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# College Chronicle

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## St. Patrick's Day

On March 17th, a number of the older students of Irish descent participated in honouring their patron Saint by joining the ranks of the B. I. S. in their annual parade. This day, as is the custom at St. Dunstan's, was observed as a holiday, and the student body received an all-day permission to the city, and every one enjoyed a real holiday.

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## Retreat

The annual retreat for the students was opened on March 11th and ended March 14th. The retreat was under the direction of Rev. Father Coffey, C.S.S.R. The Rev. Father began with an explanation of the essentials of a retreat—rest from study, meditation, prayer and silence. And as far as we can judge from external actions these principles were borne in mind. Those days of retreat are times of meditation and we had certainly food for meditation, since we were privileged to hear Father Coffey deliver interesting and edifying instructions on the great eternal Christian truths at the various conferences.

A retreat is one of the most important events of our life and one we look back to with pleasure, for how many have found their vocation and a firm purpose of amendment during this time of retreat? To the Senior student it is a time especially suited for him to choose a state in life, and for the younger student it is a time to select proper ideals and to form some definite aim by which he may direct his course while he is in college. If these facts have not dawned upon us, it was not the fault of our Retreat Master, for at every conference he directed us to meditate upon these things.

On the afternoon preceding the closing exercises of the retreat, Father Coffey gave his final sermon on the Devotion to Our Blessed Mother. After this discourse the retreat closed with the Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.



## St. Thomas' Literary and Debating Society

Space will not permit a detailed account of the various debates held by this Society; but we must at least give a brief account of these, which were perhaps the best of the year.

On Februaury 18th, the following subject was discussed, "Resolved that a limited monarchy is superior to a Republican form of government." The Pro side was upheld by J. MacDonald and J. Delaney and the Con. by J. Kelly and L. Hession. The Pro. side treated its phase of the question quite thoroughly, and was awarded the decision.

"Resolved that the Classics in education are of more importance than Mathematics," was the subject for the debate on March 4th. The speakers on the Pro. side were: H. Croken, A. MacGuigan and G. MacLellan, and for the Con. side: D. White, P. McCabe and G. Handrahan. There were many logical and impressive arguments brought forth Pro. and Con., and the judges finally decided in favor of the Pro. side by a small majority. A reading given by H. MacDonald was also well received. P. Doyle criticized the speakers in a forceful and impartial manner.

At the meeting of March 11th, the subject debated was, "Resolved that machinery has been generally beneficial to mankind." The Pro. side was maintained by O. Murphy, L. Duffy, and A. Dumais and the Con. by D. Campbell, J. O'Neil and H. Melancon. The subject was a wide one, and the speakers brought out many arguments on the different aspects of the question. The Pro. side brought the more impressing examples, and was awarded the decision. A declamation by J. Coyle was much appreciated by the hearers. Cyril MacDonald performed his duty as Critic in a capable manner.

On March 18th, the subject under discussion was, "Resolved that man's intellect, on the average, is superior to woman's." The speakers for the Pro. side were: E. Doucette and W. Handrahan, and for the Con: J. Trainor and G. Sullivan. The Pro. side seemed to have a very complete knowledge of the subject and easily succeeded in gaining the decision of the judges. As this was the last meeting of the year the president, G. MacCormac, reviewed briefly the work of the society during the past term, and offered some good suggestions for the future.



A vote of thanks was tendered the moderator, Rev. Father Francis, for the great interest he had taken in the society during the year. The Rev. Father in a fitting reply thanked the students for their efforts in making the year a successful one.

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#### St. John's and St. Augustine's Societies

We are unable to report in detail the great number of debates held by these societies. These Junior Societies have a work to perform, which is just as important as that of the Senior one, for they draw their members from the lower years, and have as their duty to prepare them to take their place in the Senior Society. This work has been well attended to by the moderators of both societies, namely, Father MacGuigan for the St. John's Society and Father Sullivan for St. Augustine's. We therefore congratulate the Rev. Fathers for the success they have achieved and the interest they have taken in this work.

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#### St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society

On Wednesday, April 15th, the St. Dunstan's University Players presented their four act drama, "The Confession" at Rochford Square Hall, under the distinguished patronage of His Honor Lt. Governor Sir Charles Dalton and Mrs. Dalton. In addition to the specialties which were given at its first presentation in the College Hall, selections were rendered by a Charlottetown Orchestra under the direction of Miss Kathleen Hornby. The caste acted their parts well and in a manner even superior to their first appearance, and were rewarded for their efforts by an audience which filled the Hall to its capacity.

On Wednesday, May 6th, the play was presented in the Hall at Kinkora and was also a great success. The players and all who contributed in any way are to be congratulated on their efforts and we hope that in the future our Dramatic Society will meet with an equal success.

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#### S.D.U.A.A.A.

On April 11th, the annual meeting of the St. Dunstan's Athletic Association was held, for the purpose of

selecting officers for the next scholastic year. The result of the election is as follows:

*President*—J. Lynch  
*Vice-President*—J. Kelly  
*Secretary*—J. MacDonald  
*Committee*—D. Campbell, O. Murphy, J. MacLellan,  
L. Duffy, J. Coyle, J. McCarthy and E. Berrigan.  
*Auditors*—D. MacDonald and E. Doucette.

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### Cadet Corps

The number of students in the Cadet Corps was very large this year; the drill was under the direction of Mr. Loyola Duffy. The instructor worked hard to get the boys in shape and was rewarded with a vast improvement in his corps and a creditable showing on inspection day.

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A couplet of verse, a period of prose, may cling to  
the rock of ages as a shell that survives the deluge.—*Bulwer*

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Satan finds some mischief still  
For idle hands to do.

—*Watts*

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Happy is he who has laid up in his youth, and held  
fast in all fortune, a genuine and passionate love for read-  
ing.—*Choate*.

