

Soon shall the breath of Spring, with gentle insistence break the cold grasp of Winter. The earth will don once more its robe of green, flowers will bloom again in sunny dells; the inhabitants of forest, field, and stream will awake to new life; chatter, careless and free, will be heard on every side. But as we joyously dance to the lilting tune of Persephone, let us not forget the joys of winter: the beauty of the cold, white landscape; the thrills and spills of winter sport; the enchantment of the howling wind and swirling snow. We stand at the parting of the ways, Spring is calling, Winter is fading in the distance. Then let us be as Janus and while looking forward with fond anticipation for the coming of Spring, peer back at the happiness which receding Winter has brought us.

### DOCTOR THOMSON'S LECTURE

After one has listened for many minutes to the words of Doctor Thomson without any trace of boredom or lack of interest, it can be easily perceived why he was selected by his colleagues to deliver a series of lectures on dental hygiene. His theme was one in which every boy and girl, man and woman should be interested not only as a major factor in their health, but also as an asset to their personality. His vivid examples, and living illustrations, depicted the failures due to diseased teeth, the successes attendant on healthy ones. He showed us that good teeth depended not so much upon constant cleansing as careful eating. The main reason for a decaying tooth is the fact that most foods we eat form in our mouths an acid that acts upon the teeth and eats away the enamel, giving bacteria entrance. But the fundamental cause for poor teeth is that during the period before a child is born, not enough tooth-building material is present to satisfy the need. Fruit and vegetables are the two essentials that make for the child's welfare in this respect. Every tooth a person is ever going to have is present at the time he is born. If the teethbeginnings are poorly constructed, and have little resistance, then the full grown tooth will have little chance of remain-

ing a permanent fixture.

Doctor Thomson made the amazing statement that only 3 out of every 100 of our people have perfect teeth. He proved this to be true. Teeth are essential to health. Health is essential to the proper functioning of civil, religious, and domestic societies. So let us, for the sake of ourselves, our religion, and our country make with Doctor Thomson a drive for a better knowledge of teeth, and consequently better teeth.

A vote of thanks was moved by Wilfrid Arsenault and seconded by Jos. O'Hanley. The Chairman, Doctor Murphy, called upon Miss Wilson to address the assembly, following which he spoke briefly. The meeting closed

with God Save The King.

## DOCTOR McMAHON'S LECTURE

Some time ago we were pleased to note that Reverend P. McMahon, D.D., Rector of the Basilica Parish was going to address us on Wednesday, March 20. The subject on which he was to lecture was "Rome," where he had spent the past few years studying Canon Law. Our expectations were well justified. Doctor McMahon, in a very interesting manner, gave us his impressions of Italy as a whole: its government, its questions, and its prospects. Then he proceeded to speak of Rome, and particularly of the Pope, the Vatican, and St. Peter's; without which Rome would just be another city. With him we saw the Pope, in regal splendor, proceeding from room to room in the Vatican, giving audiences to his flock. We followed him and his retinue into Saint Peter's where the assembled faithful greeted his arrival with loud acclaims. He described Saint Peter's, "the greatest monument ever raised by man to his Creator." From his words we formed a picture of its vastness, its wonderful sculpturing and paintings, its beauty. He told us that Rome is still the centre of the world and the Pope the centre of Catholic hearts. He showed Rome as a place of fascination and charm, a place where every travelling Catholic should visit.

The lecture was arranged by Doctor Ellsworth, Moderator of Saint Thomas' Literary and Debating Society. Stephen D. Gillis, President of that Society, occupied the

chair. A vote of thanks was moved by Francis McNeill seconded by Ted Butler. Mr. Clarence Pineau and N. Beaudet entertained us with a song and violin solo respectively. In the absence of the Rector, Reverend J. N. Poirier, Vice-Rector, closed the meeting with a short address.

## SAINT THOMAS' DEBATING SOCIETY

Doctor Ellsworth and the executive are to be congratulated for the brill.ant way in which the business of this society was conducted during the scholastic year. Interesting topics were picked throughout, much to the gratification of the assembly, and betterment of the speeches. Besides the regular debates there was held a "Mock Trial," an Interclass debate, and an Oratorical Contest. At the Mock Trial Lester Patrick O'Donnell was impeached with negligence. Mr. O'Donnell defended himself against the able prosecution of Messrs. J. H. Doyle and J. W. Arsenault. The Judge, Mr. J. N. Kenny, found the prisoner guilty, but advised leniency on account of apparent insanity. The prisoner was sentenced to sing a song and rectify his negligence.

The Oratorical Contest boasted a roster of gifted speakers including: Mr. Frank Dunn, Mr. Clarence Pineau, Mr. Lester O'Donnell and Mr. Francis McNeill. The prize was awarded Mr. McNeill on his brilliant delivery of Bishop Kelly's famous letter to the Alumni of Saint Dunstan's.

# SAINT JOHN'S DEBATING SOCIETY

#### Mock Trial

Following the precedent of the Senior Society, Saint John's Debating Group called before their court Mr. C. J. Redmond of Second Corridor O.B., and charged him with slandering the character of Mr. Somerled Trainor. The defendant made the assertion that Mr. Trainor had stolen his beloved chicken. The jury found the prisoner guilty, and the Judge, Mr. Frank McInnis, sentenced him to continuous practice on the mouth-organ for at least ten years before ever again playing in public.

## SAINT AUGUSTINE'S DEBATING SOCIETY

One of the most original, if not the most interesting, evening's enjoyment was held in Grade XI classroom for the benefit of the High-School and Commercial Students. The program was directed by Mr. Edward Lynsky, who also acted as master of ceremonies. Songs were sung; dances were danced; recitations were recited, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

An oratorical contest was arranged by the executive on another occasion. Prizes were awarded by Professor D. J. Sullivan. All the speakers were excellent but Mr. Gordon Trainor's speech on "The League of Nations" was judged the best.

Many debates, successful and interesting, were held during this semester, but space does not allow our reviewing them.

#### PHILOSOPHERS' DAY

March the seventh, the feast day of Saint Thomas Aquinas, is always looked forward to with great enthusiasm by the Philosophers of Saint Dunstan's. It is a day on which this selected band drop their pens and relax. This year Philosophers' Day was a success from every viewpoint. In the morning the sun was shining brightly as the Philosophers trouped to the Chapel where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered by Reverend Father Cass who not so long ago was a Philosopher himself. Benediction was given by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Professor of Philosophy.

At nine o'clock the long-awaited hockey game between the Juniors and Seniors took place. This game was the hardest fought for several years. The Seniors had a mighty struggle to eke out a 6-4 victory. The score just about indicates the play, as the Seniors had a slight edge over a tough and scrappy band of Juniors. Mr. John A. McDonald handled the game in an impartial manner. No penalties were meted out which testifies to the good sportsmanship of the contestants.

After dinner the Philosophers went to the city to enjoy a well-earned holiday and came back in the evening to begin work on the morrow. Thus passed the day of the Philosophers, each of whom cherishes its memory in his heart.

Lineup:—Seniors: Goal—McDonald; Defence—Gillis, Doyle; Forwards—Dionne, Beaudet, Moreau, Ready, McNeill, Shea.

Juniors: Goal—Cote; Defence—Butler, McDonald; Forwards—Ayers, O'Hanley, Kenny, Ganeau, McCarthy, Dunn.

# Waiters and Faculty vs Dormitory

The other evening a hockey performance was staged between the combined forces of the Waiters and Faculty and the Dormitory Intramural Team. Reverend W. MacGuigan in goal was sensational as were his colleagues Reverend R. Ellsworth, Professor D. J. Sullivan and F. MacInnis in the forward line. The Dormitory sextet had a decided edge over their opponents during the first half, but the Faculty and Waiters hitched up their belts and hammered out a 5-4 win. This game of the Faculty and Waiters versus a picked team is traditional and received its customary ovation.

# C. C. S. M. C.

Our Mission Society, the C. C. S. M. C., is functioning well in carrying out its many charitable duties. It is under the direction of Reverend R. V. McKenzie, who is ably assisted by Mr. A. I. Hughes as President, and Mr. Ted Butler as Secretary. May success crown their efforts.

#### THE DRAMATIC CLUB

Reverend M. E. Francis' tireless efforts for the furtherance of dramatics at Saint Dunstan's met with failure this year. The failure is due in part to the fact that there was insufficient time to produce the play picked by the Dramatic Club.

