

College Chronicle

FACULTY

Rev. D. P. Croken, B.A., who for the past three years, was Rector of the University, has been appointed Pastor of Fort Augustus, and has been succeeded by Rev. J. A. Murphy, B.A., who has been a member of the staff for some time.

Father Croken had endeared himself to the hearts of the students, and his absence is a keen regret to all, to whom he was a guide and friend during his term here. We sincerely hope the Rev. Father will experience in his new work the success he so well deserves.

Father Murphy has always been esteemed at St. Dunstan's. With his customary energy he has taken up his task, and we are assured that St. Dunstan's will successfully carry on under his management.

Rev. Gavan Monaghan has completed a two years' course of Philosophy in Rome, and has obtained the Ph.D. degree. We congratulate Father Monaghan on the successful completion of his course, and we feel assured that he will prove a competent teacher of Philosophy at St. Dunstan's.

Prof. F. C. Jennings, M.A., has left to study medicine at Dalhousie University, Halifax. We, his friends at St. Dunstan's, wish him success in his work and in life.

Mr. C. McGillivray, B.A., has succeeded Mr. Jennings as professor of Science. Mr. McGillivray is, as Mr. Jennings, a graduate of St. Francis Xavier, and will no doubt, uphold the good name of his Alma Mater.

We are glad to see that Rev. Urban Gillis, B.A., a graduate of the class of '21, has returned to his own college, where he is now professor of Latin and History.

We are pleased to welcome a graduate of St. Joseph's College in the person of Rev. Clarence Pitre, B.L. Father Pitre is assisting Father Francis in the Commercial Department.

BISHOP'S VISIT

On Oct. 23 His Lordship, Bishop O'Leary, paid his annual visit to St. Dunstan's and celebrated a Votive Mass in the College Chapel. He was assisted by Fathers Gillis and Pitre. The choir, under the direction of Rev.

N. Poirier, rendered the Veni Creator and other hymns. After Mass His Lordship preached a short sermon, in which he advised the students how they should use their opportunities in order to pass a successful year. He reminded them of their duty and of the purpose of their coming to college. He said that if each student would do his work faithfully both in class and outside of class, he would enjoy his college days and have no vain regrets in after life.

Field Day Concert

As is the custom at St. Dunstan's, Field Day was fittingly ended by a short musical programme, which was rendered in conjunction with the awarding of the prizes.

The programme was:

Address.....Frank Coady, President S.D.U. A.A.A.
 Piano Solo.....The Flower Song, Faust.
 R. McDonald.
 Vocal Solo.....Pal of My Cradle Days.
 A. Bordeleau.

Distribution of Prizes

Remarks by the Moderator, Rev. F. Mullally.
 Remarks by the Rector, Rev. J. A. Murphy.
 Vocal Solo.....In the Garden of To-Morrow.
 A. Francis.

God Save the King.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

At the beginning of the year the following were elected by the students to be the officers of the
 S. D. U. A. A. A.

Moderator.....Rev. F. Mullally
 President.....F. Coady
 Vive-President.....J. McGuigan
 Secretary.....J. Johnston
 Committee.....C. Cullen, C. Tingley
 M. White, R. McDonald, D. O'Leary, R. Ellsworth.

Coaches:	Football.....	Prof. J. J. R. H. Fleming
	Basketball	Rev. Urban Gillis
	Hockey.....	Rev. R. McKenzie.....
	Baseball.....	Rev. F. Mullally.....

Crests

To foster the spirit of athletic competition, St. Dunstan's Athletic Association has decreed that there shall be a distinctive crest to distinguish the members of its first teams and other eligibles from the non-participants in sport. The crest is a large D on a white, circular ground.

They have decided that the following are eligible:

- 1 The members and spares of all first teams.
- 2 The members of second football team.
- 3 The officers of the Athletic Association.
- 4 Track men who break or equal a college record.
- 5 The best all-round track man.

The members of all first teams shall be allowed to wear a D, and within the D, the letter of the particular sport in which they have participated; track men are also entitled to this privilege.

The members of second football team shall be allowed to wear a plain D.

The members of the Athletic Executive shall be allowed to wear a plain D, with the smaller letters S. D. U. A. A. A. attached. Those members of the Executive who have not made any of the teams, or established or equalled a track record, shall wear on their crests a red bar.

St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society

On Oct. 26, 1926 a meeting of the senoir society was held for the purpose of electing officers. The following have been chosen:

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. G. Monaghan
<i>President</i>	J. Farrell
<i>Vice-President</i>	G. A. Macdonald
<i>Secretary</i>	E. Dalton
<i>Councillors</i>	W. Dunphy and R. Macdonald.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20-1926, the Society held its first debate. The subject was: "Resolved, that Prohibition is beneficial to the country."

The Con side won. The speakers were: Pro: C. Trainor, A. Guillemette and R. Macdonald, Con: R. Ellsworth, F. Doiron and A. Francis.

The con side maintained that Prohibition deprives people of a legitimate right. They said that many will not abstain from liquor, and the abuse of the law created more evil than would be the case? if it did not exist. They claimed that drunkenness was more prevalent to-day than before the enactment of the prohibition laws. Both sides gave many other arguments but we are unable to quote them at length.

Lecture

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 17 His Lordship Bishop O'Leary gave a delightful lecture on the subject, "A Trip to Assisi." As we know, Assisi is the home of St. Francis, and is justly famed because it is the birth-place of this Saint. His Lordship, being an eloquent speaker, and, speaking of his theme as an eye-witness, he was listened to with marked attention. He described in a few words the situation of the town and the character of its inhabitants. With the true lecturer's gift, His Lordship interspersed seriousness with humorous anecdotes of his journey. He pictured the "Carceri" of St. Francis and related many interesting incidents of the Saint's life. When he told of the rose bushes he had seen blooming in mid-winter, in the garden of St. Francis, few there were who did not feel a desire to behold this token of God's love for the Saint.

The lecture was most instructive and entertaining, and "Red and White" takes this opportunity of thanking His Lordship for his kindness. A vote of thanks, in which all concurred, was moved by R. Ellsworth and seconded by F. Doiron. During the evening A Francis sang a solo accompanied by M. McGuigan. The evening's entertainment was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

On Nov. 24 the senior society held its second debate: "Resolved, that Canada can better fulfill her destiny as part of the British Empire." The speakers were: Pro: J. McGuigan, M. White, M. McGuigan, and A. Bordel-

eau. Con: J. O'Meara, J. Walsh, E. McEwen, and H. Dube.

The pro. side maintained that if Canada should secede from Great Britain, she would be without protection, for she had scarcely any navy and a very small regular army; and she would either have to join the United States or become subservient to her. They said the natural resources of the United States were exhausted, and her politicians were eagerly awaiting the opportunity when they would be in a position to control Canada's natural resources. The kernel of their arguments seemed to be that Canada is getting along very well under English rule, so why change.

The negative supporters claimed that if Canada would secede from England and merge with the States her citizens would have an excellent market for their goods without the present high duty. They claimed, too, that Canada's union with Britain was a selfish one on the part of the latter, for England was careful to see that Canadians paid for their defense.

The vote taken gave a majority to the pro. side.

St. John's Literary and Debating Society

On Oct. 6 the Junior Society held its reorganization meeting. The following officers will have control during the year:

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. U. Gillis
<i>President</i>	E. Duffy
<i>Vice-President</i>	A. Fleming
<i>Secretary</i>	J. Trainor
<i>Councillors</i>	O. Murphy & A. Poitras

Under its energetic Moderator the society has begun its debates, and we hope will continue its work successfully throughout the year. Lack of space leaves us unable to report the meetings.

Banquet

On Nov. 12, in the evening after the St. F. X. and St. Dunstan's game, the footballists of St. Francis and St. Dunstan's were treated to a splendid banquet given in the refectory by the college under the direction of

the Bursar. All the animosities of the afternoon, it seemed, had been left on the field, and both teams thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Speeches were given by the two moderators, by Mr. S. F. Doyle, President of the M.P.B.A.A.U. of C., and by the two captains. The St. F. X. men expressed themselves as being well pleased with the treatment accorded them, by both the "Abbies and St. Dunstan's, while on the Island. "Red and White" extends its thanks to the Bursar and to the Sisters for the banquet.

Necrology

"Red and White" extends its deepest sympathy to James McIntyre on the death of his father.

The New Rink

The announcement of the erection of our new Rink may well be prefaced by a few facts concerning its predecessor.

On the 7th day of January, 1897, the warm weather of the previous week having taken all the frost out of the ground, the students levelled off a piece of ground for a skating pond. The enjoyment the students derived from this open-air rink during the winter months was so great that the then Rector, Rev. Peter Curran, determined that a covered rink should be available for the following winter. Accordingly, a suitable building was erected during the Autumn of 1897, and was ready for use at the beginning of the skating season. It lay in a north-and-south direction, the southern end being at a distance of 100 feet from the western end of the College with which it was connected by a corridor. The dimensions of this rink were 136 by 66 feet, and the ice surface measured 120 by 50 feet, the space between the walls and the ice being used for a promenade. Kerosene lamps furnished light for the skaters, and the water for the ice-pond came from a near-by well from which it was pumped by relays of students. This rink, which was great in its own day, was a rather poor affair as rinks now go; but it is worth noting that it was, as far as could be ascertained at the time, the first college rink in Canada, which means in America—one might say, *in the whole world*.

During the year 1914, the Rev. Terrence Campbell, the Rector at that time, had the rink removed further from the College and lengthened by the addition of a 40-foot section.

During the past winter the old building suffered the same fate as did several other buildings in the Maritime Provinces—its roof collapsed under the weight of the unusually heavy mantle of snow. To repair it was deemed inadvisable, and His Lordship, Bishop O'Leary, ordered the erection of a new and up-to-date building.

The new rink, built according to plans prepared by Chappell & Hunter, measures on the outside 181 by 86 feet. The sheet of ice is 165 by 70 feet, and all around it, at a somewhat higher level, runs a substantially built promenade 7 feet wide. The pond is surrounded on all sides by a wall of heavy sheathing 4 feet high, which separates it from the promenade. The whole structure rests on 68 deep-set concrete piers, and is massively built throughout. The best imported spruce entered into its construction, and 18 tons of iron rods and castings are used to reinforce the roof which has a span of 70 feet between the supporting columns. After careful inspection of the design, the material, and the workmanship, one finds little room to doubt that this rink will resound to the shouts of the hockey fans of the twenty-first century.



In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.—*St. Augustine*

The most popular man is sometimes of little repute after he is gone; and the least popular now in this world of conflict, come out in history with a veneration unknown before.—*Cardinal Manning.*

Be true to your word, your work, and your friend.—
—*John Boyle O'Reilly.*

Heap on more wood! the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.—*Scott.*