

# College Chronicle

First impressions are always interesting, so let us see what those of a visitor to St. Dunstan's in this Autumn of '49 would be. Well, new college buildings are going up, and they are needed too, judging by the number of students that we see. And what a large Senior class there is; yes sir, the largest graduating class in St. Dunstan's history is the class of '50. There seems to be a lot of activity around here. Shall we look around?

High School opened a week earlier than College this year. This gave the younger students an opportunity to orientate themselves before the arrival of the college group. We see many new faces in the student body and some new-comers on our teaching staff. **Red and White** welcomes them all, and wishes them happiness and success at St. Dunstan's.

Two members of last year's teaching staff are no longer with us. Mr. Joseph MacIsaac, B.A., who taught in the high school department for three years, is at present with the Tignish Co-operative. Mr. J. E. Jolie, B.A., of the Commerce Department, is doing graduate work this year. Our good wishes follow both.

We welcome three newcomers to the staff. Rev. Vincent Murnaghan, B.A., '45, is now teaching in high school; Mr. John Eldon Green, B.A., M.S.W., a member of the class of '47, has returned to us, and is conducting a college course which applies Thomistic Philosophy to social living; and Mr. Gerald E. Clarke, B.Com., has replaced Mr. Jolie in the commerce department. Our congratulations go to Fr. Murnaghan on his ordination last July, and to Mr. Green who obtained the Masters degree in social work from the Catholic University of America last year. He is also rendering valuable service to Mr. A. J. McAdam in coaching the football teams. Although Rev. W. J. McGuigan has recovered from his illness of last year and has resumed his place before his history classes, he has been relieved of his duties as director of discipline in high school by Rev. E. J. Roche. Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley has relieved Rev. George A. MacDonald of similar duties in Memorial Hall, the home of the Juniors and Seniors. Rev. L. W. Landrigan is again in charge of the Freshmen and Sophomores in Dalton Hall.

It seems like a very short time ago that we said good-bye to that group of fine young men and women who were the graduates of '49. Their present fields of endeavour are many and varied. Here is an attempt to inform you of them.

Seven of our boys have begun studies for the Priesthood: Clarence Roche, Charles MacDonald, and Edwin Steele are at Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax; Lorne Trainor and Frank "Shorty" MacKinnon have entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Guelph, Ont. A host of St. Dunstan's students, of whom we shall hear later, welcomed one of the forty-niners in the person of James Trainor, into the Oblate Novitiate at Arnprior, Ont. One man went even farther afield for theological studies; Justin Gavin has entered the seminary of Mount Saint Mary of the West in Norwood, Ohio, with a view to preparing himself for work in the diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Seven graduates are now training for the medical profession: Joseph Cairns and Paul Landrigan are in Dalhousie Medical School; Jean Patry and Pierre Houle are enrolled in medicine at Laval; and gracing the halls of the medical school at McGill with his intellectual presence is Cyril Sinnott.

Raymond Grant is studying optometry, and Roger Vellemeure, dentistry, at the University of Montreal.

We have one potential lawyer from last year's class in Ernest Goulet, who this year is in Laval Law School.

The teaching profession has claimed five of our new Alumni. Four of them are teaching in local public schools: Alice McCloskey in North Rustico, Russell Arbing in Fairview, Derrill McGuigan in St. Patrick's, Robert Reid in Stanley; and Kevin Howlett is teaching in a high school in Manitoba.

Congratulations are offered to two Scholarship winners from last year's class. Miss Evelyn Hessian has won singular distinction for herself and for her Alma Mater in being awarded the National C. W. L. Scholarship. She is now taking social work in the University of Montreal. Miss Ethel Trainor has received an award from the Provincial Government to study psychiatric social work at the Maritime School of Social Work in Halifax. In the same school and taking the same course is Lorraine McNeely.

Congratulations also to Phyllis Hessian, '49 and Alban Burge, B.S.A., ex '47, on their marriage in October. After leaving St. Dunstan's in '47, Alban attended MacDonald Agricultural College,

where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture last year. Mr. and Mrs. Burge reside in St. Peter's, P. E. I., where Alban has begun his career as a farmer.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Dalziel on the arrival last August of a baby daughter. Mrs. Dalziel was formerly Celia Rooney, ex '48. Jack, a graduate in Science of last year, is at present employed with the C.N.R. at Borden, P. E. I.

William Ledwell is studying library science at McGill University.

Owen Mullin has taken a commission in the Canadian Active Army, after completing his C.O.T.C. training last summer.

Kathleen Keefe, is employed with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Ottawa.

Working in various parts of Canada are; John Bradley in Hamilton, Ont.; Gregory Gavin, in Moncton, N.B.; Elmer Murnaghan, and Leo Atkins in Toronto, Ont.

John S. MacDonald president of last year's Students' Union has returned from Jasper, Alberta, and is now at his home in Cardigan.

To this date we have no information on Luc Bertrand or Remi LaRochelle.

**Red and White** wishes continued success to the class of '49.

News has reached us of another highlight in the career of Rev. G. P. Monaghan, Ph.D., Paed.D., an honour graduate of the class of '20. On September 23rd, this distinguished alumnus was made a Papal Chamberlain of Pope Pius XII. This honour is in recognition of his outstanding work, especially in the field of education, as director of Catholic Schools in Oklahoma city and Tulsa. Congratulations Monsignor Monaghan.

Another alumnus to be so honoured is Rt. Reverend G. H. Griffin, B.A., D.D., who graduated from St. Dunstan's in 1924. Father Griffin has received the title of Domestic Prelate. After leaving St. Dunstan's he attended Grand Seminary in Quebec, where he received the degree of Doctor of Theology in 1928. After his ordination in 1928 he began teaching Philosophy in St. Joseph's Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta. Later he taught Theology there, and for some years now he has been Rector of that institution. Our congratulations to Monsignor Griffin.

Always of great interest to students here is news of Alphonsus P. Campbell, B.A. (cum laude) '37. Last year Mr. Campbell attended Fordham University, where he completed the course of a doctorate in English. This year, while he awaits the arrival of an ancient latin manuscript needed to complete his thesis, he teaches English at St. Thomas College. There is little need for us to mention the identity of the author of the poem adorning the front page of this number; Mr. Campbell's fine poetry has introduced several previous issues of **Red and White** to you. We wish the best to this fine scholar and true friend of St. Dunstan's.

While glancing through an issue of the **Financial Post** recently, we noticed an item on Jean Louis Levesque, a former St. Dunstan's student and a graduate of '34. Mr. Levesque is now chairman of Acme Glove Works Ltd., a firm with four factories and sales rooms from Quebec to Vancouver. In the brief space of fifteen years since his graduation from St. Dunstan's, Mr. Levesque has achieved great prominence in the business world and **Red and White** wishes continued success to him in his business undertakings.

Five under-graduates from St. Dunstan's entered the Oblate Novitiate at Arnprior, Ontario, this fall. They are: Floyd McGaugh, Hugh Leslie, Adelard Gallant, Michael Kelly, and Cyril MacDonald. In addition to these, eight other former St. Dunstan's students, having completed their year's Novitiate at Arnprior, entered Holy Rosary Scholasticate, Ottawa, in September. Now in Scholasticate are: Allan Noonan, B.A., '48, Ronald Blacquiere, B.A., '48, Ralph Bernard, ex'48, Joseph Kane, ex'48, Robert Kelly, ex'48, Maurice Coffin, ex'48, Clifford Murphy, ex'48, and Adrian Smith, ex'48. To all our boys who are members of the Oblates, go our good wishes.

The Students' Union is continuing to prove its superiority over the old Students' Council system in its more effective organization and smoother functioning. President this year is Wilfred Driscoll, '50, and his two immediate co-workers are Francis Ledwell '51, as Vice-President and Rupert MacLellan, '50, Secretary-Treasurer. Class Representatives on the union are: Hugh McPhee—Senior; Charles Gorman—Junior; George Cameron—Sophomore; John Mullaly—Freshman; and Reginald MacLellan—High School Representative. Secretaries from the individual societies comprising the Union are: Ernest MacDonald—A.A.A.; Margaret Mulligan—Dramatic Society; Wendell MacIntyre—M.I.D.L.; Wilbert MacInnis—I.S.S.; Cody Myers—Glee Club; Marie Kelly—Sigma Delta Society; Faculty Advisor is Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley.

The Athletic Association, always a centre of interest, reports a very favourable season thus far. The football team made a splendid showing and hockey prospects are good with weekly practices now being held in the forum. Rev. George MacDonald is again coaching the team with Mr. A. J. McAdam teaming up with him on the job. Basketball is suffering as a result of the disastrous fire which destroyed the farm buildings early in the fall, as much of the space in the rink is being temporarily used for farm needs. The very capable Charles Duffy, manager of handball, claims to have put that worthy sport on the map when he organized two very closely contested handball tournaments in October. The executive of the A.A.A. is as follows: President—Hugh MacPhee; Vice-President—Cyril Callaghan; Secretary-treasurer—Ernest MacDonald; managers for the various sports are: Austin Johnston—football; Reginald Doucette—basketball; Joseph Shreenan—hockey; Duncan MacDonald—softball and pool; John Mullally—track and field; Arnold Murphy—rink; Charles Duffy—volleyball, handball and ping-pong. Faculty advisor is Rev. W. J. McGuigan.

Before this issue reaches your hands, the Dramatic Society will have completed an interclass drama festival with a one-act presentation from each of seven classes. Plans are also under way for presentation, early next semester of "The Rosary," a drama in four acts. Feeling that there is not enough time being devoted to dramatics and other similar activities seems general. The drama festival and other activities throughout the year is the attempt of the Dramatic Society to provide more opportunities for self-expression among the students. The executive is as follows: President Daniel Driscoll; Vice-President—James Saunders; Secretary—Margaret Mulligan; Councillors—Vincent MacDonald and Bernard Hayes.

The St. Dunstan's unit of M.I.D.L. is busily preparing for three intercollegiate debates, two of which will be held in Charlottetown and one in Chatham, New Brunswick. Debaters from U.N.B. Law School and Dalhousie University will meet St. Dunstan's teams here and a St. Dunstan's team will be guests of St. Thomas University. Rev. F. L. Cass has been directing the activities of this group since 1945. He has guided St. Dunstan's debaters to eight victories in thirteen intercollegiate debates during the past four years. Congratulations are in order to M.I.D.L. for a job well done. This year, the Society's executive is as follows: President—Arthur MacInnis; Vice-President—Jerryldine Robertson; Secretary—Wendell MacIntyre; Councillors—George Keefe and Philip Murphy.

The Glee Club will be taking an important part in the Drama Festival. It is expected also that the Glee Club will stage a variety concert this year in aid of I.S.S. Executive: President—Roy Grant; Vice-President—Leo Albert; Secretary—Cody Myers; Faculty Advisor is Rev. L. W. Landrigan.

Our campus unit of the C.C.S.M.C. has recently received a letter from Brother Solanus, a native African seminarian who will soon receive Holy Orders. For the past three years the students here have, by their prayers and financial help, enabled him to attend a seminary. In his letter Brother Solanus, besides expressing his gratitude to the students here, stressed the great need for native priests in missionary work, and the importance of praying for the missions. The first Sunday of each month is dedicated to the missions and material assistance is also sent them through the stamp saving program of the C.C.S.M.C. The Executive this year is: President—Gerard MacAulay; Vice-President—Francis Cameron; Secretary—Murvin MacInnis; Councillors—Eugene Sullivan and Joseph Mullally. Faculty Advisor is Rev. Owen Sharkey.

Before reporting on I.S.S., **Red and White** wishes to extend a very special note of welcome to Alois Sliva, who came to St. Dunstan's this year from a European camp for displaced persons. Alois is a blond, very likable fellow, who is losing no time in making himself popular with the whole student body. Welcome, Alois, to our College and our Country.

The I.S.S. got right down to business, in its campaign for world student relief, early this fall. An active executive provided a Canteen service in aid of I.S.S. at the intercollegiate football games. On the night of November 2, Wilfred Driscoll, '50, St. Dunstan's delegate to the European Seminar sponsored by I.S.S. last summer, spoke to the student body. In his address Wilfred described at some length the highlights of the Seminar. Alois Sliva followed with a moving talk on present conditions in Europe. His words of gratitude, so well and sincerely spoken, encourage us to further effort in the interests of European student relief. **Red and White** further extends thanks from him to many of our Alumni and others who helped I.S.S. last year. The executive of I.S.S. is as follows: President—Charles Kelly; Vice-President—Reginald Doucette; Secretary—Wilbert MacInnis; Councillors: Margaret Green, Arthur MacInnis, Charles Gorman, William McNeely, Maureen Murphy, Reginald MacLellan, Jerryldine Robertson.

Many favourable comments are being heard concerning the weekly Religious Bulletin which first made its appearance last year. Rev. Edmund Roche, who originated this fine idea, has a knack for treating subjects of interest to the students, anything from football games to the students' great problem of rising in the morning, with a little spiritual touch. Besides forming another bond of common interest among the students, Fr. Roche hopes to send the Religious Bulletin to the graduates of future years, thus establishing a close contact between the College and her Alumni. A little bit of old St. Dunstan's will certainly be welcomed in this workaday world.

On the night of November 11th, students of College years were treated to an excellent talk by Lieut. Col. Leo F. MacDonald, Principal of Queen Square School. The subject of Col. MacDonald's talk was "Teaching as a Profession." This was the first in a series of talks to be given the students this year by some of our leading laymen. **Red and White** compliments the Executive of the Students' Union on this praiseworthy undertaking.

The sound of men at work is constantly in our ears this year. Work has been completed on the exterior of the new Chapel Building, which is situated due east of the Main Building and north of Dalton Hall. In this building will be the Chapel on the second floor, the dining hall on the ground floor and living accommodations for the Sisters and domestic help in the east wing. To the north of the Chapel building the new central heating plant is nearing completion. The work on both is being done by M. F. Schurman and Company. Down on the farm, replacement of one of the farm buildings is nearly completed but work on the other new barns will not begin until next year. On the playing field, the new cinder track is a vast improvement over the old dirt track of former years; and a new grandstand, built last summer, replaces the old one, which always came out the loser in its battle with the elements.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

Many former students of St. Dunstan's will regret to learn of the death in the Charlottetown Hospital on November 10th of Rev. D. P. Croken. Father Croken had a long and important association with the College; a graduate of the class of 1904; Professor of Philosophy from 1908 till 1912; Rector 1923-26; and he served several terms on the Board of Governors since then.

After his graduation from St. Dunstan's, Father Croken went to Rome to study Theology at Propaganda College, where he was ordained on June 13th, 1908. On his return he was appointed to the College, where for four years he taught philosophy. He then went as assistant with Monsignor James Phelan to Vernon River. The following year he became pastor of Georgetown and Montague, which pastorate he served for ten years. In 1923 he returned to the College as Rector, and ably discharged this onerous task for three years; owing to ill-health he was relieved of the duties in 1926, and became pastor of Fort Augustus. In 1939 he was appointed to Souris as pastor, and labored there for seven years. Again ill-health forced his removal and he retired to the Sacred Heart Home. A long and trying illness marked the last years of his life.

Father Croken was always held in highest esteem by laymen and clerics throughout the Diocese. He was rigorously conscientious in the fulfilment of all his duties and in all his dealings with his fellowman, and we feel sure he likewise was in his relationship to God. A priest first and last, his interests were ever in the things of eternal worth. Whether teaching, or preaching, or administering sacraments, he did all for the greater honor and glory of God. May his soul rest in peace.

**Red and White** conveys the sympathy of all the students to Jack O'Brien on the death of his father, and to Fernand Fournier on the death of his grandmother. May they rest in peace.



## ATHLETICS

In the Autumn at St. Dunstan's, football is the main athletic attraction. In fact it is noteworthy that football is on a par with hockey as a major sport. This, indeed, at a college in a province where football has degenerated into a minor sport. A football survey revealed that there were approximately 140 students playing the game under supervision this fall. This is a good percentage, especially when the fact is considered that football coach Vic Obeck of McGill University has deplored the fact that only about one fourth of the students there take part in some form of athletics.