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## Editorial

### Christmas

As the first semester of the college year draws to a close, we come to one of the most sublime of all the festive seasons, Christmas. As we silently kneel in prayer before the little crib of the Holy Babe, in our minds we see re-enacted the great mystery of the Incarnation, the fulfillment of the Divine Promise, the accomplishment of the words of the Prophets. "The Word was made Flesh,"—God becoming Man to redeem us! The superabundance of love that must have prompted this action!

As the Shepherds of yore saw in the Divine Child the realization of their prayers, and hoped anew, so do men now, on the anniversary of this wondrous event, take fresh courage, and become imbued with feelings of peace and love towards their fellow creatures.

Is it any wonder that a feeling of joy surges through us, and our hearts warm to those around us? Everywhere we are met with cordial hand clasps, and the cheery greeting, "A Merry Christmas!", followed by hearty wishes

of future success for the coming year. We feel as though we are all just one large family, which, indeed, we are: all brothers and sisters of that Holy Infant, Who patiently lies in the Crib, waiting for us to ask for those graces necessary to succeed in our undertakings, both temporal and spiritual. Realizing this, we should spend our vacation in a manner befitting one who comprehends the greatness of the benefits he has received, and who perceives the many additional graces he may obtain for the asking. We should carefully avoid those false pleasures that forever stand in the path of true virtue, and, above all, we should not forget to visit and thank the Divine Babe for the wonderful favor He has granted us by His Coming—the Redemption of Mankind.

### College Spirit

What we might call an essential part of the education of every student, boy or girl, is the fostering and development of a true College Spirit. Contrary to a somewhat prevalent opinion, this does not mean merely turning out to cheer the team on to victory; it does not mean trying to be a "smart" fellow, or making a fool of oneself; nor does it mean running down the college and the faculty on every possible occasion. It does mean however, in the student a spirit of loyalty and pride; loyalty to his faculty and fellow students, and pride in the traditional good name of his Alma Mater.

We call it an essential part of his education because it helps develop his character, an indispensable part of the training of any person. There is instilled in him a respect for authority and a sense of responsibility, the feeling that it is up to him to uphold the reputation of the college. Strange as it may seem, this sense of responsibility is one of the greatest checks on his actions. Were he to consider himself only, he might be tempted to perform a certain act; but the college—that throws a different light on the subject. And we know that success in after life may depend a great deal upon the restraint a student voluntarily places upon himself when living up to his college ideals.

The lack of this spirit in many of the modern universities and colleges is really deplorable, and may be considered as one of the chief causes of the weakened moral



tone existing among many present day students of the larger institutions of learning in the United States, and in a lesser degree, Canada. Many of the students in these colleges have absolutely no respect for authority of either God or man, and are completely irresponsible—a sad state of affairs, indeed! There must be some way to remedy such a radical defect in the upbringing of the youth of this nation.

Once more we find the age old maxim can be applied without losing one whit of its strength: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. To prevent this a true college spirit must be fostered among, and by, the students. This sense of loyalty and pride should be instilled in the minds of the young students, from the first moment of their entrance into college, both by the older students and by the faculty. The older students may accomplish this by merely showing strong disapproval when an unseemly or ungentlemanly act is performed by one of the freshmen in an attempt to be "smart." On the other hand, if at this stage in his college career he is encouraged in his foolish actions, then he will develop into a conceited prig, a discredit both to himself and his college.

The members of the faculty in most cases realize their responsibility in this regard, and guide themselves accordingly. They look out for the best interests of the new student, and they generally command his respect. So we see that it is really up to the students themselves, especially the older ones, to encourage this sentiment of college pride and loyalty among those others who are still inclined to the opinion that a college is merely a resort for those who wish to have a good time.

Thus it may be summed up: a student who acquires a true College Spirit will be a true gentleman;—and, since, in order to become such, he must model himself after those gentlemen with whom he is associated, the faculty and the older students should always strive to act in such a way as to gain the respect of the newcomers, and show them by word and action that their Alma Mater is a place of which they may justly be proud.

### Canada's New Cardinal

The news of the appointment of Monsignor Raymond J. M. Rouleau, Archbishop of Quebec, to the Sacred Col-

lege of Cardinals will be received with much joy, not only by the residents of that province, but by all Catholics throughout the Dominion of Canada. Monsignor Rouleau, a noted philosopher and theologian, joined the Dominican order at St. Hyacinthe in 1886. Later he was called to Ottawa, where in 1923 he received his appointment as Bishop of Valleyfield. Three years later he was created Archbishop of Quebec. No worthier successor, we feel sure, could have been chosen by His Holiness to fill the vacancy in the Cardinalate, made by the death of the late Cardinal Begin, who, it will be remembered, was also Archbishop of Quebec at the time of his appointment.

Monsignor Rouleau is to receive the Red Hat at the Consistory in Rome, December 19, when, we understand, Monsignor Zaccaria Martinez y Nunez, Archbishop of Toledo, Monsignor Charles Joseph Binet, Archbishop of Besancon, France, and Monsignor Alessio Lepicier, Titular Bishop of Tarrus will also be raised to the dignity of Cardinals. May the great works to which these men are consecrated be ever fruitful, and may they successfully fulfil all the undertakings attending their new office. *Ad multos annos.*

## **Murder Still Rampant in Mexico**

The Calles-Obregon faction has cleared away another obstacle to its despotism. This time Generals Serrano and Gomez, rivals of Obregon for the presidency, are the victims. They committed the horrible crime of allowing themselves to be considered as candidates for the chief office of down-trodden Mexico, and the result of their boldness was to be brutally murdered at the order of the butcher, Calles.

Horrible! you exclaim. What a terrible crime to be perpetrated by the head official in Mexico! What a disgrace to this much boasted of 20th century civilization of ours! But why express horror or amazement at such a trifle? Has not such cold-blooded murder been the everyday works of Calles and his parasitic followers, for the past two years? Has not Calles, since January of this year, decided that it was just and lawful to murder twenty-four Catholic priests, besides scores of Catholic laymen? You ask the crime for which they suffered death? It is this—they taught religion to their beloved people, they



taught brotherly love and Christian charity; they taught the Mexican populace to love their enemies, to love such men as Calles,—yes, the man who drove them from their Churches, the man who closed their schools, their hospitals, their charitable institutions; in fact, the man who drove them from their homes, and forced them to the hills and coves of the mountains, so that they might worship their God.

Yes, this was the crime which brought them before the farce jury, and, soon after, the firing squad.

Religion must not be taught in Mexico, declares the Mexican Government, or rather Calles, for he is the government. There is no representative government in Mexico, for the so-called Mexican government, as it now stands, is not a legally constituted body; and, moreover, Calles is simply a usurper. Calles since his seizure of power has played the part of a tyrant to the letter. He is a Bolshevik, who seeks, as the Reds in Russia, to stamp out every vestige of religion, to destroy all morality, in a word to have his people live like brutes.

Naturally we should expect such a man to be shunned as a leper by all God-fearing people, and, moreover, by all civilized governments. But it would appear from recent events that the Canadian Government wishes to stand in the favor of Calles and his firing squad.

Some time ago there appeared in the Canadian newspapers the announcement that Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways, had been loaned by the Canadian Government to the Calles administration, for the purpose of reorganizing the bankrupt Mexican Railway. Do such cordial relations exist between Canada and the Mexican ruffians, who call themselves the Government, that the Canadian parliament should deprive itself of the services of a highly paid Canadian official for a month or so, just to oblige a government which has not been elected by the people, and which is a teacher of Bolshevistic ideas? This act would appear to be an open insult to Canadian Catholics, and, for that matter, to all Canadians. Furthermore, Sir Henry has been as completely taken in by Calles, as have other visiting Government officials and investigators before him. Calles according to Sir Henry words is, "one of the most impressive personalities I have ever encountered," yes, and we might add one of the most base, immoral and bloody despots the world has yet seen.

Calles is always trying out some new plan to gain sympathy. His latest little trick is to construct a motion picture which will attempt to defame the Catholic Church. His procedure will be to collect all Catholic banners, vestments, and church regalia, and, with the aid of his soldiers make a film, in which his own firing squads, dressed as Catholic Clergy, will act the part of rebels and other vile characters. He will then, it is presumed, send this masterpiece through the United States and other countries, and expect the enlightened people of those countries to believe what is portrayed as conditions in Mexico. We hope that Sir Henry may learn from this film production the baseness and deceit that characterize all the actions of that arch-despot, Calles, and his villainous gang of followers.

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Red and White extends to all its Advertizers, Contributors and Subscribers, and to the Faculty and Students of St. Dunstan's sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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The time draws near the birth of Christ:  
 The moon is hid; the night is still;  
 The Christmas bells from hill to hill  
 Answer each other in the mist.—*Tennyson*.

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The kindness of Christmas is the kindness of Christ. To know that God so loved us as to give us His Son for our dearest Brother, has brought human affection to its highest tide on the day of that Brother's birth. If God so loved us, how can we help loving one another—*Maltbie Babcock*.

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I hear the bells on Christmas Day  
 Their old familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet  
 The words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, good-will to men!—*Longfellow*.

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Let Christmas be a bright and happy day; but let its brightness come from the radiance of the star of Bethlehem, and its happiness be found in Christ, the sinner's loving Saviour.—*H. G. Den*.