

College Chronicle

On Sunday March 27th we had the pleasure of a visit from His Grace The Most Reverend Neil McNeil, D. D. Ph. D. Archbishop of Vancouver. The Students all assembled in the Hall, and listened with attention to a short address from His Grace. After expressing his pleasure at meeting the Students of St. Dunstan's College—an educational institution for which, he said he has always entertained deep sentiments of love and respect—the serious and scholarly Archbishop spoke feelingly of the great Archdiocese over which he has been called to rule. He earnestly impressed on the students the great needs for young men with apostolic zeal to unselfishly undertake the great work of religion in his Western Canadian diocese. This big rich fertile country rapidly filling with peoples of different tongues and nations calls for an unusual degree of Missionary effort. To meet the crisis good men and true are needed. St. Dunstan's has in the past given to the United States some of her most earnest and successful Missioners and now that occasion offers, the Archbishop expressed the hope that "the last great West" would in a measure find its spiritual needs ministered to by worthy Island boys. He assured the Faculty and Students that he would never forget St. Dunstan's and if any of her students at any time signified their willingness to labor in the mission fields of his diocese financial support to achieve their end would be forthcoming.

On Thursday April 14th at 8 p. m., the St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society, held a social and smoker in the college refectory. This was the closing of one of the most successful years since the organization of the society. About forty members were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Rev. A. B. McDonald, Moderator delivered a short address in which he congratulated the officers and members of the society, on the successful and orderly way in which the meeting of mock parliament were held this year. He also gave some valuable advice to the members who are graduating, and wished them every success in their future undertakings.

Mr. Gillis spoke on the advantages of a debating society. He said it gave the students an opportunity of learning to speak in public, and of getting up and expressing their sentiments before a crowd. He also remarked on the timidity with which a

speaker gets up in debate for the first time, and of the confidence in his own ability and knowledge which he gains after a few meetings.

President McDonald spoke briefly on the proceedings of the society during the past year. Speeches were also given by Messrs Hughes, Murphy Trainor and J. E. McDonald.

Readings by Mr. Stephen McDonald, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. McIsaac, were loudly applauded. Mr. Cheverie presided at the piano, and Mr. Hessian sang in the usual good form.

The "Smoker" was brought to a close with a rousing vote of thanksthe officers of the society, and the singing of "God Save the King".

The St. John's Literary and Debating Society, held their annual closing exercises Thursday evening, April 14th, in the College Auditorium.

Fr. Croken, Moderator of the society, addressed the members and extended to them his heartiest congratulations on the success they had achieved in their debates during the year. He also gave some good advice as to the manner in which to build up strong and convincing arguments in debate. Mr. Carten, chairman of the evening, then spoke, and in a few well chosen words, reviewed the proceedings of the year, and predicted a brilliant future for the society. A vote of thanks was next tendered the retiring officers, who responded fittingly, and thanked the members for the encouragement they had given by taking a very active interest in debate this year.

Refreshments were then served, and a short programme was carried out, under the direction of Mr. Binet pianist. A vocal solo by Mr. Quinn and a duet by Messrs Barron and Valley were well received, while the reading of Mr. G. Trainor and a step dance by Mr. Gallant, also demanded much applause. The festivities were ended with the National Hymn, and all departed thoroughly satisfied with the evenings entertainment.

JOSEPH EDWARD EMIL MICHAUD, the philosopher with pre-fectorian privileges, is a true blue sport, and has a fondness for social life. It has been remarked that he shines brighter in social circles than Halley's Comet in the Empyrean.

CHARLES RUSSELL SMITH, shines in financial circles when not shining in society. As finance minister of the McDonald government he acquitted himself creditably and without doubt the accusations of "graft" preferred against him were entirely unfounded.

JAMES MUPPHY, the man of surpassing urbanity acted his part gracefully whether in Parliament or in the drawing room. Was a footballist and a military man but his one regret is that he never learned to skate.

OWEN KIGGINS, the senior member of the thirteen and founder of the short-hand fraternity will be known to history as Speaker of the Mock Parliament during its earliest and stormiest days.

ALFRED DESROSIERS, he of the sullen countenance, is not a man to be feared, as you might surmise from his looks, and is quite successful to affection when the opportunity offers. This information was obtained from D's roommate on the Q T.

ELEAZER ALEXANDER TURGEON, the Violinist of the grads class is reputed a bashful man and on occasion has been known to blush. He believes, that seniors should take life seriously, walk circumspectly and play hand ball.

ALBERT COUTURE has a retiring disposition espeically at 6 o'clock a. m. and sometimes during the day. He has been compared to Prince Ito. If the comparison holds, then Ito must have been all right.

LEO ALONZO HERREL, being a public man he is a conspicuous figure. A chemist, poet, agriculturist (an authority on currants) and has a weakness for Wonderland.

JACOB ERNEST BALDUC, has been accused of possessing a phlegmatic temperment. We do not pretend to know what that means, but we do know that he has dreamy eyes, and a huge voice; that he is a good fellow although "no Cicero."

JOSEPH LACHANCE, the least of the thirteen physically has a voracious appetite—for newspapers—and a kindly feeling for statutes.

GERALD MCCARTHY, made his presence felt in every department of college activity, and they are many. Was quite successful in playing ball, expounding Zigliara, evading rules, and creating discussions amongst the thirteen.

HUGH CAVANAGH. We have neither space nor time to do justice to Mr. Cavanagh. It would require a whole book to give even a faint idea of the man—a barrel of fun, a peck of trouble and a bundle of contradictions. Also an astronomer of fame with no rival except Mr. Halley. A player of practical jokes, athlete and editor of the famous jungle.

JOSEPH GUILLEMUS MACDONALD, is par excellence a platform speaker. Although politics is his forte; his knowledge of other topics is wonderfully clear and it has been observed that "Joe" can discuss with equal ease the merits of the bill of fare at a banquet or a party caucus. The cares of state prevent him from attending social functions where it is said that he is not at home—sometimes not till ten o'clock p. m.

The lecture by His Honor Judge FitzGerald, on Tuesday, April 12th before the Students of St. Dunstan's on "The Early Canadian Missions" was a rare literary treat and needless to say was greatly enjoyed by all. His Honor is a favorite with the students of St. Dunstan's who look forward each year with pleasure to his coming. The Judge possesses the rare faculty of saying things in a striking way and his "after lecture" talks are as much enjoyed as the lectures themselves. The life and martyrdom of Breboeuf and Lallement was recounted in a manner calculated to stir the hearts of all. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. W. McDonald, seconded by W. Bowlen and presented to the lecturer by Chairman Murphy.

THE CADET CORPS.

Drilling as an exercise is one which should be indulged in by all who have the opportunity and it is only to be regretted that more of the boys don't take part in it. It exercises every muscle of the body, at the same time giving an erectness in bearing and also a promptness to duty. It made its first appearance in the college last year when John L. Kennedy secured the necessary papers from Ottawa and No. 84 Cadet Corps was formed. This year under the able leadership of James A. Murphy and James L. Saunders it has reached a high degree of excellence and is now second to none on the Island. In fact it could be favorably compared to the Senior Companies. This fact was plainly shown by the splendid appearance the boys made on the 20th of May when they turned out to take part in the parade in connection with the King's Memorial Service. The fifty or more cadets moved like one man. No confusion, no disorder, every man going through the different exercises as though moved mechanically.

But the boys partake not only of the advantages offered by drilling but also of shooting. This year a practice target was obtained from the government together with sufficient ammunition for the Corps and a miniature rifle range was erected at a short distance from the College, a holiday being given the boys for the purpose of fixing up the range. The Cadets go down here to do their practising and although a good many of them never fired a gun before there are some very good shots in the corps. Each man is also allowed a number of rounds to be fired at the Kensington Range and as there is a certain amount of friendly rivalry among the boys some good shooting is done. It is to be hoped that next year the corps will improve as much as in the past in both shooting and drilling and that everyone will take a lively interest in it.

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