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## College Chronicle

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### Philosophers' Day

March 7th, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron of schools, was not celebrated by the Philosophers this year, owing to the death a few days previous of the Rev. Lawrence Smith, Master of Studies of the University.

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### St. Patrick's Day

As is the custom, March 17th was observed as a holiday at the University. A number of the older students of Irish descent participated in honouring their patron Saint by joining the ranks of the B. I. S. in their annual parade. The majority of the students took advantage of the all-day permission to the city, and, on the whole, enjoyed a real holiday.

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### Retreat

The annual retreat for the students opened on the evening of March 13th. The various exercises were under the direction of the Retreat Master, Rev. Father McGreel, C.S.S.R., Charlottetown. For a few days all studies were dispensed with, and the time devoted entirely to a consideration of the more important things that matter in life.

The program was zealously entered into by the students. The series of conferences was one of the principal features, for we were privileged to hear Father McGreel deliver interesting and edifying instructions on the Great Truths of our Faith. The silence insisted upon by the Retreat Master as essential for the making of a successful retreat, was, on the whole, well observed. This gave time for meditation on the instructions received, and occasion to ask God's grace to persevere in the holy resolutions formed during these days.

On the evening preceding the close of the retreat, Father McGreel gave a touching sermon on the Merits of Our Blessed Mother. In saying farewell, the Retreat Master congratulated the students on the spirit with which they entered into the exercises, and expressed great



satisfaction with the success of the retreat and the salutary effects which, he felt sure, all experienced.

The retreat closed with Mass on March 17th, after which the *Te Deum* was sung by the choir.

### Debates

We regret that space does not permit us to give a detailed account of the arguments, some of which were considered the most logical and persuasive of the year.

The Senior Society held debates as follow:

February 27th.—“Resolved that the salaries of Prince Edward Island teachers should be increased.”

C. McDonald and A. Lawlor of the Pro side treated their side of the question quite thoroughly, and were awarded the decision. A short speech by Mark Greenan and a declamation by Lewis Doyle were well received. Mr. John Driscoll acted in the capacity of critic and performed his duties in a capable manner.

March 12th.—“Resolved that individual effort produces better results than united effort.”

Pro:—H. Gillis and R. McKenna.

Con:—M. Callaghan and F. Rooney.

Mr. Callaghan produced some very forceful arguments. The speakers on the pro side showed that united effort was composed of individual efforts, and won the debate. A five-minute speech was given by Frank Lacey, and a declamation by Leo Lamy. Mr. Wilfrid Callaghan criticized the speakers of the evening in an impartial manner.

April 9th.—“Resolved that wealth brings greater temptations than poverty.”

Pro:—D. White; Con:—G. Mullally.

This was the last meeting of the St. Thomas' Society. As the Secretary was absent, Mr. Fred Cass was appointed Secretary “pro tem.” The decision was awarded to Mr. White. After the debate, Maurice Royer delivered a speech on “The Church.” This was followed by a declamation by John Connolly. Mr. George McCormick acted as critic.



Votes of thanks were then tendered the committee and Moderator, respectively, for their services during the year. Some suggestions were made by some senior members regarding a revision of the constitution, which may prove helpful to the students next year. A pleasant social hour was then spent.

St. John's Literary and Debating Society held their last meeting on April 9th. The subject: "Resolved that the Professional man makes a better living than the Farmer" was debated by the following speakers:

Pro:—L. Duffy, I. Trainor, G. Sullivan.

Con:—M. Roberts, J. Lynch, W. McKenna.

Critic:—J. Horgan.

The debate proved very successful and was won by the speakers on the Con side.

The Junior Society also met on April 9th for the last time this term. "Resolved that women should not be allowed to sit in Parliament" was argued pro and con by a number of speakers. According to the judges, it was shown that women have their rights as well as men.

#### S. D. U. A. A. A.

The annual meeting of the St. Dunstan's Athletic Association was held on Saturday, April 26th, for the purpose of electing officers to take charge of athletic activities during the next scholastic year. The result of the elections is as follows:

*President*—E. McPhee

*Vice-President*—J. Lynch

*Secretary*—P. Doyle

*Committee*—O. Murphy, C. McDonald, A. Doucette, J. McLellan, F. Cass, L. Duffy, M. Greenan.

*Auditors*—D. McIntyre and J. McDonald.

After the election of officers, the Moderator, Rev. R. V. McKenzie, made a few appropriate remarks on the value of athletics, and exhorted the students to avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them, and participate actively in the different lines of sport.

A proposition was made concerning a change in the manner of the payment of Athletic Fees. After some



discussion, a committee was appointed to consult with the Bursar, and discover his attitude on assuming the responsibility of collecting the Athletic Fee with the regular tuition at the beginning of the year.

### Cadet Corps

There was a large number in the Cadet Corps this year, which was under the direction of Messrs. Arthur Hughes and Loyola Duffy. The instructors worked hard to get the boys into shape, and although there was not much time for drilling, a vast improvement was soon noticed, and the Corps made a very creditable showing on inspection day.

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Power can do by gentleness that which violence fails to accomplish; and calmness best enforces the imperial mandate.—*Claudianus*

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First on a friend deliberate with thyself;  
Pause, ponder, sift; not eager in the choice;  
Nor jealous of the chosen; fixing, fix;  
Judge before friendship, then confide till death.  
—*Young*

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Death is delightful. Death is dawn—  
The waking from a weary night  
Of fevers unto truth and light.

—*Joaquin Miller*

