

College Chronicle

The passing years necessarily bring changes to an Institution such as ours. The chronicle of the first semester shows that since Commencement Day last May we have more than our share of changes. Three Professors of last year's Staff have left for other fields of labor and three new members have replaced them.

As stated in our May number, Reverend Nazaire Poirier has been appointed Parish Priest of Mont Carmel. For a quarter of a century Father Poirier spent himself in explaining the "mysteries" of French and Latin to successive generations of students. Many of his former students may have already forgotten the rules which he explained with such care; but few can fail to remember the kindly manner and the painstaking interest which Father Poirier ever showed in his work. We wish him success and length of days in his parochial work.

Previous to his departure Father Poirier was the guest at a testimonial dinner given by the College authorities to observe the Silver Jubilee of his priestly ordination and of his teaching career. The function, presided over by the Rector, the Very Reverend Doctor Murphy, was attended by His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan and the priests of the Charlottetown deanery. An address was read to the Jubilarian by Rev. R. V. MacKenzie and a purse presented by Rev. Walter MacGuigan on behalf of the priests of the deanery. His Excellency the Bishop paid eloquent tribute to the services rendered by Father Poirier during his teaching career, and many of the priests recalled amusing incidents of Father Poirier's days in the class-room.

The other two members of last year's Staff missing this year are Rev. M. E. Francis and Mr. Clarence Murphy, B.A. The former, who was attached to St. Dunstan's since his Ordination in 1924, is now Pastor of St. Mark's, Lot Seven. Father Francis was always most industrious, and even during his period of convalescence last year could not but make himself useful in many ways. We need only recall his work with the Dramatic Society to

recall to the students the interest he took in them and in everything which pertained to their welfare.

We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. Clarence Murphy, B.A., who has been awarded a Knights of Columbus scholarship for graduate work at the Catholic University of America. Mr. Murphy will spend the next three years in Washington, D. C. pursuing a course in Sociology and Economics. He has the good wishes of all for continued success.

To fill the vacancies caused by the departure of the aforementioned professors, three new members have been added to the Staff. They are Reverends Gavan P. Monaghan, J. P. Emmet O'Hanley and Wilfred J. McCardle.

Dr. O'Hanley, recently returned from Europe where he spent two years in graduate work at Rome and Cambridge, is now Professor of Metaphysics and Psychology. He is well qualified to fill the important charge entrusted to him. In the few years since his Ordination he has had many contacts with different classes of Society and is noted as a keen student of human nature. For two years he was Curate at St. Dunstan's Basilica and the year prior to his departure for Europe he was Assistant to the Vicar General of the diocese, Monsignor McLellan, Pastor of Summerside.

Father McCardle, formerly Curate at St. Dunstan's Basilica, has been appointed Head of the Commercial Department, to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Rev. M. E. Francis. The capable manner in which Father McCardle is discharging his new duties convinces us that the mantle worn with such distinction by his esteemed predecessor has fallen on worthy shoulders. We extend a cordial welcome to these distinguished young priests whose personalities have already won all hearts; we assure them of our loyalty and wish them great success in their new fields of labor.

We are glad to welcome Father Monaghan once again to St. Dunstan's. He had been absent the greater part of last year in the Parish of Mont Carmel and returned in September to take charge of the French course.

RETREAT AND BISHOP'S VISIT

The annual Fall retreat held at the beginning of the school-year was conducted by the Reverend William McLaughlin, C.S.S. R. He stressed the obligations which

devolve on the student to take his studies seriously, and he showed the role which they should play even in the spiritual life. The retreat was fittingly brought to a close by a visit from His Excellency, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Bishop of Charlottetown, who celebrated the closing Mass of the retreat. In a short instruction His Excellency urged the students to profit well by the opportunities given them and stated that the future of Catholic life in this province depends in great measure on them. His proclamation of a holiday was joyfully received by all. The students are grateful to His Excellency for the fatherly interest which he takes in them and in St. Dunstan's, and they look forward to his next visit with eagerness.

AGRICULTURAL COURSE

With the desire to help the farming population of the Province, St. Dunstan's inaugurated last summer a short course in Agriculture. Forty-two young men from various parts of the Island availed themselves of the opportunity and followed a three-weeks course in June. During their stay at St. Dunstan's they were given both the theoretical and the practical side of farming. The College and the Experimental Farms gave ample opportunity to study things at first hand. Father McQuaid spared no effort in order to demonstrate the "college method" of the care of stock and of crop. Scientific farming, care and beautification of the home, soil analysis, the study of weeds and of seeds were also on the program. The lecture courses were given by members of the Department of Agriculture and of the College Staff.

We express the hope that this successful venture is but the prelude to a long series of similar courses. Much credit is due to the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, to Rev. Dr. Murphy and Father McQuaid for their initiative in this matter. We congratulate them on the success of their efforts.

FIELD DAY ENTERTAINMENT

The annual field-day concert was held on the evening of September 28th. The program was as follows:

Instrumental music by the Orchestra.
Distribution of prizes (senior).
Step-dance by Stephen Larkin.

Distribution of prizes (junior).
Instrumental music.

At the conclusion of this program the President, Mr. Charles Trainor, called on the Moderator of the Athletic Association, Rev. Oswald Murphy, who spoke briefly on the excellent spirit of sportsmanship shown by the contestants. He was followed by Reverend Fathers MacKenzie, Ellsworth, O'Hanley and McCardle. All the speakers were most enthusiastic, offered valuable suggestions for future improvement, made humorous references to the events of the day, and recalled events of former field-days at St. Dunstan's. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

It would be inconsiderate on our part not to mention the fact that Dr. O'Hanley was official photographer for the day. Fittingly robed in his Roman toga, he followed the boys and the various events with eager and enthusiastic interest and the "snaps" which rewarded his efforts are greatly prized by all.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

On September 19, the students reorganized the Students' Council. Mr. Charles Trainor, President of the senior class, presided. The constitution was read and discussed, and the object of the Council explained to new members. Great stress was laid on the necessity of co-operating with the Faculty in all that pertains to the good of the College.

According to the constitution the following compose the Executive:

President—Charles Trainor, president of the Senior Class.

Vice-President—Somerled Trainor, president of the Junior Class.

Secretary—John A. MacDonald, secretary of the Senior Class.

Councillors—Joseph Mahar, Harold Hennessy, and J. Frank MacDonald, representatives of the Sophomore, Freshman, and High School years respectively.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

The students met on October 3, to reorganize the St. Dunstan's unit of the C. C. S. M. C. The Moderator,

Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, spoke in an interesting manner of the mission activities and the part that we are called to play in the salvation of the pagans. He explained the function of the unit, and showed how we could render assistance to those in the mission field, and urged a campaign of prayer for this end.

The following officials were appointed:

President.....Willard O'Brien
Vice-President.....Augustine Kelly
Sec'y-Treas......Lawrence Landrigan.

Occasional meetings have been held during the past months during which the various activities of the unit were discussed. The intention of Mission Sundays was studied with greater intensity and means of raising funds for missionary purposes considered.

ELOCUTION CLASS

The members of the senior and junior Philosophy classes were pleased with the opportunity afforded them to study elocution. Mrs. Ruby Houle, C.D.A., is in charge of the classes. Reading, articulation, gestures and posture are the chief points stressed. The course is not compulsory, but the number that attend the classes is sufficient proof of the popularity of the course and of the desire of the students to perfect themselves along this line.

DEBATES

St. Thomas' Literary and Debating Society

In view of the fact that the members of this Society are following the course in elocution the regular debates have been postponed until the second term. However, the Society was organized on October 7th and the following executive appointed:

President.....John A. MacDonald
Vice-President.....John Sullivan
Secretary.....Augustine Kelly
Councillors.....Fred Howatt and Gerard Connolly

St. John's Literary and Debating Society

The reorganization of the St. John's Literary and Debating Society, composed of the Freshman, Sophomore

and Grade XII students, took place on October 6th. Since then weekly debates have been held and keen rivalry displayed. Quite a few members show talent for public speaking and if they continue to develop themselves in this line it will not be surprising to see some of them make names for themselves later on.

The following is the list of the officers:

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. Wilfred McCardle
<i>President</i>	Harold Hennessy
<i>Vice-President</i>	Fred Howatt
<i>Secretary</i>	James McGuaghey
<i>Councillors</i>	J. Frank MacDonald and Felix Connolly.

St. Augustine's Debating Society

The re-organization of the Junior Debating Society took place on October 6th and the following officers appointed:

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. Dr. O'Hanley
<i>President</i>	Frank Brennan
<i>Vice-President</i>	James Hogan
<i>Secretary</i>	Frank L. Aylward
<i>Councillors</i>	Francis P. Aylward and Arthur Griffith.

A new departure has been effected in an effort to make the meetings more interesting and entertaining as well as instructive. Each night of meeting, after the routine business is concluded, one of the members presents something "in lighter vein." The regular debate follows and on its conclusion a five-minute speech is delivered by someone chosen beforehand. The speaker is required to answer any questions put to him by any member of the Society; he is thus forced to think on his feet and thus acquires valuable experience for later years. The adoption of this policy should, we think, bear much fruit and we look forward to seeing the senior societies follow the lead to the younger students in this regard.

FIRST AID COURSE

Through the kindness of Colonel John Blake, M.D., of the St. John's Ambulance Association, a First Aid

course is in progress at the College. Once a week Dr. Blake gives interesting and instructive lectures and demonstrations which are highly appreciated by those who follow his course.

DRAMATICS

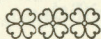
On October 12th the re-organization of the Dramatic Society took place with the following chosen as members of the Executive:

<i>President</i>	John A. MacDonald
<i>Vice-President</i>	John Sullivan
<i>Secretary</i>	Frederic Howatt
<i>Councillors</i>	Gerard Connolly and Harold Hennessy
<i>Stage-Manager</i>	Lawrence Landrigan.

As is customary the activities of the Society do not get under way until the second term, and the routine work was left with the members of the Executive.

NECROLOGY

To Lionel Dionne, on the death of his father, *Red and White* extends sincere sympathy.



God judges us by what we would become,
By the direction, not the distance gained;
Of all our shortcomings He knows the sum,
Where we have failed, to what we have attained.

—Anonymous.

A little fire is quickly trodden out,
Which, being suffered, rivers cannot quench.

—Clarence—Henry VI.

