 4, the subject debated was, "Resolved that Trial by jury has outlived its Usefulness." The Pro speakers were, I. Trainor and J. MacDonald and the Con were, A. Lawlor and M. Roberts. The Pro side claimed that trial by jury was indispensable as a fair means of trying criminal cases. The Con side maintained that a system of judges would be more efficient, and more likely to arrive at a just decision. The meeting was completed by a five-minute speech from J. Trainor and a reading by A. MacGuigan.

#### St. John's and St. Augustine's Societies

Due to the great number of debates held by these societies we are unable to report them at length. This does not imply that these societies are not equally as important, in their sphere, as the senior society. The former under the careful guidance of its moderator, Rev. W. MacGuigan, is doing excellent work. The latter is also fortunate in having a very energetic moderator, Rev. J. A. Sullivan. In both these societies the individual speeches are generally short but the delivery and confidence of the speakers are praiseworthy.

#### St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society

On Wednesday, February 25, the very entertaining and highly instructive drama; "The Confession," was



presented by a cast of student players. The play was promoted by the Senior Literary and Debating Society, and its moderator, Rev. Father Francis, is to be congratulated on the success of his undertaking. Each and every player delivered his part well and in a manner deserving of the loud applause of the audience. J. Austin Trainor, a Charlottetown dramatic coach, supplemented the efforts of Father Francis, and contributed in no small way to the great success of the production. The specialties were also worthy of much praise. They included solos by A. Doucette and F. MacMillan, step-dancing by J. Hughes, and a reading by J. Coyle, which the audience enjoyed immensely.

After the play Mr. G. MacCormick, President of the St. Thomas Society, in an effective speech thanked all who had contributed to the success of their play.

The following is the cast of characters:

Rose Creighton, Tom's sweetheart .....	C. McIvor
Mrs. Mary Bartlett, Tom's mother.....	C. MacDonald
Michael Grogan, a sexton.....	J. Lynch
Patsy Moran, a hunchbacked boy.....	E. Berrigan
Thomas Bartlett, brother of Father Bartlett .....	A. Doucette
Reverend J. J. Bartlett, Parish Priest.....	D. MacDonald
Bill Allen, a fisherman.....	C. Murphy
Andrew Strong, a detective, later warden of prison.....	E. Doucette
Frank Gordon, a clerk .....	P. Doyle
John Peabody, Judge, later Governor of the Province .....	F. Cass
F. Coburn, A turnkey.....	J. MacLellan
E. P. Dustin, prosecuting Attorney.....	H. Hughes
C. B. Blackburn, attorney-at-law.....	O. Murphy

### Necrology

To the parents and relatives of Ivan Molloy; and to Joseph Ready on the death of his mother, *Red and White* extends its sincere sympathy.

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Pedantry crams our heads with learned lumber, and takes out our brains to make room for it.—*Colton*.