


College Chronicle



A new year swings in at S. D. U. and with it more than the usual quota of changes. Each year brings its new faces and companionships but this year we have an even larger number of new faces and are fortunate in so having. The ranks were thinned more than usual,—and are still being thinned. All, however, are old familiar faces by now. A few months—even one—at S. D. U. and none are new. All are the “Saints”. Local rivalries, political chips on the shoulder, all are set aside. Why, even a Yankee is tolerated.

We say all are set aside. Well there may be one exception, that being the friendly rivalry between East and West. It seems indeed that “ne’er the twain shall meet”,—at least not without one trying to outdo the other in extolling his end of the Garden of the Gulf.

It is difficult, nay impossible, for the outside reader, who has never attended St. Dunstan’s, to truly appreciate the depth of feeling behind such a terse and impersonal mention of events as are herein chronicled. We say we had a successful football season; but can you see the enthusiasm of the student body bubbling over into a roar of applause as team and coach come into the Refectory? We say that “so and so” has joined his regiment, but can you see the solemn handshake of a buddie whom perhaps he has known for but a few weeks, or the silent tribute of arrested motion during breakfast as he walks past Refectory windows to his train—and to war? No, our readers, you cannot. Only we on “the hill” see that. That is St. Dunstan’s.

Before going on with an account of events at college it must be pointed out that this department is much abbreviated owing to the fact that it merely treats of loose ends, that is, points which do not fall into the scope of other departments of the issue. For example, athletic activities are related in detail by the Editor of Athletics. Likewise, information as to the activities of former students is found in the Alumni Section. To avoid repetition we pass over such items.

VISIT OF APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

The College was honoured July 11th, with a very distinguished visitor in the person of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Hildebrando Antoniutti. He was accompanied by Bishop Vachon of Ottawa. Most of the College professors, who were doing parish work in various parts of the Island, returned to the college for the day to take part in the reception in honor of His Excellency. At the dinner, speeches were made by the Apostolic Delegate, Bishop O'Sullivan, Bishop Vachon, and the Reverend Rector Monsignor Murphy.

Bishop Vachon, who is a noted authority on Chemistry and allied sciences, commented very favourably on the new Science Hall.

His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan, paid his first official visit of the year to the College on Thursday, September 26th. After celebration of Mass His Excellency addressed the students, laying particular emphasis on correct attitudes towards college work.

On September 23rd, St. Dunstan's was favoured with a visit by Honorable Dr. Tadeusz Brzezinski, Polish Consul to Canada. Received by the Reverend Rector, the Consul was roundly cheered by the assembled students. He replied with a short address of appreciation, conveying the greetings of Polish youth and striking a strong note of hope and confidence in the ultimate happy outcome of the present catastrophe.

The Annual Fall Retreat for the students was held September 20th to 22nd, conducted by Reverend Robert MacDonald, C. S. S. R. An excellent Retreat preached by an excellent Retreat Master.

At a special meeting of the S. D. U. A. A. there were elected to fill vacancies: George McKenna, Vice-President; Hubert O'Hanley, Secretary Treasurer; and Leo Rossiter, Trackmaster. A few weeks later further vacancies were filled by electing Maurice Smith as Basketball Representative and Edouard Caron for Tennis.

The St. Dunstan's unit of the C. C. S. M. C. was re-organized October 3rd, with the election of the following officers: President, Leo Poirier; Vice-President, Joseph McLeod; Secretary, Maurice Smith, Councillor, Linus Rossiter. Reverend R. V. MacKenzie is Moderator of the unit.

During the week of October 1st, the various debating societies were reorganized. In most classes there has been marked activity.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, the annual Field Day was held. Although there was keen competition in all events, no records were broken.

Contributing to the Educational Program, Reverend Dr. O'Hanley gave a radio address over CFCY on Thursday evening, November 14th. His subject was "Development of Human Resources by Vocational Guidance and by Training in Initiative and Self-dependence".

An executive meeting of the Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students was held at Halifax on November 22nd. St. Dunstan's was represented by Reverend J. P. E. O'Hanley as Faculty Advisor, and Mr. John Trainor as student representative. Mr. Trainor is Vice-President of the Maritime Council.

NECROLOGY

The *Red and White* extends its sincere sympathy to George McKenna on the death of his mother.

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