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GRADUATING CLASS

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Biographies

THOMAS McAVINN

Send me men girt for the combat,
Send me men grit to the core;

Them will I clasp to my bosom,
Them will I call my sons.

When we first saw Tommy, back in the fall of 1919, he was a small boy, quiet, smiling, and with an extremely well-kept hair-part. We soon learned that he was from Kelly's Cross, and that he had come to St. Dunstan's to try his hand at higher education, having passed successfully the Matriculation examinations.

He finished the first year here, liked the place, and—stayed. Third and Fourth Years, with their numerous classes and difficult work, leave little time for one to participate in anything except books, so not until he became a Junior, did we see that Tommy, besides being a good student, was no mean participant in social activities. We found his chief weaknesses to be bazaars and dramatic productions.

But be that as it may, we must add something concerning his athletic activities in old St. Dunstan's. During the football season, the rough and tumble of the gridiron has always held a fascination for him. It was mainly due to his able generalship, that the famous "McGill" fifteen won league honors last season. Nor has hockey been neglected. For the past two years his star defense work on the Philosopher's Hockey Team is worthy of mention. In baseball, Tommy has never taken an active part, but has been ever present to cheer the Saints to victory.

The only attribute of note which, to our minds, he lacks, is musical talent. It seems that in his youth he was

beaten so often by his teachers that through crying to ease his pains he lost whatever music he possessed. This defect, however, has been amply supplied by his ability as a debater and public speaker. On numerous occasions, he has by stirring speeches squelched the arguments of his opponents. In "Mock Parliament," his eloquence has marked him a chip off the Gladstonian block. This year he was secretary of the St. Thomas Literary and Debating Society. The fact that he was elected President of the class is good proof of the popularity which he enjoyed.

But space limits our encomium. To us he has given no inkling of his future career, though no doubt he himself has already chosen a path. We feel certain that success will attend him, in whatever course he may pursue.

R. O'N. '24

L. ETHELBERT MULLALLY

In the picturesque little district nestled along the banks of the beautiful Souris River, we find the birth-place of this member of the graduating class of 1924. Of his early life passed amid such peaceful scenes we know comparatively little. He first attended the district School and later Souris High School, but Bert's ambitions and hopes were still unfulfilled, and thus we find him enrolled at St. Dunstan's in September 1919.

During the five years at St. Dunstan's, his time has been profitably spent; consequently he leaves here well armed to fight the battles of life. His earnest application and natural aptitude for acquiring knowledge have materially aided in making his course a successful one. But it is not only as a student that Bert has distinguished himself; he took an active part in every phase of College life. On more than one occasion he has distinguished himself by his flow of eloquence on the platform of the debating chamber; in Mock Parliament, as Minister of Railways and Canals, he responded to the questions of the Opposi-

tion in a manner that would have reflected credit upon a veteran Parliamentarian. Nor were his activities confined solely to the class room and debating chamber, for realizing the necessity of physical training as an important factor in the acquisition of intellectual and moral welfare, he took an active interest in Athletics.

On Philosophers' Day during the traditional game of hockey between the Seniors and Juniors, he proved himself a formidable opponent against the onslaughts of the Juniors by his sensational work as goal-tender.

Bert's cheerful disposition and manly qualities have made him very popular with his comrades, and his departure will be a loss keenly felt by all. Although we have not the Horoscopic signs which might enlighten us as to what he shall do in the future, we nevertheless feel assured of his success in whatever profession he may pursue. He leaves St. Dunstan's accompanied by the best wishes of his many friends who now regretfully bid him "Au Revoir"

J. K. M. '25

RICHARD JOSEPH O'NEILL

"It is impossible that ever Rome
Should breed thy fellow"

This year Charlottetown sends forth but one representative to join the Alumni of St. Dunstan's in the person of Richard J. O'Neill. He received his early education at Queen Square School, and, having successfully passed matriculation, entered St. Dunstan's in the fall of 1919. Since then "Dick" has won the admiration of his companions, not merely for his ability as a student but chiefly for his cheerful disposition and unbounded liberality.

He has always taken a keen interest in Athletics. Last season he played on our intermediate fifteen, and although this team did not win the intercollegiate championship, we cannot attribute the cause of failure to "Dick."

He was also a valuable asset to the "Quintets" basketball team, which was one of the closest rivals for the intermediate championship. Moreover he played baseball with our second team this spring, but probably it was in hockey that he made his reputation. Playing defense for the Seniors on the memorable philosophers' day just past, was the pinnacle of his fame as a hockeyist, for much of the credit of the junior's defeat must be attributed to his heavy checking and brilliant rushes. Not only did he take an active part in athletics, but whenever there was a slack moment at St. Dunstan's "Dick" was always one of the first to administer a remedy.

His time however has not all been devoted to athletics, or even to study. For the past two years he has been a member of the Business Staff of Red and White, and performed his duties energetically and faithfully.

Last year when our Dramatic Society decided to stage "Richelieu" Dick was chosen business manager, and the manner in which he conducted the financial affairs was satisfactory to all. Besides looking after the money matters of "Richlieu," he also played the roll of Sieur de Beringhen in such a commendable manner as would become many professional actors.

About his plans for the future, we are in no position to conjecture, for concerning these he refuses to confide even in his most intimate friends. However, the only way in which we can help him along the path he sees best to pursue, is to wish him success and prosperity as he goes forth from "Old St. Dunstan's."

J. McM. '26

GEORGE K. McINERNEY

"Fare thee well! and if forever
Still forever, fare thee well."—*Byron*

A parting of friends is ever a cause of regret, and, as the friend is closer to our heart, the more regretful is the

separation. Such is the position in which we stand as we realize that our friend George is about to leave us.

To St. John, N. B., belongs the honor of claiming George as her own. It was, however, in the Convent School at Chatham, under the guiding hand of the Sisters d'Hotel Dieu, that the first principles of the "three r's" were imparted to him. This course was supplemented by a period of four years at St. Thomas College, where new roads of learning were opened to his vision.

It was at the beginning of the Collegiate year, 1919, that George entered upon his course of studies at St. Dunstan's. Popularity awaited him on every side, and within a short time he was assigned the envious appellation, "a good head." It was not long before he doubly merited his title. In class work he soon showed his ability to compete with the foremost, not in theoretical work alone, but in practical applications, by asserting his excellent opinion on any point that was brought forth for consideration. As Editor-in-Chief of "Red and White" during the past year, he has given to our magazine the valuable fruits of his labor.

Coupled with his literary ability, we must pay tribute to his oratorical powers. In debates and in Mock Parliament he has ever defended his side with the fluency of a Webster or the argumentative powers of a Burke.

In moments of leisure we find ever present with George his two friends—a crooked stemmed pipe and a can of tobacco. When these are in action, as the clouds of smoke ascend heavenward, we gather the words of a humorous yarn, or we perceive, through the smoky area, the antics of some unfortunate creature who has fallen under his critical observation.

As a diversion from the monotony of study, George has a singer's voice upon which he can rely to dispel the feelings of depression which so often creep into the life of a college student.

Concerning his future, let it remain his secret. In whatever work he takes up, we wish him success, and he may be assured that he goes forth from St. Dunstan's with the good will of all.

O. M. '24

EDMUND F. DONAHUE

The peaceful little district of Roseneath, in the eastern part of the Province, fanned by the breezes from the Brudenell which flows by in majestic curves, has the distinction of being the birthplace of this prominent graduate of '24. Born in the early years of the twentieth century, he spent his boyhood days at his home, and as we are told delighted in walks under the elm avenues and amongst the rolling meadow studying the beauties of nature, thereby training his mind for the greater sphere of education into which he afterwards entered. While attending the district school he showed a natural aptitude for learning and by diligent application to study was successful in the Matriculation Exams. of 1917. In the following autumn he entered Prince of Wales College and Normal School and received his diploma in the spring of 1918, thus swelling the ranks of the teaching profession. Armed with a second class teacher's license he went forth to impart his knowledge to the immature minds in the schoolroom, Iona West having the good fortune of securing his services for the year 1918. While in the land of "Irishmen and fast horses" we hear nothing more remarkable of him than that he occasionally surveyed the surrounding country from the summits of the neighbouring hills.

But from the thorny brake of labour he chose the only flower—the pursuit of knowledge, and after having spent one year at his pedagogical duties, he entered St. Dunstan's University. It is from this time we know of Ed. Despite his ever increasing zeal, he found it necessary to absent himself from college for one year in response to other

duties, and it is thus that we are fortunate in having him as one of our '24 graduates.

During his whole college career he distinguished himself by his usual zeal, winning the respect of both professors and students. As to his popularity we need only mention the fact that he was chosen valedictorian of his class. His keen sense of wit made him a very desirable companion on the campus, and we may say that it was very entertaining to converse with him. He always contented himself with inoffensive and general subjects which could interest all while offending none.

In athletics he was by no means deficient. In hockey, on several occasions, he proved a tower of strength to the Seniors, especially in their contests with the Juniors.

As a debator he showed himself to be a master in the art of persuasion, and as a member of the House of Commons, he was the hope of his party.

We cannot form any opinion as to his future career since he is very reticent as to the choice of his profession. If he chooses that for which he is best adapted he cannot fail, and we can assure him that our best wishes go with him for continued success.

J. A. S. '25

AUBIN ANTHONY GALLANT

Not a comet—not a meteor—not even an earthquake heralded the entrance of Aubin Gallant upon this mortal stage. Some of the oldest inhabitants do, it is true, relate that a snowstorm of unprecedented severity raged in Duvar, Prince County, about the 10th February, 1902; but these snowstorms of unprecedented severity are a weekly, sometimes daily occurrence in that bleak part of the world for almost six months of the year.

Our hero followed the usual course of mortals and attended the village school, where all his masters being gifted with prophesy, were often heard to mutter: "This child is abnormal."

In time, he pulled down a first class licence from P. W. C., and immediately afterwards entered St. Dunstan's, where he soon made his mark in athletics; baseball and basketball he played well; in hockey, he proved an outstanding player for the redoubtable seniors, and to him is due, in a great part, their remarkable victory of March 7th last.

But it was on the gridiron that our hero shone best. His speed and determination made him an excellent half-back, and he contributed to the victory of Alma Mater on many occasions. His one objection to the athletic uniform was that it offended his aesthetic sensibilities. He imagined, for what reason I cannot tell, that the red and white jersey did not suit his complexion; something more sombre, I have heard him say, something brown or rusty would suit him better.

Combined with all these activities, Aubin found time in his first year here to read some of the lighter things of Plato and the Greek Fathers, Cicero and other ancients. Since then, he has been delving deeper into Aristotle, St. Augustine, and Thomas Aquinas, not to mention the modern schools of philosophy.

Such a catalogue of virtues may well evoke the question; "Has he then no vices?" The answer is decidedly in the affirmative. He drinks coffee in the morning, sings, or thinks he can, and smokes—other people's tobacco.

Nor is it to be imagined that he neglects the social side of life. We have seen him dance, not merely the effete fox trot of the city man, but the more full blooded, light-some reel of the country. We have seen him—well, we shall stop.

About our idol's future, we cannot tell, but whatever it is, we predict success. Of course he has already met with one great disappointment, but he has taken it stoically like a true philosopher, and we think we can safely say he has given up all idea of ever becoming a Saxaphone.

J. J. R. H.

GERALD HOWARD GRIFFIN

As far as we have been able to ascertain, this member of the class of '24 was born at Burton, Lot 7. His early education he received at the village school where, no doubt, he distinguished himself as he has at St. Dunstan's. Desiring to add to his store of knowledge, he entered St. Dunstan's in September, 1919, and began his college course.

His sterling qualities of character could not long remain unnoticed; he soon became a general favourite among his classmates and among all the students. Possessed of a strong will and determination, he made excellent use of his opportunities, and this, coupled with great natural abilities, made him an ideal student. We need not dwell on his scholastic ability; his pre-eminence in his class is sufficiently well known.

Howard, while maintaining his high standard of proficiency in his studies, nevertheless, took a deep interest in all the activities of college life. He played no mean part in athletics which are so important in college training. He was a member of the second football team and was a valuable asset to his class team in the other branches of sport.

During the past year, he held the responsible position of secretary of the S. D. U. A. A. A., and proved an able custodian of the finances of that association.

But we now come to a point on which we can speak with less assurance, for Howard is very reticent about the future, and even his most intimate friends are unable to find out what course of life he intends to pursue. We know, however, that he leaves here fully equipped to meet any of the exigencies of the future, and we are no less certain, that in his chosen profession he will always reflect credit on Alma Mater. It is with best wishes for success that we, who remain, bid fond adieu to this departing student, who goes forth to join the rapidly swelling ranks of the Alumni of Old St. Dunstan's. J. M. '25.

JOSEPH AUGUST HERBERT

The only French Canadian and the youngest member of the class of '24 was born at St. Paschal, P. Q., After a primary education in the schools at home, he entered the Seminary of Ste. Therese, near Montreal, where he spent six highly profitable years, if we can judge from results.

In September last, "Joe" of the sunny disposition arrived at St. Dunstan's, with the dual object in mind of completing his classical course and learning English. Although, at the time, his practical knowledge of the language was comparatively limited, he has since made rapid progress towards its mastery and we often listen with interest and amusement as he spins his humorous yarns, or unfolds, with all due ceremony and elaborate explanation, the intricate workings of one of the many tricks of sleight-of-hand of which he is possessed.

In a word, "Joe" has in no small degree that wonderful, and unfortunately rare faculty of making friends; it has not failed him at St. Dunstan's, and it would be superfluous to say that his cheerful and ever welcome company will be keenly missed when he leaves us.

He has intimated on more than one occasion, his intention of following the medical profession. We feel certain of his success in his chosen sphere, and hope that the future holds in store for him all and more of the good fortune of the past.

G. K. M., '24

OWEN MCINERNEY

"The wave is breaking on the shore,
The echo fading from the chime,
Again the shadow moveth o'er
The dial-plate of time."

The U. S. A. may well feel proud of the representative she has among the graduates of '24, and she would indeed be blessed, if all her sons were the equals of him who is the subject of this biography.

Owen McInerney was born in Portland, Maine, in 1903; there, he passed the first few years of his life, and then moved with his parents to Boston. We do not know anything of his childhood days; we judge that Owen was just a boy; what better could be said of him? His education was begun in Boston. He graduated from the primary school, and for a short time attended Boston College High. In 1918, he came to the Island Province, and in January 1919, entered St. Dunstan's.

Owen has not tried to excel in sports, but the few times that he has appeared in games, he has shown that he was no easy opponent. As full-back for the "McGill" team last autumn, he did much to bring victory to his side; the opponents learned to know that, when Owen tried for a "convert" the ball went over the bar. It is difficult to find his equal as centre in a basket-ball game.

In his studies Owen has shown marked abilities, and each year he has ranked among the highest in his class. He is modest, however, and does not parade his knowledge before the world. He leaves St. Dunstan's well equipped for whatever calling he may choose.

Owen is a good friend to have; there are many who will regret his departure; for his quiet, unassuming ways, his modest though solid argumentations, and his broad-minded views on all subjects make him an ideal companion.

Remembering that, 'a prophet is without honour in his own country,' we will not attempt to tell you what work Owen will take up in life. We will leave Madame Future to tell her own story. That his path, wherever it will be, may be strewn with roses is our wish. J. E. C. '25

VERNON JAMES SMITH

Well had the boding tremblers learned to trace
The days disaster in his morning face."

At the opening of the 20th century, Middleton, P. E. I., was honored by the advent of Vernon J. Smith into the

world. Little did the villagers think at the time, that he was destined to become one of the most popular graduates of the class of '24 at St. Dunstan's.

Even in his primary grades, Vernon often astounded his teachers by displaying his ability to grasp the knotty problems before him. Having completed the course prescribed at the high school, Vernon matriculated to P. W. C. In the spring of '17, he obtained a teachers' first class license, and taught during the following year. Soon, however, P. E. I. proved too small a field for his activities, and in the fall of '18, we find him in Western Canada. Here he remained two years, instructing the youth and beauty of sunny Alberta. But it is since his return to the Island and his entrance to St. Dunstan's in 1921, that we know of his activities.

Hardly had he arrived, before everyone who made his acquaintance saw in him rare qualities of character. He won the esteem of his professors and of all his fellow students, and in 1922 he was admitted to the staff as assistant professor of mathematics. Since then, he has performed his various duties well; he was honest and upright with all; strict, but not severe.

His fame is not confined to the classroom; Vernon also leaves behind a fine record as an athlete. On the football field, he was the terror of his opponents, and the idol of his teammates. When football was over, he played centre for his intermural basket-ball team. But it was probably in hockey that he was most renowned, for was it largely due to his accurate and powerful "shot" that the Seniors forced the Juniors to drink the bitter cup of defeat, on the 7th of March last.

So much for Vernon as an athlete. The fact that the students elected him president of the S. D. U. A. A. A., a position which he filled to the satisfaction of everyone, is sufficient evidence of his popularity.

His ability as a journalist may be clearly seen from his

articles while sport editor for Red and White during the past two years.

As he goes forth from our midst, we feel that in Vernon we lose a great friend. We are confident, however, that future success will be his, and, as he leaves, we wish him Godspeed.

J. McM., '26

