



College Chronicle

It is often argued by those who are in a position to criticize higher education that College students or students at any boarding schools are too much isolated from the rest of the world, and that, as a consequence, the education they receive is not complete. This stand may or may not be justified: it is not for this writer to decide. It should be admitted, however, that such a situation could possibly exist. At St. Dunstan's, we are partly insured against such a danger by the occasional visits and lectures we receive from those living on the "outside." These people are employed in various fields and consequently their talks are both interesting and informative.

OUR VISITORS

Since the last edition of this magazine, we have had five visitors. Two of these were nuns, one a student, one a traveller and writer, and one a professor at a School of Fisheries.

Our student-visitor, Mr. William MacDougall, spoke to us on Nov. 15th. He is the representative of the National Office of International Students' Service of Canada and was the delegate attending the international conference in Bombay, India. In his talk, he gave a thorough picture of the work which I.S.S. is doing, and he stressed the need for the assistance of that agency in Asia as well as in Europe. His experience in the former place entirely convinced us of the fact that Asia cannot be neglected.

Two Maryknoll Sisters, Sister Mary Kathleen and Sister Mary de Ricci, talked briefly to the students on January 11th. They described the conditions in the Missions in China and in Central America. Sister Mary de Ricci was born on P. E. I., and two of her brothers are graduates of this college.

On Jan. 19th we had perhaps our most colorful visitor, Mr. Phil Allen. With the use of slides, he gave us a very vivid picture of the northern part of our country,

taking us along the "Trail of '98", and pointing out places of special interest. He also supplied us with much information regarding the cultural and social habits of the Indians in that part of the country, and showed us some samples of their art and craftsmanship. It is really amazing to see what they are able to make with their hands, and what feeling and expression they put into their work. What a contrast to the impersonal products of the modern factory!

Our next visitor was Dr. Berube, director of Canada's only School of Fisheries, Ste.-Anne de la Pocatiere, Quebec. He was attending the East Coast Fisheries Convention held in Charlottetown and took the opportunity of addressing us on the fishing industry. His talk was quite informative, and the many openings for work in that field were pointed out to us. The importance which the fishing industry plays in the prosperity of Canada was greatly emphasized.

On Feb. 6th, the inspiring film **Upon This Rock** was shown to the student body. It was sponsored by the Scarborough Mission Fathers, who bought it from the Hollywood Producers. It is a picture portraying the Life of Christ as seen through the eyes of St. Peter, and is one which any Christian can hardly afford to miss. The missionaries intend to show the film all over Canada and the United States. It should contribute greatly to the task of making people more Christ-like.

OPENING OF NEW CHAPEL

One of the most important events which St. Dunstan's has witnessed for many years took place on Saturday, Dec. 2. This was the day of the opening and solemn blessing of our new chapel. His Excellency Bishop Boyle performed the ceremony and said the first Mass, which was offered for those who were in any way responsible for the erection of the chapel. The old chapel, which has been the scene of many graces and which has housed Our Lord for over fifty years, has proven to be too small to accommodate all the students. The new one is considerably larger. Let us hope that it, too, will be regarded as the centre and soul of the campus, and that it may be a means of bringing many more souls closer to God.

ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS SOCIETIES

Since the M.I.D.L. schedule was drawn up at a meeting held in Fredericton, N. B., and at which Mr. Arthur

MacInnis, B.A., represented our unit, St. Dunstan's has participated in three debates. In the first debate, which was held at Kings College, Halifax, on Dec. 4th, our debaters, Mark MacGuigan and George Keefe, lost on a split decision. They were upholding the affirmative of the resolution: "That Russia's exclusion from the United Nations would be beneficial to the democracies." Even though the boys didn't come out the victors, nevertheless they deserve a great deal of credit for their admirable showing and for the effort they put into their work. (Both by the way, made up a winning team in an M.I.D.L. debate last year.)

The other two debates were held on Feb. 14th. Walter Reid and Cyril MacIsaac lost to a team from Acadia University at Acadia, while Robert Croken and Allan MacDonald defeated a team from St. Mary's College at St. Dunstan's. The former defended the negative side of the resolution: "That there should be compulsory arbitration in all major labour disputes in Canada"; the latter upheld the affirmative of the resolution: "That labour should share directly in the profits and management of industry." Both topics are of a controversial nature and therefore made for good arguments.

The Dramatic Society has had a very successful year up to this time. Drama Festivals have been sponsored for both College and High School students, and one three act play has been enacted. The college Drama Festival was held on Nov. 15th. A one act play was provided by each of the four college years. The adjudicator, Mr. J. Pius Callaghan, gave the Freshmen first place, with the Seniors a close second. The Freshman play, entitled "Courage Mr. Greene", was directed by Mr. G. E. Clarke. The cast was made up of Allan MacDonald, Mariedith MacDonald, Michael Doherty, Gerald Kilbride, and Ellen Mullally.

The High School Drama Festival was held on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Three plays were presented, one from Grade X and Commercial, one by Grade XI, and one by Grade XII. Grade XII was given first place for an outstanding performance of the **Assassination Scene** from Shakespeare's **Julius Caesar**. The play was directed by George C. MacDonald. Members of the cast were: Frank Arthur, Thomas McGaugh, Elmer Hamill, John Trainor, Aquinas Ryan, Gerald Johnson, Francis Reid, Louis Lannigan, and Ivan MacCormack. Mr. Cody Myers, past presi-

dent of the Dramatic Society, acted as master of ceremonies for both Festivals. Much talent was displayed on both occasions, and all classes are to be congratulated, with a special note of praise to the Freshman and Grade XII classes.

On the night of Dec. 2 a three act play entitled, **Christmas at the Crossroads** was presented. It was well received by the audience though it was rather difficult to act, as are all religious plays. Rev. E. J. Roche, Moderator of the Dramatic Society, directed the play. The cast consisted of: Stephanie MacDonald, Mary Creighan, John Weir, Mary Johnson, John J. Dunphy, Bethany MacDonald, and Leonard O'Hanley.

The Dramatic Society deserves much credit for the work they have done so far this year. A great deal of this credit is due Father Roche for the energy and initiative he provided. We can't, of course, forget the men behind the scenes, Mark McQuaid and Martin MacMillan, who looked out for staging and lighting.

A change of officers in the positions of President and Vice-President of the Dramatic Society have been effected at the beginning of the second semester, due to the resignation of both students. David Kennedy, former Vice-President, replaces Cody Myers as President, and Frank Sigsworth has succeeded Mr. Kennedy as Vice-President.

The Glee Club has been one of the most active societies on the campus for the past three months. Besides supplementing the Dramatic Society in its efforts, it has also been busy in other fields. On Friday, Nov. 24th, a program of entertainment was presented for the patients at the Provincial Sanatorium. Rev. L. J. Landrigan, moderator of the Glee Club, directed the musicians and Dominic MacDonald acted as Master of Ceremonies. The program was well received by the audience.

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the Glee Club undertook to supply the music for the afternoon social. In this it was very successful. Two of its talented members, Roy Grant and Jacques Gilbert supplied the instrumental music, while Mary Gillis and Guy Germain added some vocal. By the way, while we are on the subject of socials, it might be observed that they have been improved in general since the second semester began. This improvement is due in large measure to the efforts of the Welfare Committee, a

new committee, which was set up shortly before Christmas, and which is comprised of the class representatives, vice-President of the Students Union and one other member from each class. The overall purpose of this Committee is to further the best interests of St. Dunstan's—a very worthy ideal.

The Students' Union has been instrumental this year in obtaining standardized crests and jackets. These items have been long awaited by students. Both are now available at reasonable prices. An attempt was also made this year to standardize rings. This task, however, has been given up, since it is found to be almost impossible.

C. F. C. U. S.

On Nov. 9, Charles Gorman, President of the Students' Union, represented St. Dunstan's at a conference held in Montreal. The aim of this conference was to expand C. F. C. C. S. (Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students). The result was the formation of a new organization, called C.F.C.U.S. (Canadian Federation of Catholic University Students). Its purposes are threefold: to present Catholic thought of Canadian students to governments and to the public at large; to take part in the international activities of Pax Romana; and to spread Catholic thought in regard to the social and professional obligation of students. Although St. Dunstan's has not formally joined this organization, it is expected that it will become a member.

THE CHALLENGER

The mimeographed paper which was initiated by High School this year, is mentioned in an editorial of this magazine. Members of the Staff are as follows: Thomas McCaugh—Editor in Chief; Assistant Editors—Russel McInnis, Richard Deighan; Feature Editor—Andrew MacDonald; Assistant Feature Editors—Frank Arthur, Joseph Coyle, Eugene Mooney, Gerald Lawlor, John Reardon; News Editor—Paul Doran; Sports Editor—Paul Jay; French Editor—Roland Chapados; Roving Reporter—Patrick Sullivan.

The Red and White extends to its readers a blessed and happy Easter. h