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## Editorial.

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Although the hounds of war are still unchained and the dread spectres Death and Famine daily reap their terrible harvests from among the nations of the world, yet throughout the length and breadth of the land the hearts of all true Christians are roused to joy by the song of the Easter Alleluia. Just as the nation that has gained its independence and freed itself from galling and oppressive tyranny, keeps festival while the ringing of bells and the loud roar of the cannon proclaim the people's rejoicing, so too the Easter bells ring out at this joyous season of the year to proclaim the victory that has set all mankind free—free, it is true, not from the evils of war nor from the violation of rights but from the powers of darkness ; free to live in confidence, to die in hope and to reign in heaven, "for the Lord is truly risen." Sin, Death and the Devil have met their conquerors and these, our real enemies, are overthrown.

Should we not then on this coming Easter morn rejoice and be glad despite the fact that thousands of our fellowmen are being daily sacrificed to the War God and that misery and woe prevail throughout the land. War is but a temporal evil justly inflicted upon ungrateful man. We are but battling against the enemies of our rights and properties ; the victors will gain but a temporal advantage, the vanquished will suffer but a temporal disadvantage. On the other hand, the victory of Him who two thousand years ago triumphed over Sin and Death was a victory over the enemies of our souls, and its effects are eternal. Although these last enemies may yet assail us we have now the consolation of knowing that the good will triumph every time ; that each and every one of us may, if we will, have a share in the conquest of Christ ; that we may live and die in hope of a resurrection in which we too shall be finally and completely victorious over all our enemies.

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The friends of "Old St. Dunstan's" will be pleased to learn that the construction of a new residential building adjoining the college is about to be undertaken. Although the erection of this building had been considered for some time past, it was only when Sir Charles Dalton,—to whom our Alma Mater was already so much indebted—came forward and very generously donated five thousand dollars toward the building fund, that it was finally decided to go ahead with the work. This new building, which will be called the Dalton Hall in honor of our great benefactor Sir Charles, will be open for students in Sept. 1918, and will contain besides one large class room sixty private rooms for the students. Built as it will be with Island brick and fitted with every modern improvement everything will tend to the general welfare and comfort of its occupants.

While we are almost inclined to envy the participators of these comforts and conveniences,—although they are as yet only in potentia—yet we hope that those facilities will prove an incentive for even better



work than is now being done at the old stand ; and we trust that the pages of " Red and White " will in future years glow with the spirited inspirations which those cheerful surroundings will certainly inspire.

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It is our sorrowful duty to record the death of the Hon. John Richards, another of the early sons of St. Dunstons whose life was a distinguished honor to his alma mater. Though he left college eminently fitted to enter into professional life he chose to become a farmer, believing him to have the most honorable profession in the land. His great success in this line and his unselfish efforts to raise the general standard of agriculture by the importation and distribution of improved stock caused the farming people to select him as representative for the local legislature. Much against his will he accepted the honor and after the election of 1911 was made leader of his party which position he held till 1915 when he became a candidate for the Dominion parliament. In his death the people in the immediate vicinity of his home lost a friend and neighbor not easily replaced, the farmers of this country a patron and powerful representative, and the province a citizen in the true and best sense of the word. Few people have been so generally esteemed ; few public men so universally respected. By his own party and by his political opponents he has been well described as " one of Nature's gentlemen."

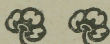
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OUR SCHOOLS :—We hear many complaints about an overcrowded curriculum in our public schools.—Nature Study has met with much opposition, but still holds its place.—Who will answer the question ?—*What subjects shall we eliminate ?*—Some would reject Latin and Algebra. But why ? Are poor results an index to the uselessness of a subject ? Have they not been successfully taught in the past ?—We have too many theories in education. The latest is : A child should be taught only what he will apply later

in life. Very good, but what of those who do not wish to follow a trade but an art or some mental occupation? Up to date school equipment, teachers extra efficient and a class of clever pupils will always produce good results.—What we desire is a scheme that will educate ordinary pupils, under the average teacher with the customary equipment.—True, the times change and we must change with them. But this is a gradual change and we want no radical reforms in education. What we do want is : first a wholehearted interest on the part of parents or guardians and a strict discipline at home ; secondly, a change in many of our text books, our school readers show a decline during the past ten years, our grammar should and can be replaced by a better text, our geometry, lately introduced, is another downward step.—We want something substantial in the text book line, something that will draw out the best that is in a pupil while he is at school and which will be a source of pleasure to him in future days. Thirdly, we must have teachers characterized by sobriety and industry and possessing all the qualities of ladies and gentlemen.

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In taking revenge a man is but his enemy's equal, in passing it he is his superior.

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Fate, malicious people, and other factors can threaten, hurt, and wound you; nothing and nobody can put you down but yourself.