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Editorial.

Christmas 1918 With the dark clouds of war fast disappearing below the horizon; with "our boys" returning from "over there" and with Kaiser Bill in the dust, the coming Christmas promises to be an exceptionally joyous one. Let us all by hearty hand-clasps, cheerful greetings and help for the needy and afflicted show our appreciation of the blessings that have been showered on us by Him who was born at Bethlehem.

And to set the good example "Red and White" hastens to extend to all its friends—THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

Sir Louis Davies We heartily congratulate Sir Louis H. Davies on his recent appointment to the high and honourable position of Chief Justice and Deputy Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada. His promotion confers a great

honor upon his native province P. E. Island and all Islanders feel proud of their worthy compatriot. He has overcome all obstacles, climbed the steep ascent and now occupies the highest position in the Judiciary. Well, may we feel proud of him, for, "moving up from high to higher," no other Islander ever made more remarkable advancement, none have had a more irreproachable political career and left such lasting monuments in testimony of their achievements.

As a member of the Local Legislature and leader of his party, Sir Louis deservedly won the esteem of his electors; as Premier and Attorney General of the province he effected many public reforms. In the Dominion House at Ottawa, where he so successfully represented Queen's County for almost twenty consecutive years, his rare personality, eloquent tongue and untiring industry made him a tower of strength to his party, a sure pleader for his constituents and a thorough performer of his obligations; taken into Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet as Minister of Marine and Fisheries, at the formation of the Laurier Administration, he was styled by his worthy leader "a Rupert in debate," and distinguished himself by the diligent execution of the many duties in connection with that responsible position. On the Bench of the Supreme Court of Canada, his profound knowledge of law, his clear concise judgment and his experience as a leader of men were of inestimable value in balancing the scales of justice.

Truly, his career has been a brilliant and successful one, and his latest promotion, though the highest to which a Canadian can be appointed, is but a crowning victory and a well-earned reward for his many labors.

The Shadow of Death

So strong are the bonds which bind together the members of a boarding school, such as ours, that the smallest change in the fortunes of one of the students is a matter of interest and concern to all the rest; the news of the departure of one of the "boys" to other spheres of activity is received, by those who remain behind, with no little regret; should they hear of the death of one, who, although far away at the time of his demise, was formerly their fellow-student and classmate, they are stricken with a great sorrow.

Some conception, then may be formed of the grief that was ours when, in the dark days of our Influenza Epidemic, the cold hand of death reached into our very midst and snatched therefrom, two of our beloved classmates—Francis Daily and Michael Rooney.

Francis, although he had been at S. D. U. but a short time, had impressed us all with the innocence and purity of his young life. Little did he think when entering St. Dunstan's a few short months ago to begin his work as a second year classical student that his graduation day was so near at hand—and that it was to be, not a graduation from this institution to a higher, but that final one from the strife and tribulation of this earth to the peace and joy of heaven.

By the passing of Mr. Rooney we were all impressed with the fact that even the strongest amongst us have no guarantee as to how long our sojourn on earth will last. For that Michael, in the full strength of his manhood, should succumb to the ravages of Influenza was the thought farthest from our minds. St. Dunstan's, through the death of this promising young man loses not only an athlete of



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high standing but also a student and teacher of rare talents.

Some poet has said that,

“Heaven gives its favourites early death.”

To the consolation which this thought brings to the relatives and friends of the deceased, Red and White adds its sincere and prayerful sympathy.

Marshal Foch Someone has described Ferdinand Foch as “the greatest strategist in Europe and the humblest.” It is a splendid epitome of the ability and character of the great Generalissimo: good strategy is the key-note of military success; humility the first virtue of a true Christian. Little wonder then that the “Savior of the Allies” is saluted by the whole world to-day as a military genius without peer and as a Christian of the highest order.

Everywhere since Foch assumed supreme command have his incomparable military tactics been successful until to-day at his feet there lies broken and disorganized the greatest single military power of all time. No less admirable is the humility for which the Conqueror of Germany is noted. Imbued with a spirit of prayer he who controlled the destinies of millions was not ashamed to kneel at the feet of his Maker and, like a little child, ask for counsel and guidance.

France has every reason to be proud of him; every nation of the victorious Allies must do him honor; Christians in general kneel at his feet in gratitude; and Catholics in particular sing: Praise and Glory be to God for raising

up this leader who with his rosary entwined about his sword went forth and delivered the world.

The Influenza Epidemic

As was to be expected, the influenza epidemic paid its unwelcome visit to our institution shortly after its arrival in the neighboring city, and during its all-too-long stay, it made its personal acquaintance with a large number of the students. Our rector, always mindful of the welfare of the boys under his charge, had the first case duly isolated; but the "flu" was not to be so easily denied its victims, and gradually, one by one, the students took to their beds, till the interior of S. D. U. looked more like that of a modern hospital than of an up-to-date institution of learning.

To the credit of all concerned, however, be it said that, with but two exceptions, all patients made a complete and splendid recovery. Nor could it be otherwise for the care we received, no hospital could have the time to give. From the moment one took sick he was as carefully nursed as if he were the only one in need of attention.

The good Sisters of the Culinary Department, although sufficiently occupied with their own duties, readily took upon themselves the additional heavy task of caring for the sick. Their untiring efforts in the patients' behalf was no small factor, as all who have passed through the ordeal well know, in robbing the "flu" of half its terror.

Nor, must we neglect to acknowledge the good services of our beloved Rector, the other members of the faculty and several of the students who so willingly assisted in fighting the "flu" for they were

truly assiduous in their duties—as assiduous as the spirit of charity within them directed.

We may remark here, in passing, that the Board of Governors of S. D. U. is to be commended for its foresight and wisdom in not dismissing the students to their homes and closing the college at the first outbreak of the Epidemic, for as a result of this course the disease was attended to in its very first stages—the treatment each patient received was at least as good as he could have received at his home—the convalescent was strictly guarded against relapse, and consequently, with very few exceptions the disease was mild and the after-effects light. Moreover, by the students' remaining in college the danger of carrying the influenza to their respective homes, thereby helping to spread it throughout the country, was avoided. Furthermore, class-work ceased only when necessary, and was resumed as soon as conditions warranted, so that only ten days' class-work was lost by reason of the visit of the Epidemic—a comparatively small amount.

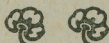
Taking all in all, the "Saints" have much to be thankful for, and Red and White, on behalf of the student body of S. D. U., takes this opportunity of tendering to the Rev. Rector, to all the members of the faculty, to the good sisters and to all who assisted in the fight against the Epidemic, its most sincere thanks.

A Distinguished Visit

Our little province, in a splendid manner, accorded a fitting welcome to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire who so highly honored the "Garden of the Gulf" by visiting its two chief centres, Charlottetown

and Summerside. His Excellency arrived in Charlottetown on Thursday evening, December fifth, and remained until Saturday morning. Then he proceeded by special train to Summerside, where he spent the remainder of the day. Much credit is due both these places for the magnificent manner in which they received His Excellency.

"Red and White" desires to add expressions of loyalty and gratitude to those already tendered the distinguished representative of the Crown, and wishes that the remainder of His Excellency's Administration in Canada may be most progressive.



A pilot's part in calms cannot be spy'd,
In dangerous times true worth is only tried.
—Stirling.

Anger is like
A full-hot horse ; who being
Allowed his way,
Self-mettle tires him.
Shakespeare.

Naught treads so silent as the foot
of Time ;
Hence we mistake our autumn
for our prime.
—Young.

If we encountered a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he read.—Emerson.