



College Chronicle

Retreat

The Annual Retreat was opened on March 3, and ended March 6. The Retreat Master, this year, was Rev. J. T. McGinn, C.S.B. of New York. At the opening exercises Father McGinn explained the purpose and the fruitfulness of a retreat. In the various conferences the Rev. Father dwelt upon the outstanding truths of our religion. And in these sermons he gave us many thoughts which, if followed, will guide us aright. His final conferences on Vocation and the Divinity of Christ were perhaps the most interesting and instructive of all. He showed the benefit and also the necessity of choosing a vocation early in life, so that we shall have a definite ideal, and that our work may be directed to this end. In speaking on the Divinity of Christ, he pointed out that this was the cornerstone and foundation of all religion.

If the students have co-operated conscientiously with the Rev. Father, and I think they have, this retreat will be most fruitful and one of the brightest spots of our lives.

Philosophers' Day

On March 7, the Philosophers of St. Dunstan's celebrated the feast of their patron, St. Thomas Aquinas. The number of Thomists is larger this year, and this increase seemed to give the feast a bigger and a more important meaning.

At seven o'clock the Philosophers assisted at High Mass celebrated by Rev. Dr. Murphy; the Choir at this Mass being composed entirely of Philosophers.

In the morning the Seniors and Juniors played their traditional game of Hockey. Both teams entered into the spirit of the game and there were clashes and spills galore. The Juniors although possessing more hockey ability had to battle hard to overcome the gigantic efforts of the Seniors. The Juniors finally succeeded in out-

pointing by a score of two to nil. Congratulations Juniors!

At half past one a banquet was served for the Philosophers in the dining-hall. After the various courses of the sumptuous repast had been indulged in, the Toast Master, William Reddin, proposed the various toasts, which were responded to as follows:

The Pope and the King

The Church.....	Rev. J. T. McGinn
The Day we celebrate.....	James Lynch
Our Country.....	Kenneth MacMillan
Our University.....	Ivan Trainor
Our French Brethren.....	Robert Ramsay
The Ladies.....	James Coyle

Between toasts, solos were given by Francis MacMillan and Eusebius Doucette, and a violin solo by Robert Ramsay.

The Rev. Rector, Dr. Murphy, the Guest of Honor, then addressed the gathering, and was followed by Father McGinn, who very kindly replaced Father Sullivan, our Philosophy professor, who was regrettably unable to attend. A vote of thanks was tendered the Sisters and others who contributed to the success of the banquet. After the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the King, the celebration was fittingly closed by the singing of the hymns of St. Thomas at the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

St. Thomas' Literary and Debating Society

This Society has held her regular weekly debates, and has debated many of the important public questions of the day. Through the kindness of the Dramatic Society the debaters have the use of several reference books as well as treatises on debating and reading. Space will permit only a brief mention of these debates.

The first debate after the Christmas holidays was held on Jan. 20. The subject was, "Resolved that the Moratorium should be continued indefinitely." The speakers were, Pro: D. Campbell and R. Moffatt, and Con: J. Coyle and H. Melancon. The Pro side maintained that it was useless to demand money from Germany, because that country was yearly borrowing more money from the nations than she was paying out. The Con

side held that allies and particularly France had a right to these compensations and that if Germany were exempted from these payments, other countries would be inclined to do in the future what Germany has done in the past. The Con side won.

"Resolved that Canada should adopt a compulsory old age insurance policy," was the subject debated on February 3. The speakers were, Pro: A. McGuigan and R. Angers, Con: O. Dalton and M. Roberts. The Pro side held that such a scheme would be beneficial to a country, as it would do away with poor-houses and old age pensions. The Con side maintained that this insurance policy would serve to encourage idleness and also would be an injury to those who had not sufficient means to pay the premiums. The Pro side won.

On February 17, the subject was, "Resolved that members of parliament should put country before party." The speakers were, Pro: D. MacDonald and J. Cote; Con: D. MacIntyre and G. Caron. Pro side held that a party may go against the general good of a country and the Con side maintained that a party knew better than the individual what was beneficial for the country. The Con side won.

On February 24, "Resolved that tariff for revenue only is of greater benefit to the people of Canada than protective tariff," was the subject debated. The speakers were, Pro: J. MacLellan and E. Baldwin, Con: F. MacMillan and W. Handrahan. The Pro side held that Canada could support her people better if she had only a tariff revenue, for this tariff being a very low one would allow goods to enter Canada at a smaller cost. The Con side maintained that Canada was not yet sufficiently developed to compete with the great nations and hence she must have a protective tariff. The Pro side won.

"Resolved that immigration would be detrimental to Canada," was the topic debated on March 2. The speakers were, Pro: R. McKenna and J. Lewis, Con: I. Trainor and H. MacDonald. The Pro side affirmed that the immigrants to Canada would be robbing her people of positions and hence immigration was an injury to the laborers. The Con side held that Canada was still in the state of infancy and that her great natural resources would be fully developed only through the medium of immigrants. The Con side won.

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

On account of the great number of debates held by these societies we are unable to report them at length. But if we should give the various arguments brought forth, the ability and conscientiousness of the speakers would be clearly shown. These societies are entering into the spirit of debating and, although the speeches are short, nevertheless, they are forceful and well delivered.

St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society

On Wednesday, February 10, the "Cuban Spy," a four act drama was presented by a cast of student players. Another success was marked up for the "Dramatic Society" which had its initiation last year. Although the time for rehearsals was very limited each player did his part well. Father Francis, the Moderator of the Society, is to be commended both for his labor and his success. J. Austin Trainor, an entertainer well known in our city, again supplemented the efforts of Father Francis and also contributed much to the success of the production. The specialties were also excellent. They included solos by Francis MacMillan and Daniel Fogarty, and a darky dialogue by Albert MacKinnon and Bernard Rooney.

The following is the cast of characters:

Elinora— <i>Cuban Spy</i>	T. Butler
Richard Carson—a young American aiding the Cubans....	D. MacDonald
Roderugo Valdez—secretly in the pay of Spaniards.....	O. Murphy
Jasper Gomez—officer in Valdez's command.....	C. Murphy
Lopez—officer in Valdez's command.....	E. Berrigan
Phelim McNab—Irish comedy.....	J. Lynch
Carl Weisbeer—Dutch comedy.....	J. Coyle
Jerry—the cook.....	E. Doucette
Bridget Monaghan—looking for Phelim McNab.....	F. MacMillan
Sophie—a waiting maid.....	J. McAulay
Sailors.....	E. Doucette, J. Kelly

The College Library

The college library owes a debt of gratitude to the Estate of the late Dr. T. B. Foley of Boston, for the dona-

tions of his extensive collection of books. The library appreciates highly such donations; and we hope this will serve as an incentive to others to follow the good example.

No doubt many alumni have valuable books they no longer need. Why not let the present student body have the use of these? The future is so uncertain. Besides, if you donate them now, not only will you be sure of where they go, but your gift will benefit the College for a greater number of years.

Necrology

To Oswald Murphy, on the death of his father, *Red and White* extends its sincerest sympathy.



I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

—Joyce Kilmer

Great wits are sure to madness near allied,
And thin partitions do their bounds divide.

—Dryden

Learn to hold thy tongue; five words cost Zacharias
forty weeks of silence.—Fuller.

Care to your coffin adds a nail, no doubt;
And every grin, so merry, draws one out.

—Walcott

