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Editorials

THE MARIAN CONGRESS

In an official pastoral letter to the Clergy and laity of the Diocese of Ottawa, Archbishop Vachon of Ottawa, writing from the Shrine of Our Lady of Loretto in Italy, announced that a Congress in honor of the Blessed Virgin is to be held in Ottawa this June. The main purpose of this event is to commemorate the centenary of the founding of the Diocese of Ottawa, which is solemnly dedicated to the Mother of God. The Congress is open not only to the people of Ottawa and the rest of Canada, but to the people of every nation in the world.

The great honor and devotion that we show to Mary is manifested, in part, by the many shrines and cathedrals which have been built and placed under her patronage. We honor her more than any of the other saints for she is not only our mother, but also the Mother of God. It is through her that we can best obtain the

aid of her Son. One of the aims of this Congress is to inspire in Catholics everywhere an even greater love and devotion for this Blessed Virgin, who once told the illustrious Alphonse Rodriguez that her love for each of us is far greater than our combined love for her.

During this week Mary will be asked to rescue the world from the chaos into which it has fallen. Masses will be offered continuously, day and night, by priests from every land. The recitation of the rosary, the greatest single honor that can be accorded Mary, will have a special place in the services. The day is here when we must turn to the Prince of Peace and ask Him through His Mother for that just and lasting peace we are all seeking. If we cannot get this appeal "ad Jesum per Mariam" where are we to turn?

Great preparations are being made, and the occasion promises to be the greatest and the most glorious manifestation of faith ever offered to the Mother of God in this country. Let us join our prayers with those of the priests and laity who will be present, and, with all the fervor at our command, pray that the Marian Congress will inspire us with those sound Christian principles which are needed to such an extent, but so completely ignored, in the world today.

OUR COLLEGE

We who have been privileged to spend the last six years at St. Dunstan's have indeed a lot to be thankful for. We are sometimes inclined to look only at the surface in computing values. We complain because we feel that we are tied down too much, that we could do with more freedom; we feel that the practice of lancing our per-centages and draining a few marks off the total because we have missed a few classes is outdated; we feel that the students should have some say in the formation of college legislation that immediately affects the students; we feel that there are several innovations that could be made, and wonder why the Faculty does not recognize the same needs as we do. These are some of the minor gripes that appear at bull sessions and at student meetings.

Oh yes, we all realize that there are many changes needed; but we do not realize what we are really asking for. We are asking that the idea of discipline be done away with, without a thought to the dire results that would follow. We are asking for concessions that we are not capable of handling. We do not appreciate the fact that each year the faculty is making more and more concessions in giving us selfgovernment without faculty interference. This year a very radical change has been made that was possible only through faculty permission. We have at least nine student organizations on the campus, all of which are subject only to faculty guidance, not supervision. If we were willing to accept the truth

we would see that the need is not for more freedom and more responsibilities, but a greater sense of responsibility, and a greater appreciation of what we have. If we were to develop these qualities in the students, all would realize the opportunities that are afforded us for self-expression, for recreation, for experience in self-government and in organizational work—experience that is going to benefit us in whatever walk of life we seek a career.

There are very few of us who really want to change our college. Some day some of us will have children to send to college. We will want to send them to a college where they will be imbued with the true Christian spirit, where they will learn to live harmoniously with their fellow-man as brothers, where they will learn what is their place in society and how to hold that place, where they will learn their duty to society and how to discharge that duty—a College that will give them two educations: one in how to make a living, and, what is more important, another in how to live, one that will teach them the Catholic ideals and how to live up to those ideals. That College is St. Dunstan's **Our College.**

AND NOW - - - - GOODBYE

By the time you get around to reading the editorials this farewell will have long been in effect. Graduation day will have come and gone. The day to which we have looked forward for three and a half years with pleasant anticipation and for half a year with a deep feeling of regret will be only a memory, testified to by a little piece of parchment. But though the day passes, the memories of the years leading up to it will remain. "Those years have been happy ones" is a phrase well worn by time but it is probably the most fitting one we know. St. Dunstan's has meant a lot to us, so much that we find it hard to express our feelings. She has given us many friendships that we are going to find hard to leave behind, but it is inevitable that with the passing of the years some of them will fade and even be forgotten. She has given us innumerable moments of happiness that have left a deep mark on us, and moments that will ever exercise an influence on us in our relations with others. We can best pay tribute to such a grand old place by living a life that will always reflect credit on old Alma Mater, who has striven so hard to show us the ideals that a Christian should hold to. That we promise to do.

To you, our fellow-students for the past few years, we wish to express our sincere thanks for putting up with our never-ceasing complaints, and for your willing responses to our seasonal call for material for **Red and White**. Our sarcasm was never intended to sting, as it may have on occasion, and we thank you for over-looking it and going right on helping **Red and White**. We solicit the same consideration you have shown in the past for the one who will carry the whip next year.

We should like to linger longer but it has been said that long farewells are not so long remembered as are short ones. Please remember one who little deserves, but much desires, to be remembered in your prayers. May God bless you all in your work, as he surely must have done us in the past.

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College Chronicle

Spring! Ah spring. When nature and college students all over the land begin to stir; Nature awakened by the warm rays of the sun as it treks north, and college students aroused by the awful thought of impending examinations. But while to nature the season is a rhapsody of joy, to many college students there is a note of sadness in the spring song. For as we journeyed together down the river of life during this year our course has been flooded with happiness; and while it is true that most will renew acquaintances in the fall, there are a few of us who will this year be cast out onto the sea of life. Through we may for a time dance on the waves, we will all too soon be lost in that sea, which is truly one of forgetfulness.

It has been a **good** year. They say the proof of the pudding is in the eating; the proof of a tale, though, is in the repeating, and so with ours. The scene: St. Dunstan's University; the time: last term 1946-47; the players: you.

The number one dream of many Saints, past and present, came true during the past month with the passing of the constitution establishing on the campus a Students' Union. The budding Union sprouted from a seed planted last year when the temporary Financial Committee was set up. The Union, in addition to carrying out the functions which were this year the responsibility of the Committee, replaces the Student's Council and will be the official voice of the students of St. Dunstan's in all matters. By its constitution, the Union is charged with supervising and coordinating the activities of all societies and organizations on the campus. All societies and classes are represented on the Union's Executive Council. Officers, (by this we mean president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer), of the Union will be elected this spring. Elections are to be conducted in conformity with radically revised