

College Chronicle

Time has passed quickly since the last edition of our magazine, and we find ourselves approaching the season which is God's divine sign that He is still at hand to renew life, and to bring courage, melody, and love, all in the palest tints of green.

For us here at St. Dunstan's this season tells us that it is time for graduations and examinations. For many it will be their last season; the others will return in the fall to carry on the glorious traditions of St. Dunstan's. The remaining month will be a busy one for all students. Graduation on May 24 will be a milestone in the lives of the Senior Class members. For them it will mark the end of their stay here, but one cannot say the end of their education. Though some may never more sit in a classroom, still the process of education is one which continues to the grave.

PHILOSOPHERS' DAY

On Saturday, March 6th, the philosophy students, with their invited guests, held the annual Philosophers' Banquet in the Charlottetown Hotel, thus marking the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the great Theologian, Philosopher, and Patron of Catholic schools. In the morning, Reverend J. A. Sullivan, of the Philosophy department, celebrated High Mass. After breakfast two hockey games were played between the senior and junior philosophers. The afternoon activities began at the hotel, when Mr. Arthur Pendergast called upon His Excellency Bishop Boyle to say grace. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. John Eldon Green, former lecturer at St. Dunstan's, and now employed in the Health and Welfare Department of the Provincial Government. Mr. Green pointed out in his address, "Trends in Modern Social Thought", that we cannot be indifferent to the concrete problems which confront the social worker. Instead we must find a solution for these problems, and at the same time keep in mind the principles which St. Thomas established to aid us in relieving the misery caused by these social problems. Other guests

present were: Rt. Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, and Rev. L. W. Landrigan.

The various toasts were responded to by the following: The Church—Gerald Steele; The Day We Celebrate—Thomas McGaugh; Our Country—Gerald Arsenault; Our College—Aquinas Ryan; The Ladies—Miss Ellen Mullally.

The day's activities were concluded with a skate in the college rink from eight until ten o'clock in the evening.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Dramatic Society had a very successful year. On January 19th they presented "Murder in the Cathedral", by T. S. Eliot, in St. Dunstan's Auditorium. This presentation was repeated in Summerside High School on April 1. The play, directed by Rev. Adrian Arsenault, was enthusiastically received by the large audience present in each case. The cast included John J. Dunphy, Allan MacDonald, Andre Dorais, Leo McGinn, Wilfred Gillis, Tom Kane, Robert Mooney, Louis McIver, Dick Wedge, Arthur Seaman, John Taylor, David Gallant, Simeon Farmer, Patricia H. MacDonald, Grace Seaman, Etta MacDonald.

Congratulations are extended to the Dramatic Society for their splendid performances.

Red and White at this time would like to extend a few words of encouragement to the high school students for putting their paper, "The Challenger", back on its feet again. The paper, which was begun in the fall of 1950 and dropped last year, has as its aim the promotion and encouraging of a literary effort on the part of the High School students.

In our last edition of the Chronicle we outlined the sweeping success accomplished by our intercollegiate debaters in winning the Maritime Intercollegiate Championship. In this section we are unable to claim another victory for them, but we can certainly state that our boys did their part to conform with the high standards of our Alma Mater in intercollegiate competition. The boys responsible for this fine showing against St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, are Allan MacDonald and Richard Wedge, who had the difficult task of upholding the affirmative in "Resolved: That Communist China Should Be Admitted to the United Nations." Red and White extends congratulations to Rev.

Fred Cass, the Moderator, and to Mr. Brendan O'Grady, coach of the debating team. It was under the capable direction and coaching of these two men that St. Dunstan's has achieved such an enviable record. In twenty-four debates in regular Maritime Intercollegiate competition, St. Dunstan's has won nineteen victories. In addition, the local debaters have won three Maritime Championships, two Eastern Canadian titles, and one National Championship. Their greatest success came on March 3, 1952, when Allan MacDonald and Walter Reid defeated teams from Montreal University and St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, by majority decisions, and were proclaimed Dominion Champions.

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club under the direction of Father Kelly, has been very active this year, and has provided excellent entertainment for the students and public.

On February 27th, the faculty and students were privileged to attend a musical entertainment, sponsored by the Glee Club, and presented in the auditorium by the Charlottetown choral group, under the distinguished direction of Mr. W. Keith Rogers, well-known pianist and composer.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Father Adrian Arsenault and Mr. Allan MacDonald, presented on Wednesday, April 21 the long awaited Operetta named, "Leap Year" in the College Gymnasium. To the rounds of applause which greeted the characters taking part in the musicale, Red and White extends congratulations to the cast and to the composers, Father Adrian Arsenault a member of the faculty and Mr. Ronald Doucet a former teacher in the Commerce Department.

ELECTIONS

The first weeks of April are election time at S. D. U., and this year was no exception. Eight men were nominated to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Students' Union: For President, Aquinas Ryan and Alton Craig; for Vice-President, Urban MacLellan and Arthur Seaman; and for Secretary, Reg. McQuaid, Bob Mooney, Louis McCloskey, and Tom Kane. Aquinas, Urban and Reg. McQuaid emerged the winners after a well-fought campaign. We wish to congratulate the out-going executive on a job well done and wish the new one every success.

In keeping with the custom of the College, our Annual Retreat was held from March 18th to 21st. This year it was our good fortune to have Rev. Arnold Toner, a religious of the Holy Cross Order, to preach our retreat. Father Toner, besides being an eloquent speaker, possesses a magnetic personality, which won the hearts of all during his short stay here.

It is customary for the Senior class each year to elect a life-long executive and committee to represent the class and to act as a means of maintaining close relationships among the different members of the class. For the executive this year the class chose Gerald Steele as President; Charles Morrison as Vice-President; and Francis Zakem as Secretary. Allan MacDonald was chosen as Valedictorian. The other members of the committee are Mariedith MacDonald and Gerald Arsenault.

VISITING LECTURER

Our third Centennial Year lecture was held in the College gymnasium on March 15th, when Dr. Lawrence E. Lynch, of the University of Toronto, spoke to us on the theme, "The Role of Philosophy in the Life of a Layman." Dr. Lynch took the three current topics of interest: Communism, McCarthyism, and Progressivism in education. Each of these he dealt with briefly, showing the need for more serious thought in such problems on the part of the layman. We are sure that Dr. Lynch's talk was enjoyed by all who heard him.

NECROLOGY

The students and faculty were very much surprised to hear of the sudden passing of Billy MacDonald, whose death occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on February 26th. Billy, who was in the Sophomore class at St. Dunstan's, had been ill for the short period of three weeks. Since his entrance to St. Dunstan's a few years ago Billy had distinguished himself as an outstanding student, a keen athlete, and a very prominent leader of our cadet corps. His death will be felt at St. Dunstan's not only by his class, but also by the rest of the student body and faculty, who came to know Billy's jovial manner and pleasant disposition.

Red and White at this time wishes to express its heartfelt sympathy to Billy's mother and father, brothers and sisters.

Lieutenant John F. Murnaghan, '50, died suddenly in the Petawawa Army Hospital on January 1st, 1954. He returned from Korea only last April after fourteen months' service in the Far East. John attended St. Dunstan's for three years and graduated with a B.Sc. degree. He joined the army shortly after his graduation and was posted to Korea in 1952. He is survived by his wife and one child, to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy.

His corn and cattle were his only care,
And his supreme delight, a country fair.

—Dryden.

The world's a stage on which all parts are played.

—Thomas Middleton.

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism,
but depth in philosophy bringeth man's mind about to religion.

—Francis Bacon.

"Evil is wrought by want of Thought
As well as want of Heart."

—Thomas Hood.

