



College Chronicle



Academia Society

During the present term the work of the Academia Society was carried on with that enthusiasm which was certain to bring success.

Much credit is due to the President Mr. Francis for the excellent manner in which he has worked and aimed to set forth the paramount duty of this society, namely to give a lively impulse to literary and scientific work. Within the past month several very fine lectures were delivered before this society; among the lecturers were, Rev. Father Campbell, Mr. Joseph Fleming, and Professor Blanchard.

Rev. Father Campbell very kindly consented to speak before the Academia, so on Feb. 4th we had the pleasure of having within our midst one who for a number of years was Rector of St. Dunstan's. He spoke on the evil effects of the press on Literature. The lecture was most interesting to those present, was replete with information interspersed with anecdotes told in Father Campbell's own strain. In the course of his address the speaker highly endorsed the study of Shakespeare which policy the Academia at once put into practice and it has proven most beneficial. After the lecture Mr. O'Brien in very appropriate remarks moved a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mr. McQuaid.

On Sunday, February 16th, Mr. Joseph Fleming '17 delivered a pleasing and instructive lecture before the Academia. The subject chosen was The Crusades, and in an inimitable manner, the lecturer congested into a succinct form the many different phases of this vast historical subject. This was not the first appearance of Mr. Fleming before the Academia as a lecturer, having done so on several previous occasions. He has always been willing and obliging when called upon by

the Academia Society, and has never failed to give to that body a literary treat of the highest order and of great benefit to those fortunate enough to hear him. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Fleming for his generosity and the time which he so freely bestowed upon the the Academia Society.

The members of the Academia were again well entertained when on Sunday afternoon, March 16th, Professor Blanchard of Prince of Wales College delivered a lecture entitled: "Early Acadian Settlers of Prince Edward Island." This lecture was one of great importance particularly to those who belong to the Island. The professor gave a very interesting description of many of the early settlements, and dilated quite fully on a few of the touching scenes which took place in connection with the expulsion. To the vote of thanks Professor Blanchard very pleasingly responded, and expressed the pleasure afforded him to lecture before the Academia.

Washington's Birthday

On February 22nd, the annual celebration took place in honor of Washington's Birthday. This is a holiday on our calendar which is most welcome to all our students, but particularly to our American students, for whom it has a marked significance. Owing to the war, the Americans with us this year are few in number in comparison with previous years, but we trust that next Fall will see in old St. Dunstan's such a number of our friends from the U. S. A. as will surpass all former records, and thus show that just as the link, which so firmly held Canada and the United States throughout the trials of war, is permanent, so will be the link of friendship formed through the companionship of Canadian and American students of this University.

Sisters of St. Martha

Two years ago it was our special privilege to witness for the first time in the University Chapel, a most

impressive ceremony when several religious professions were made in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Martha. That memorable day was once more recalled to our minds when on February 2nd, we were again present at a similar scene.

This most solemn ceremony was performed by His Lordship Bishop McNally of Calgary, who also spoke in a very kind and fatherly manner to the newly professed sisters.

With the holy and glorious sight of this momentous occurrence there came to those present the emotion of something sublime, the impressiveness of which will not easily pass from us. It is our wish that God may bless the privileged ones, and we unite with their relatives and friends in wishing them a joyous religious life ad multos annos.

Junior Debating Society

It gives us pleasure to announce the steady advance made in the junior Debating Society.

The remarkable interest taken in all the debates for the several months past has resulted in bringing this society to a very high standard. Under the guidance of their kind moderator, Rev. J. C. McGuigan and through the untiring efforts of their worthy President, Mr. Stapleton, the development of the originality in thinking and speaking, has received great impetus, thus the proficiency attained by the Juniors of this year has enabled their society to be ranked as the best Junior Debating Society of St. Dunstan's.

Mock Parliament

On Wednesday evening, January 30th, the St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society of St Dunstan's University held the formal opening of Mock Parliament. All the decorum and pomp, which custom demands on such occasions, were carried out. At 7.30 p. m., the Governor-General, Rev. Nazaire Poirier accompanied by his aide-de-camp, entered the House and took his seat upon the throne. The Rev. J. C.

McDonald was approved of as Speaker, and His Excellency, after granting every ancient right and privilege, pronounced the House now open. The speech from the throne foreshadowed several important issues that are of absorbing interest to the public at present. The Draft Address, in reply to His Excellency, was moved by the Hon. Wm. McGill and seconded by the Hon. Louis Callaghan. The Leader of the Government then announced his cabinet, which consisted of the following members :

Hon. M. E. Francis	Premier and President
Hon. P. Walsh	Minister of Finance
Hon. R. McDonald	Minister of Railways & Canals
Hon. N. Hughes	Minister of Justice
Hon. Wm. McGill	Minister of Trade and Commerce
Hon. John Buote	Agriculture
Hon. F. McAulay	Marine and Fisheries
Hon. M. J. Rooney	Militia and Defence
Hon. G. LeClerc	Postmaster-General
Hon. E. Rooney	Minister of Public Works
Hon. J. LeFebvre	Minister of Labour
Ministers without Portfolios—Hon. J. Sullivan, Hon. R. Howatt, Hon. P. Goodwin, Hon. L. Callaghan.	

The leader of the opposition, Hon. A. L. Sinnott, then addressed the House, and in an eloquent speech impressed upon all the importance of the duties they were to perform. After several fine speeches were heard from different members of the House, Parliament was then adjourned until Feb. 5th.

The Session of Feb. 5th, which followed the opening of the House is worthy of mention. It may be well termed "The Stormy Session" and although the Francis Administration was fortified by many of the Dominion's most brilliant speakers, yet it took the greatest tact on the part of the complete cabinet to vindicate their policy before the strenuous and even persistent criticisms of the opposition.

Philosopher's Day.

On March 7th, the Philosophers most appropriately celebrated the feast of their Patron, St. Thomas Aquinas.

At 6.30 a. m., High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Rector, Professor of Philosophy. During Mass, the Philosopher's Choir under the direction of Mr. LeClerc rendered most excellent music. The annual hockey game between the Seniors and Juniors took place in the forenoon, and at 2 p. m. the members of the Philosophy classes repaired to the dining hall.

Owing no doubt to the fact that the war clouds have passed and given place to clear sky, is the reason why the Philosophers were given such a sumptuous banquet. The banquet hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting and the table ornamentations were particularly attractive. During the repast excellent music was furnished, which lent much to the jovial spirit of such an event.

When at length the various courses were disposed of Mr. O'Brien, acting in the capacity of toastmaster called the following program of toasts :

PONTIFICI AC REGI

Dies Quam Celebramus Alphonsus Sinnott
 Luci Nostrae, S. A. Lortie.....Leo McDonald
 Universitati Nostrae....Rev. G.J. McLellan, D.D. Ph.D
 Imperatori Foch.....Gulielmus McGill
 Fratribus Nostris FranciscisGeorgius LeClerc
 PreloPatricius Walsh
 Sexui PulcherrimoFranciscus McAulay

The singing of God Save the King brought the joyous afternoon to a close ; but the pleasure of the day was still increased by an evening in the city, which was most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The friends of Mr. Michael McQuaid will be pleased to learn that he has quite recuperated after his serious illness.

The Red and White, on behalf of the student body of St. Dunstan's, extends sincerest sympathy to Mr. Patrick Walsh on the sad loss of his sister, to St. Clair Trainor on the death of his beloved mother, and to Joseph Ward, who was recently called home to attend the funeral of his brother.