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WITH THIS ISSUE Red and White enters upon its second year. We feel that we have no apologies to make for entering into the field of journalism—a field to which some would deny us access, at least till the broad horizon of the world breaks more fully upon our view.

We began the publication of Red and White trusting that our friends would neither expect too much of us nor make it necessary during the period of our editorial infancy to dodge the shafts of inconsiderate criticism or ridicule—and so we continue it. We aspire to the standard of Christian conduct outlined in the Sermon on the Mount and shall always be ready to turn the other cheek with the belief that whatever chastisement may be in store for us will be administered to the end that we may develop a correct journalistic deportment and grow up with a correct sense of journalistic responsibility. We invite fair criticism of anything that may appear in the columns of Red and White, and for this service we shall endeavor to return a "quid pro quo." Our ambition is to interest the reading public as well as the students of St. Dunstan's, whose journal this is, and with this double object our best efforts will be dedicated to please both.



WE INVITE the attention of our readers to the article in this issue entitled "Canadian Nationalism," by one of our French-Canadian students, Mr. L. D. Durand. It will be found to be a concise statement of the Nationalist attitude on some of our present problems, and we doubt not that it will be read with interest. Some may be disposed to differ with Mr. Durand, but at any rate they will appreciate a standpoint that may not be theirs and be ready to acknowledge that between the Atlantic and the Pacific there is room for two schools of thought on questions of detail that must from time to time arise before we succeed in solving the problems of the future. It is needless to remind our readers that Red and White will be neutral on political questions as between parties. We take no responsibility for statements made over the name of their author, but shall hold our columns open as much as possible to anyone who wishes to discuss intelligently questions of national interest and is willing to take responsibility for what he says.

THE MAYOR OF ROME recently threw open the floodgates of his oratory at the door of the Vatican and has since been receiving much gratuitous advertising. It is not at all strange that Nathan's speech "split the ears of the groundlings," for the same subject even in our land of phlegmatics oftentimes inspires very dull persons with the most rampant eloquence. The wonder is that somebody did not catch the little insignificant and bump his head. The Italian Government under the Law of Guarantees should have done this, but the disagreeable duty was left to others to perform figuratively and at long range.

"We want a faith enlightened by science," is the kernel of a particularly flamboyant paragraph of Nathan's speech. It may indeed be wondered if His Worship knows anything besides the fundamental fallacies of amateur scientists. Webster defines faith as "the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another, resting solely and implicitly on his authority and veracity"; and science as "complete knowledge, comprehensive information." It is easy to confuse terms and for the crowd to be confused by them. "Faith enlightened by Science" is an impossibility. If the basis of our belief is "complete knowledge" it cannot at the same time "rest solely and implicitly on the authority and veracity of another." Nathan insulted Pius the Tenth, but the Corporation of Rome and the Italian Government insult three hundred millions throughout the world by permitting the outrage to go unrebuked.



THE EDITOR of the Winnipeg Tribune in a recent issue of that paper deplores the strong position which the French language holds in Canada and sheds a whole bucketful of tears over our unhappy future as he pictures it. The Editor of the Tribune will have the sympathy of every sympathetic Canadian in this crisis—not, however, on account of the dreadful things time has

in store for us when the expressive language of Lacordaire is heard from ocean to ocean, but from a natural inclination which we all have to sympathize with those whose imagination works overtime. It is no doubt another case of "delirium scribens," due to exhaustion of the editorial repertoire.

But as the editor continues to write he ceases to play the woman, and assuming a Don Quixote attitude, writes: "It prevails over English in one province at least without anyone making serious efforts to change this state of things." Might we suggest that the Editor of the Tribune may earn the gratitude of his countrymen by moving to Quebec and making a few "serious efforts" on his own account. *Dulce et decorum pro patria mori*. A duty so fraught with patriotic consequence will never be performed if everyone leaves the performance of it to others.

There are nearly three millions of French descent in this country. Let the Editor in one of his imaginative periods conjure up an equal number of Scotch or Irish extraction similarly situated; he can imagine them to have been Canada's discoverers, colonizers, explorers, defenders; monopolizing one of our largest provinces with options on no small portions of the others; speaking Gaelic in blissful ignorance of the commercial or aesthetic value of English. The process need not stop here. The editor is presumably a Scotchman for his name is Richardson. Let him imagine that he himself understands only enough English to be able to grasp the foolish ideas of someone "making serious efforts to remedy this state of things." This will be but a slight test for Mr Richardson's imagination, but he will then be in a position to imagine the length and altitude of the editorial he could write in Gaelic.

French Canadians are going to keep their language and increase its influence where they can, and what people in similar circumstances would not do the same? The person who dreams of French ascendancy

in Canada and persists in telling about it is an undesirable citizen. You cannot abolish nature's laws with an editorial or blot the history of a people with a drop of ink.



THE EDITOR OF COLLIER'S (Canadian edition) lately spent some weeks in Western Canada and during the period of his itinerary the English language received rather unmerited treatment. We have no fault to find with the Editor's attempt to paint the future of the West—what he says may be true and probably is true, and whether true or not will increase the circulation of Collier's. We do, however, insist that a Royal Commission be appointed at once to take an inventory of our language, for we have a strong suspicion that some of it has been lost and the remainder mixed with baser metal.

Here are a few nuggets found in Collier's during the period referred to, which should be sent at once to the official analyst: "In the West men make no bones about yearning for the wedded state;" "Business is on the jump: office hours cut no figure;" "The prairie is more than a place to make money in. It is a place to live in. Prink it up;" "The prairie which asks the strongest and best spat him out."

Without doubt these are lumps of brass that have somehow misplaced the pure gold of Addison, Newman and Burke, Was there ever a clearer case of vandalism! The French-Canadians, whom the Winnipeg Tribune is about to deprive of their language should place their orders for English without delay. The supply is apparently becoming limited.



WE CONGRATULATE St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society, and particularly Messrs. C. J. Mc-

Donald and J. J. McIsaac, upon the success of the election contest just closed. The Naval question was a prominent issue. It may be hoped that those who during the campaign evinced such creditable speaking power will continue to perfect themselves in this practical part of their education and that the opportunities offered them in our mock-parliament will not be neglected. As we go to press it is rumored that a petition is about to be filed against the return of Mr. McDonald. The law is very strong against bribery and the exposure of many interesting methods is promised by both parties.



THE STAFF of Red and White extend to the Faculty and Students of the College and to our readers generally their best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

