

College Chronicle

The purpose of this department is to afford the reader some indication of what has taken place at the College during the first semester. At best, only a sketchy account can be given, for the atmosphere and associations of college life so colour all our doings that any attempt to convey to the reader a true appreciation of them is rendered ineffectual. We can, easily enough, state that this has been done, that that society has been reorganized, that we have had a Retreat, and so on, but such bare statements in no way indicate the importance of these events to the average student. Since we are, in a measure, cut off from the outside world, these take, for us, the place of worldly endeavours.

In reading the following rather terse account of college activities, it should be realized that this is the news of our bit of the world. We have included herein only the bare facts, for the colour which renders them important and memorable can hardly be described; it must, rather, be experienced.

A new portico was erected on the Old Building during the summer. This addition has a concrete and tile floor, and a roof supported by pillars of a simplicity well in keeping with the rather severe architecture of the building itself.

We extend a hearty welcome to Dr. H. L. Johnston, the new professor of English. Dr. Johnston took his degree at the Medieval Institute, Toronto University. We trust his stay with us will be a pleasant one. Rev. F. L. Cass, B.Sc., has returned to the College as professor of Chemistry Rev. Geo. MacDonald, professor of Physics last year, is at present taking advanced work in that subject at Dalhousie University.

The annual Fall Retreat began Sept. 23, with Rev. D. O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., as director. It closed Sunday morning, Sept. 25. Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop O'Sullivan, who afterwards delivered an interesting and instructive talk to the students.

Field Day Concert was held Sept. 27. After the distribution of prizes, a short entertainment was presented. Father O. Murphy, moderator of the S. D. U. A. A. A., and other faculty members spoke briefly. Music was furnished by the St. Dunstan's "Symphonic Strings," under the direction of Augustine S. Briand.

The Student Council was reorganized on Sept. 14. The officers for the current year are: F. Howatt, C. McQuaid, L. Connolly, J. Trainor, R. Trainor and J. F. MacDonald There was added interest in athletics this fall, as St. Dunstan's, for the first time, participated in the Maritime Intercollegiate Football Playdowns. To cover the team's expenses the Athletic Fee was raised to \$3. The student body cooperated splendidly with the Association in raising the necessary funds At the reorganization of the Dramatic Society, J. R. Sullivan was chosen as head of a capable group of officers. A play has been selected for production late in February. The executive is at present engaged in the trying business of casting Unusual interest has been taken in the Debating Societies this fall. St. Thomas' Society has formed a mock parliament, with Mr. L. W. Landrigan as Premier, Mr. W. Shea as Leader of the Opposition, and R. G. Ellsworth as Speaker of the House. The House was formally opened Nov. 9, the Governor-General (Rev. Dr. Murphy) reading the speech from the throne. Since the opening, the session has been an interesting one. The country will, no doubt, benefit enormously under the Landrigan Administration. Long may it remain in power ! A debate was held, Nov. 23, at the College, between St. John's Debating Society and the Catholic Collegiate Club. The subject was, "Resolved: that Canada should not become involved in an European conflict on the side of the Mother Country." The St. John's team, E. Gorman, E. Roach, and G. Fraser, successfully upheld the negative against M. Campbell, M. Quinn, and A. MacDonald, of the Collegiate Club. Credit for the success of this debate must be given to Father Cass and Father Keefe, moderators of St. John's Society and the Collegiate Club respectively St. Augustine's Society has held a number of debates this fall. There are several young men in this society who give promise of being excellent speakers when they reach the college years.

Dr. Henri Grenier, author of the philosophy text in use at the College, paid a short visit here on Sept. 21. He spoke briefly to the philosophers, and afterwards, autographed their texts.

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The Red and White extends its sincere sympathy to:

Rev. F. Cass, on the death of his mother.

C. Gallant, on the death of his brother.

R. Trainor on the death of his mother.,

REQUIESCANT IN PACE.

