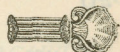


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PHILOSOPHER'S DAY.

On March 7, The Philosophers celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Thomas Aquinas. In the morning, High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Gavan Monaghan, in the College Chapel. The choir for the occasion was composed entirely of philosophers.

After breakfast, in accordance with the annual custom, two interesting hockey matches took place. The Senior philosophers played against a picked team from the rest of the College, defeating them 14—1. This game was immediately followed by another and more interesting game in which the Senior philosophers' second team defeated the Junior philosophers, 3—0.

In the afternoon a banquet was held in the College refectory. After all had fully partaken of the plenitude of good things, the following toasts were proposed by the Toast Master, John McGuigan, and responded to as follows:

THE POPE AND KING

The Church,—Rev. Gavan Monaghan.

The Day We Celebrate,—Eugene Murray.

Our Country,—William Leslie.

Our University,—Raymond Shreenan.

Our French Brethren,—Lionel Cote.

The Press,—Elmer Pineau.

The Ladies,—Francis McAvinn.

The Rev. Father Rector, the guest of honor, addressed the gathering, after which a vote of thanks was tendered the Bursar, Rev. F. McQuaid, and the good Sisters for the trouble they had taken in preparing this excellent banquet. After the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King, all repaired to the Chapel where the celebration was closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LECTURE.

On Feb. 21, Father Roy, of the White Fathers, delivered a lecture on the African Missions. He made his lecture more interesting by showing lantern slides of the scenes which he described. These showed the life of the White Father and the African native. Father Roy gave us a more intimate knowledge of the manners and customs of these people, and told us of the work the White Fathers are doing among them. He stated, too, some of

the difficulties and obstacles which confront the missionary in Africa, and referred to the great numbers of these people who are living in the darkness of paganism, and to the great need of missionaries to go among them.

Red and White takes this opportunity of thanking Father Roy for his interesting lecture, and of wishing him every success in his noble work.

RETREAT.

The annual Retreat, which began Feb. 22, and ended Feb. 26, was preached by Father Bray, of Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax. The Rev. Father began by insisting on the essentials of a Retreat—rest from studies, meditation, prayer and silence. A retreat is a religious exercise beneficial to everybody, but especially to students. For the younger students it is a time for taking resolutions as to their future course in College; for the older students it is a time for making plans for the future and choosing their life's work.

Although it is the student himself who must make the retreat, the assistance of a good director is of very great importance. This year, we were very fortunate in this regard, for Father Bray, by prescribing the various exercises of the retreat, and by his thoughtful and well-arranged discourses, in which he placed before us ample food for meditation, as well as by his advice and counsel, did his part well and enabled us to make a very successful retreat.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

This year the executive took upon themselves a complete revision of the constitution of the Athletic Association. They found that there were a number of clauses which had become obsolete and should be struck out, while there were others that needed to be changed to meet new conditions.

On Jan. 24, they called a meeting of all the members and placed before them the result of their findings. The proposed changes were read and left to the consideration of the members until the following meeting, when they were re-read and without exception adopted as proposed by the executive. This action reflects very creditably on the officers of the Athletic Association, who, at no small pains to themselves, devoted their time and energy to it.

ST. THOMAS' LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

This Society has continued to do good work during this term. Thus far, five regular debates have been held, all of which proved interesting and instructive. Since the Christmas holidays a new feature has been added, in that, besides the usual debate, at each meeting a declamation and a five-minute speech is given. On several occasions the meeting was given over entirely to extemporaneous speaking.

Following is an account of the different debates:

On Jan. 18, 1928, the Society held the first debate of the present term. The subject was: "Resolved, that motion pictures, as a whole, do more harm than good." It was a very interesting subject and called forth many arguments both Pro and Con. The speakers were: Pro: R. Hughes and J. Gillis; Con: R. Shreenan and A. Hughes. The judges gave their decision in favor of the Pro side.

On Jan. 26, a lively debate took place on the subject: "Resolved, that Prince Edward Island is the most favored Province of the Dominion." The Pro side was upheld by E. O'Hanley and E. Murray, while C. Tingley and L. Mallette spoke for the Con side. The judges declared a draw. A declamation was given by L. Côté, followed by a short and interesting talk on agriculture by M. Callaghan.

The third debate took place Feb. 1, on the subject: "Resolved that Canada's destiny would have been greater had she remained under the rule of France." Only French-speaking students took part in this debate which was very good. The speeches showed a great deal of careful preparation. The speakers for the Pro side were: Georges Blanchard and L. Verreault; for the Con, Lionel Côté and Stephen Dubé. This debate was won by the Con side. A declamation was given by Walter McLellan and a short speech on Immigration by Jerome Fay.

The next regular debate was held March 6, on the subject: "Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished." W. McLellan and G. McGuigan spoke in favor of the resolution, while L. Campbell and M. Hagen argued against it. Both sides produced good arguments and gave evidence of careful preparation. The judges returned a decision in favor of the Con side. A declamation was very well given by R. Côté.

The last debate was held March 14, the subject being: "Resolved that the spoken word has a greater influence than the writ-

ten word." The speakers were:— Pro: P. Morris, W. McCardle, and J. Keegan. Con: . Driscoll, H. Gillis, and A. Murphy. The debate was won by the Pro side

PUBLIC DEBATE.

Besides the regular debates a public debate was held before the student body and the members of the faculty. This was with a view to organizing a debating team to compete with other colleges. The subject was: "Resolved, that the influence of the United States on Canada has been beneficial to Canada. The speakers were: Pro: C. Tingley, R. Hughes and T. Hughes; Con: D. O'Leary, E. Dalton and A. Hughes. Many fine arguments were put forth, both for and against the resolution and the speeches were very well delivered. The Pro side dealt principally with the material side of the question, while the Con laid stress on the moral side of it. The Rev. Rector, Rev. L. Smith, and Rev. T. Curran acted as judges and declared the debate a draw. The Glee Club Orchestra was in attendance and rendered some delightful music.

ST. JOHN'S LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

St. John's Literary and Debating Society has carried on very successfully during this term. Quite a number of very interesting debates have been held, of which, however, we cannot give a detailed account. This does not mean that the Junior Society is less important, in its own sphere, than the Senior Society. Indeed, it is in this Society that the student makes what is very often his first attempt at public speaking and learns something of that art, in preparation for his entrance into the Senior Society. The Moderator, Father Pitre, is doing all he can to further the interests of the Society and of the individual student. His task is by no means an easy one, for the younger students do not always realize the benefit of debating and are inclined to look upon it as a more or less painful duty, so that the Moderator must himself keep up a lively interest in the Society and endeavor to arouse the interest of the members.

During the last month or so, considerable time was given to the selection of representatives for the Oratorical contest in Charlottetown. After a preliminary try-out of the most promising speakers, an elimination contest was held and the following were chosen to represent the College in the District contests: Joseph Mooney, Harold Devereaux and Alfred Murray.

CONCERT.

On Wednesday, March 21, a delightful concert was put on by members of the student body. The entertainment consisted of choice orchestral selections, songs, and step-dancing. In the course of the evening, short addresses on Canada's Future were delivered by Alfred Murray, Harold Devereaux and Joseph Mooney. All those who took part are deserving of congratulations, and especially Father Pitre, under whose capable direction the different members practised for the event, which was the first of its kind we have had for some time. Needless to say, we hope that similar entertainments will be held more frequently in the future.

NECROLOGY.

To Patrick Morris, on the death of his mother, and to Joseph Auclair on the death of his father, "Red and White" extends its true and heartfelt sympathy.

Literature is the immortality of speech. —Willmott.

A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature. —Emerson.

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing. —Benjamin Franklin.

The loss of a friend is like that of a limb. Time may heal the anguish of the wound, but the loss cannot be repaired. —Southey.

Rightly to be great is not to stir without great argument. —Shakespeare.

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the design, humanity in the execution, and moderation in success. —Bismarck.

A nation's literature is always the biography of its humanity. —Lord Lytton.

Fashion—a word that knaves and fools may use, their knavery and folly to excuse. —Churchill.