

College Chronicle

Bishop's Reception

On the evening of April 6th the students held a reception in honor of His Lordship, Bishop O'Leary, on the occasion of his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee. At eight o'clock there was Solemn Benediction in the Chapel, following which, an address and presentation were tendered to His Lordship, on behalf of the student body. The Bishop, in reply to this, thanked the students for the kindness they had shown him, and for the expression of loyalty and esteem, which was so marked in this address. He spoke of the part that students are expected to play in the world, showing them the great need of Catholic leaders in our country, and urging them not to fall back, as so many others have done, but to take their places as men who will be an example to their fellow-men, and a credit to their Alma Mater.

That success may crown his work, and that he may live to celebrate his Golden Jubilee, is the wish that Red and White extends to His Lordship.

LECTURE

On April 14, a very interesting lecture was delivered before the students on the subject of "Reforestration" by Mr. C. Gavin Duffy of Charlottetown.

He, outlining the extent of the lumber resources of Canada, and the important position that they hold, showed that these great forests, once considered as inexhaustible, have, in the last few years, been diminished to such an extent as to cause grave alarm. Every year there are great losses of timber, due, in the most cases, to fires caused by carelessness.

He also spoke of the beauty of our Island Province, showing however, that this is greatly marred by the fact that there are too many barren and desolate spots, too great a lack of ornamental trees.

He described the process of planting and caring for the different kinds of trees, pointing out that it due to an improper knowledge of this that so many people fail in arboriculture.

He was accompanied by Mr. R. H. Rogers, Principal of Prince Street School. Mr. Rogers spoke a few words on this subject, showing the important part that the

forests have played not only in the economic, but also in the social advancement of civilization. The Rector made a few remarks, commenting on the lecture, and impressing on the students the necessity of exercising care as regards the causes that lead to fire.

A vote of thanks, moved by Thomas Henderson and seconded by William Brennan, was tendered to Mr. Duffy by the Chairman Mr. A. Farmer. Once more the students had the pleasure of listening to our accomplished musicians, Messrs Wurtel and Martin, who gave two fine selections entitled:

a—"The Round of the Goblins"—*Bozzini*.

b—"Jota De Pablo"—*P. de Sarasate*.

God Save the King.

FACULTY

F. C. Jennings, our Science Professor, has successfully completed his course in Economics and Sociology, and has been granted a Master's Degree in these subjects by St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. We congratulate Professor Jennings on his success.

APPLICATION FOR OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

During the latter part of April, our Cadet Instructor Mr. F. J. McMillan, received intimation that if application were made, an Officers Training Corps would be established at St. Dunstan's next year. Mr. McMillan has taken the matter in hand, and already has enrolled some fifty-six of the students, who have signified their intention of joining the corps, and following the course set down.

Several of the Colleges of the neighbouring provinces have made application, and, as far as we know, their applications have been accepted.

This course is one of great value, as it not only supplies important military knowledge, but it also developes the man physically, and from the mere fact of his taking charge of, and instructing a body of men, it gives him confidence in himself regarding his ability to lead and instruct others, a quality most desirable in a man.

That this Corps may soon become a reality at St. Dunstan's, and thus help to promote College activities in keeping pace with the progress of our sister universities, is the sincere wish of Red and White

Cadet Corps

The Cadet Corps this year is again under the efficient leadership of Mr. J. F. McMillan. The Corps, under his command, is making rapid strides forward and, when inspection day comes, we feel sure that it will live up to the records established in former years.

This year the Senior members of the Corps were invited to take part in the Guard of Honour to Lieut.-Governour Hartz on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature. His Honour addressed the Guard, complimenting them on their splendid showing, which had always been so characteristic of the P. E. Island Regiment. He then invited the Guard to be his guests at the G. W. V.A. Tea on that evening. The boys are high in their praise of Lieut.-Governour Hartz for his kindness on this occasion, and especially so in the late War. He also spoke of the honour conferred upon him by his appointment as Honorary Lieut.-Col. of this Regiment.

Red and White wishes the Cadet Corps every success this year.

Debates

The final Senior debate of the year was held on March 25th, the subject being: "Resolved that Capital Punishment should be abolished." The speakers were Prof. M. White and C. Johnston.

Con.—C. McIvor, W. Dunphy, G. McDonald and C. Landrigan. The Pro. won.

The Pro held that it is the thought of life imprisonment rather than that of capital punishment, which deters people from committing crime. Again, during their term in prison, criminals would have more time, and thus a better chance of repentance, whereas, in the case of punishment by death, there is a great possibility of none at all. The state has no right to take away the life of a person unless that person is a source of grave danger to it.

The Con held that capital punishment is necessary and essential for the carrying on of society. Life imprisonment does not lead criminals to repent, but rather to plan means of escape,. This form of penalty is founded on justice for the punishment should be proportionate to the crime.

At the close of the debate, the Moderator, in a few words, reviewed the work of the society, congratulating the Committee and the members on the successful year that they had just ended, and on the great interest which they had taken in this important branch of their education. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Committee for the efficient manner in which they had conducted the debates, and this was responded to by the vice-president, Gerald Keefe. Red and White congratulate the society on the success during the past year.

JUNIOR DEBATES

The Junior Debating Society has just closed one of its most successful years. The manner in which these debates were conducted speaks highly for the Committee, and the way in which the debaters prepared and delivered their speeches shows the great interest taken in this work by the members. The Committee must also be congratulated on their choice of subjects, which were all practical ones which were easy to discuss. The success of the Society is due in a great measure to the Moderator, Rev. Father Francis, who, by his words of encouragement, made it much easier for the younger students to get up and speak. It is hoped that this good work will continue, and that the example set this year will be followed in future years.

NECROLOGY

Red and White chronicles the death of another old student of St. Dunstan's, Patrick Goodwin, '22, of Kensington, P. E. I. To his relatives, and to Harold Driscoll, on the death of his father, we extend our sincere sympathy.

"I do not wonder at what men suffer, but I wonder often at what they lose.

—Ruskin.