

ALUMNI

Red & White extends to all its Alumni the wish that they may have a very happy Easter.

Your Editor wishes to thank those who have shown their interest in this department by their comments on the last issue. Material has been more difficult to obtain for the present one, so that Alumni are again asked to send in any news about themselves or other former students for the May issue. Again the appeal is made, in particular to those students who are far from their Alma Mater. The annual Alumni Banquet will probably be held on the usual date—Commencement Day. The executive of the Association have not met as yet but it is not too early to be reminded of the occasion. This event is always an enjoyable one and looked forward to by many members, year after year. Let this year's re-union be the usual success by having as many as possible of our Alumni make an effort to attend.

REVEREND JOHN A. MACDONALD

*"Life's a short summer—Man a flower;
He dies—alas! How soon he dies."*

Another of the stalwarts of the diocese has passed away in the death of Father John A. Macdonald of Grand River. For half a century his name has been synonymous with vigor, energy, and an active priesthood. He was one of the long line of Macdonalds given to the diocese by St. Andrew's parish, whose work fills noble annals in her history. He was a nephew of Monsignor James Macdonald, and of Father Dan.; and a first cousin of Bishop Charles, Father Donald Francis, and Father Gregory, all of whom are deceased.

Father John entered St. Dunstan's in eighteen seventy-four and remained here till eighteen eighty, when he went to Quebec for his philosophy and theology. Because of great need at home he was recalled while yet an ecclesiastic to teach at the College, when it was taken over from the Jesuits in eighteen eight-one. In eighteen eighty-two he

returned to Quebec to complete his course, and was ordained there on January fourth, eighteen eighty-five. For a short time he worked on the Cathedral staff, but the most part of the next four years was spent teaching at the College. Many a student of those days can attest to his bright mind and effective teaching; and not one of them but will recount stories of his valor on the campus. Truly, his deeds on the football field may someday reach the height of legends. It was during Father John's time here that Father Ryan in collaboration with Father John formulated the motto that has since stood unchanged: "Ex eodem fonte fides et scientia."

In eighteen eighty-nine he was appointed pastor of Miscouche and Wellington. For a short time he attended to Indian River in addition. In Miscouche the present church and parochial house are monuments to his energy. He also instituted a band there, which has continued since, and is now the only one in the Province west of Charlottetown. In nineteen two at the wish of the Bishop he moved to Grand River, whence he attended Wellington, and also Lennox Island. In this last place he was confronted with the task of being not only spiritual father to the Indians, but also, as Indian Commissioner, of being temporal caretaker as well. He fulfilled these duties admirably. A mutual understanding existed between Father John and all the Island Micmacs; his word was law and they accepted it. Yet he was kind to them, and ever their friend. No one could belittle an Indian in his presence without being rebuked.

But "death will have his day," and the genial and kindly soul of Father John has passed to its Maker. On February twenty-seventh his mortal remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of his beloved Grand River. His sterling qualities will long be remembered by those to whom he ministered, and by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.—R. V. M.

Archbishop McGuigan was a visitor to the Island last February. He stayed in Charlottetown a few days en route to Toronto from Halifax where he preached at the Funeral Mass for Archbishop O'Donnell. While he was in the city, we were pleased to have him pay a brief call at the college.

Honorable Joseph E. Michaud '10, Minister of Finance, paid a short official visit to the Island during the Christmas holidays and while here renewed acquaintances with former classmates and teachers. He expects that his duties will bring him back in the near future for a more extended stay.

We note that St. Michael's Hospital has been fortunate enough to obtain the services of Dr. Joseph Daly, one of the outstanding men of his profession in Toronto. Dr. Daly has had a brilliant scholastic career since graduating from St. Dunstan's. He was a Rhodes Scholar, and after studying in English and American universities spent four years at the famed Mayo Clinic where he specialized in internal medicine. Alumni will be pleased to hear of his continued success.

Several members of the Alumni and of our Teaching Staff are doing excellent work along educational lines in a series of radio talks sponsored by the University. Professor J. H. Blanchard, M. A., of Prince of Wales, an authority on Island history, has given a resumé of the history of Prince Edward Island which will be remembered by all because of the clear and able manner in which it was presented. Reverend R. V. MacKenzie gave a very instructive talk on "Training for Leisure," during Educational Week, which has received many favourable comments. Two other members of our staff, who are doing good work in this line, are Dr. J. T. Croteau and Professor D. J. Sullivan, M. A. These men are stimulating a great interest in the economic problems of the day by their enlightening talks entitled "Armchair Economics." Much credit is due Dr. Croteau in particular who has devoted a great deal of time and effort to these broadcasts. All these well-informed men have an increasing number of interested listeners throughout the province and are supplying the need, in-as-far as they are able, of organized Adult Education. Many Alumni and others have expressed their appreciation and interest in this work, with the hope that the University will be able to continue it.

Reports of the provincial election in Quebec last fall show us that Amedee Caron has been re-elected with an increased majority in Iles-de-a-Madeleine. We take this

occasion of sending our congratulations to the popular Vice-President of our Alumni.

A welcome visitor to the college recently was Cyril MacDonald. Cyril seems to have regained most of his old vigour since his serious illness of a few years ago. *Red & White* wishes him much success in the future.

A member of our Alumni, who is making progress in the field of banking is Charles Leigh, '20. Charlie has recently been promoted from the position of head accountant at Halifax to the Inspector's Department of the Bank of Montreal. We note also that he has turned over a new leaf by abandoning the single state. It is our hope that this event may also turn out to be a promotion, and a long and happy one.

Island papers recently informed us of the appointment of William D. Brennan, B.A., B.Ed., as Inspector of Schools in the province of Saskatchewan. After graduating from St. Dunstan's in nineteen twenty-five Mr. Brennan took his degree in Education and was for a time on the staff of Campion College, Regina. During the last three years he has been assistant principal and science teacher in the Collegiate at Battleford, Sask., the papers of which town say "he has proven an efficient teacher and an enthusiastic and popular leader in collegiate sports and other school activities. He is a young man to secure such recognition as this appointment carries with it." We wish to congratulate him on the attainment of this important position.

NUPTIALS

Among those of our Alumni who are reported as having joined the Benedicts, since our last issue, are: James Callaghan, married to Miss Marion MacLellan; Hazelton Gillis, to Miss Irene Higgins; Gus MacDonald, to Miss Dorothy O'Brien; Alain Gauthier, to Miss Evelyn Blacquire; William Cullen, to Miss Jennie Trainor; and Everett Broderick, to Miss Kathleen Gavin. To all the above *Red & White* extends congratulations and best wishes in their new life.

In Memoriam

PETER A. McINTYRE

The death occurred early in December, in Dorchester, Mass. of Peter Augustine McIntyre, who was a prominent and popular man in Charlottetown before moving to the United States forty-two years ago. He was born at Cable Head, P. E. I. On the advice of his uncle, Bishop McIntyre, he enrolled at St. Dunstan's at an early age. After leaving college, he entered the business world as an accountant whose superior qualities were supplemented by magnificent handwriting. He worked for twenty years with the firm of Dodd and Rogers. When he decided to go out west, the citizens of Charlottetown presented him with an address, which showed their regret at losing one who was so prominent in social, business and religious life. No doubt where ever he lived, he expended his efforts in public service. Requiescat in pace.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of William Dean, another of our elder Alumni. To his relatives, *Red & White* sends condolences.

We have received information on all the graduates of twenty years ago, except one. This may be of interest to some of our Alumni.

Ruben Finol—address unknown.

Raymond Brown—deceased.

Reverend Edwin Doyle—Cathedral Rectory, Calgary, Alta.

Reverend Robert McCarthy—Parish Priest, Upper Bay de Vin, N. B.

Reverend Francis MacDonald—Parish Priest, Summerfield, P. E. I.

Lewis MacDonald—Lawyer, Vancouver, B. C.

Reverend Alexander McIntyre—Parish Priest, Verdun, Man.

Reverend Pope McMahon—deceased.

Reverend Phillippe Mellady—Frenchtown, Montana, U.S.A.

Reverend William Monaghan—Parish Priest, Seven Mile Bay, P. E. I.

George R. Morrison—Druggist, Tignish, P. E. I.

Russel Smith—Lawyer, Toronto, Ont.

Reverend R. R. St. John—Member of the Catholic Church Extension Magazine, Chicago, Ill.

John T. Valley—Farmer, Summerville, P. E. I.