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Peace and Happiness to all the Alumni of S. D. U. at this joyous Easter Season.

We are pleased to learn that our Alumni of Boston, Mass., have not forgotten their Alma Mater. Some time ago we received from Dr. Philip Hennebery a substantial cheque, collected from the "old boys" of St. Dunstan's now residing there, and to be expended in the purchase of gymnasium equipment. Their object is highly commendable and our thanks and good wishes are certainly due them.

W. Aylward, a native of Lot 1 of this province and a former St. Dunstan's University boy, is doing well in Oakland, California, as head of the sales force of the Athinson Window Fixture Co. We congratulate Mr. Aylward on his success in the Great Republic.

Thomas McAvinn, B.A., '24, is at present residing at Detroit, U. S. A. Before going to the States "Tom" taught for a short time in the Middleton School, P. E. Island.

Francis Mooney, a former student of St. Dunstan's, is at present in Dorchester, Mass., where he holds a position with the O'Keefe Chain stores. Gerard McDonald, '26, another of St. Dunstan's sons, is also in Dorchester, Mass.

John Marc Tremblay, who graduated from our Business Department in 1925, now holds a position with the Montreal Bank of Canada, in his home town, Riviere du Loup, Quebec. We wish Mr. Tremblay every success in the banking profession.

Joseph Campbell, B.A., Valedictorian of the class of '25, is on the staff of the St. Paul's High School, Winnipeg.

Edmund Donahue, B.Sc., '24, Valedictorian of his class, is studying Theology in St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton.

J. A. Fraser, B.A., '18, another of St. Dunstan's successful sons, is located in Calgary where he enjoys an extensive law practice. During the past winter Mr.

Fraser, accompanied by his wife (nee Bertha Wynne, Charlottetown), visited his old home on the Island, and while here took the opportunity to call on his Alma Mater, where he received a hearty welcome.

We are pleased to report that among the members of the famous "Victoria" hockey team, 1927 Intermediate Champions of the Maritime Provinces, are two former students of St. Dunstan's in the persons of Cornelius Campbell, Valedictorian of last year's class, and Francis Doucette who attended our college a few years ago. "Con" played defence while his lighter team-mate "Frank" played on the forward line. We congratulate these sons of St. Dunstan's on the wonderful hockey ability displayed by them throughout the past season.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Rev. Patrick Leo Rooney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rooney of Cherry Valley, on his elevation to the Holy Priesthood. Father Rooney, who is an alumnus of St. Dunstan's, was ordained to the priesthood a short time ago at St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton, by His Grace Archbishop O'Leary. Father Rooney is one of an illustrious family that has given five sons to God's service.

### Extract from Letter of Former St. Dunstan's Student in France

I have been reading "A la Conquête des Amês," lately; a book written by a priest. It is rich in beautiful passages and, feeling that you would appreciate their beauty, I have endeavored to translate a few of them, with the following results.

"I know of countries where, when the bell of the church tower sounds to announce the moment of Consecration, in the surrounding houses conversation ceases, all kneel and adore: in the streets, men remove their hats, and in the fields you see the laborers incline with reverence. Ah! how beautiful it is,—this union which radiates even beyond the walls of the sanctuary and transmits itself as far as the voice of the bell vibrates over hills and valleys.

"Having several annexes rather distant, it happens frequently that I carry the Blessed Sacrament to persons sick, infirm, or aged, who cannot go to church.



"Imagine a beautiful day in spring. From the top of the hills I see, far off, the peasants at work in the fields, and with Our Saviour I descend the ravines, remount, dominate again valleys and banks, and all continue to work. The silvery sound of the little bell of the sacristan carried on the wings of the breeze, traverses the furrows and strikes at the door of the heart. The white surplice of the priest, shining in the sun, attracts the attentions of those whom the sound does not reach. Then the ploughs are stopped,—the oxen repose,—the men kneel,—the children piously join their hands; and if, from far in the heavens with the angels, I could contemplate the spectacle, I would see all hearts directed towards one mysterious centre—the adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament.

"A holy silence falls over nature;—Jesus has passed. The laborer rises, but through reverence for the Illustrious Visitor, conducts in silence, his horses and oxen. Only the little birds accompany, while singing, the Divine Friend of the little."

SAINT DUNSTAN'S OLD BOYS—Do you remember the limited library facilities in your day? 'Nuff said. Perhaps you saw some fellow-student abuse (or even abstract) one of our scanty store of books. Well, our library has not improved much since then, and in its present state it cries out to you for help. A movement is on to build up a real library. This will take years to do, but it must be *started* immediately. The big requirement is MONEY. Now where are we to get this? WE have no endowment; therefore we look to former students who know the need so well. Every little bit helps. Donations of books, too, will be kindly received. Your name will be inscribed in books donated, or purchased with your cash donation. Notable sums will go to the library endowment fund, to purchase books in perpetuity for St. Dunstan's Library. The Librarian awaits your generosity. The students of future years will be most grateful.