



## College Chronicle

Time has flown swiftly since the last edition of our magazine, and we find ourselves quickly approaching the end of another school year. The remaining month will be a busy one for all students—and especially for the Seniors, since it culminates in what will be an important milestone in their lives, Graduation Day. This is a day which is forever new, even though it is as old as the College. It is a day which carries with it notes of pride and humility; of timidity and of confidence; of joy and of sadness. The activities of that day are called Commencement Exercises (and rightly so, since the search for knowledge is an inexhaustible one, and the process of education continues to the grave); nevertheless, every individual graduate is aware of a certain completeness: he feels that he has accomplished something; that he has at least reached a place of rest on the royal road of learning.

The Graduating Class this year has about the same number of members as the one last year. Graduation Day is May 21st. Mr. R. W. Keyserlingk, Editor-in-Chief of the **Ensign**, will address the graduates. The valedictory will be delivered by Mark MacGuigan. Life time officers of the Class are made up of the following: President—Charles Gorman; Vice-President—Leonard O'Hanley; Secretary—Katherine Roche.

The Graduates' Promenade, sponsored by the Junior Class, will take place this year on the campus for the first time. The Charlottetown Hotel was the scene of this festivity in former years, but the new Gymnasium, which is almost completed, will serve the purpose this year. It should be an occasion for great rejoicings on the parts of both students and alumni.

### PHILOSOPHER'S DAY

On March 7, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, commonly called Philosopher's Day on the campus, was celebrated in traditional fashion. In the morning, High Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. After breakfast two hockey games were played in the College rink between the Seniors and Juniors, both of which were won by the latter. At one o'clock in the afternoon a banquet was held in the Charlottetown Hotel. Mr. Brendon O'Grady, M.A., was



guest speaker for the occasion. Other guests present were: His Excellency, Most Rev. James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown; the Rector, Rt. Rev. R. V. MacKenzie; Rev. J. A. Sullivan; Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley; Rev. L. W. Landrigan. Toastmaster was Mark MacGuigan. The various toasts were responded to by the following: The Church—Walter Reid; The Day We Celebrate—Leonard O'Hanley; Our Country—Leonce Gallant; Our College—Dominic MacDonald; The Ladies—Katherine Roche. As a sequel to the day's activities, there was a special "Philosopher's" skate held in the College rink from eight to ten o'clock in the evening.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Dramatic Society has been about the busiest society on the campus since last February. Their efforts have been rewarded in the successful presentation of what has proven to be one of the best plays ever produced at St. Dunstan's. The play entitled, **Deep Are The Roots**, is a story depicting racial prejudice in the southern part of the United States. The plot is of a serious nature, and the cast did a superb job in maintaining the proper atmosphere for a play of this kind. It has not only received favorable attention on the campus, but it has also been applauded in Souris Hall where it was presented on April 6, and in Queen Square School Hall on April 12 and 13.

The cast included: Ellen Mullally, Mariedith MacDonald, Allan MacDonald, Bernadette Burge, Mary Johnson, Gerald Kilbride, David Kennedy, Gerald Clinton, Frank Sigsworth, Mark McQuaid and John B. Fisher. Stage and lighting were provided by Mark McQuaid, John Weir and John B. Fisher; costumes by Margaret Mulligan; make-up by Guy Germain and Jerryldine Robertson; and scenery by Gus Flynn. The play was directed by Rev. E. J. Roche. Congratulations are due the Dramatic Society for a splendid effort.

An important meeting of the Executive of the Students' Union was held on March 24. One of the main issues decided was the selection of dates for the election of new officers for the coming year. Election day for officers of the Students' Union was set for April 6, and of the Athletic Association for April 11. Candidates for the Students' Union were as follows: President—George Cameron and Walter Reid; Vice-President—John Mullally and Floyd McGaugh; Secretary—Stan Mooney, Cody Myers, and William McNeely. George Cameron, John Mullally, and Cody Myers were elected.

Walter Reid was elected President of the A.A.A. by acclamation. Candidates for Vice-President were Fred Dris-



coll and Cyril MacIsaac, and for Secretary, Conrad Kennedy and John Weir. Fred Driscoll and John Weir were the two successful candidates. The election of the officers of other societies will take place at the beginning of the first term next year **Red and White** extends thanks to the outgoing Executive for a job well done, and to the new one it wishes every success for the coming year.

Another outcome of this meeting was the decision that St. Dunstan's become a member of both C.F.C.C.S. (Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students), and of C.F.C.U.S. (Canadian Federation of Catholic University Students). It was further decided that a Catholic Federation Committee be set up on the campus to direct the activities of each of the College units. This committee is to be made up of a chairman, two vice-chairmen (one for each unit), a secretary, and three councillors.

The annual Retreat was held from March 8 to 11. Rev. Alexander MacLellan, C.Ss.R., Rector of the Holy Redeemer Parish, preached the boys' retreat, and Rev. Ronald Delaney, C.Ss.R., also of Holy Redeemer, preached the girls' retreat.

The problem of providing both summer and permanent employment for the students is one which has been discussed a great deal on the campus this year. It is still far from being solved. Nevertheless, through the efforts of Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley, a step has been taken in the right direction. Father O'Hanley has issued a number of application forms on which the students may specify the kind and duration of employment desired. These forms have been made available to every College student. Through contact with members of the Alumni, Father O'Hanley hopes to be able to provide employment for a great number of the students. Many thanks are due him for the initiative he has taken in this matter.

In listing the staff of the Challenger, the new High School paper, in our last edition, we quite inadvertently omitted the name of one of its editors, David MacCormack.

### VISITORS

Rt. Rev. Ferdinand Vandry, Rector of Laval University, was a visitor at our College on February 22. His visit is of special significance because of our affiliation with Laval. Although he did not address the students, nevertheless he delivered a very interesting and informative talk at the Annual Samuel Robertson Memorial Lecture held at Prince of Wales Colle, at which he was guest speaker.



Another welcome visitor to the campus was Miss Carol Jackson (Peter Michaels), co-editor of the magazine, **Integrity**. She spoke both at the College and at Notre Dame Academy in Charlottetown. In her talk to the student body, she pointed out the dangers that beset the modern world and especially modern education, and she stressed the necessity for combatting the pagan attitude of our age. We have the Truth: it is our duty to uphold and advertise it. For, as she so clearly stated, "either the Church is wrong or the world is wrong; they can't both be right." It is people like Miss Jackson who are keeping our Faith alive and dynamic. After hearing her talk, one realizes more fully what it means to be a Catholic.

We take this opportunity of thanking Miss Jackson for her inspiring talk; and also Mr. John Eldon Green, who has been instrumental in bringing her here.

#### A TRIBUTE

On March 13, 1951, Sister John of the Cross, C.S.M., ex '41, passed to her eternal rest. During her life she has played an active part in Social Service in Charlottetown. The following tribute to her memory was written by Miss Anna MacDonald, R.N., formerly of St. Margaret's, P.E.I., and who now is residing at the Sacred Heart Home in Charlottetown:

Comes the Master to His Garden,  
Mid the flowers blooming here;  
Choosing for His Heavenly Mansion  
One amongst the Lillies fair.  
Dearest Sister, favored blossom,  
Dare we say it—called too soon,  
We would keep you for Life's evening  
But Our Master came ere noon.  
When the ancient summons reached you—  
"Leave thy loved ones, follow Me!"  
Then your throbbing heart strings answered  
"All, Dear God, All for Thee.  
What have I, Dear God, to offer?  
Life is but a tribute small;  
Take it Lord, I give it fully."  
Love responded to His call.  
Brief the service He demanded,  
Rendered with a love intense.  
Gaining now in Rest Celestial  
An Eternal recompense.

Anna Mae Macdonald, R.N.