

## ALUMNI

As we complete volume XXIV of *Red and White* the question naturally arises as to whether or not the past year has seen the strengthening of the bond which unites St. Dunstan's with her former students. We sincerely wish that we could respond in the affirmative to such a question, for we realize the importance of a strong union between St. Dunstan's and her alumni, but the observations made during the past few months force us to the reluctant admission that little, if any, progress can be reported.

At frequent intervals we see recorded in the press the gifts made to other universities by their alumni, and in practically all of our exchanges we see well-balanced alumni departments containing an abundance of information concerning former students and bearing testimony of the spirit of loyalty shown by those students towards their universities. With very few exceptions, however, former students of St. Dunstan's show indifference to their Alma Mater, with the result that our alumni association falls far short of the standards maintained by similar organizations. Much is being said and much is being written about the "depression," so much, in fact, that we have come to dislike the very sound of the word, and we concede that present financial conditions may to some extent limit the activities of alumni societies, but we see no reason to suppose that alumni of St. Dunstan's are being affected to a greater extent than alumni of other colleges. On the contrary, records show that a very large percentage of former St. Dunstan's students have been successful in their chosen professions, and we are rather surprised at what may well be called the ingratitude which they display towards the source of their education.

Furthermore, even if we admit the present condition of affairs as an excuse for the lack of financial aid, we certainly cannot attribute to the same cause the almost complete lack of interest which is being shown towards St. Dunstan's by her alumni. *Red and White* conducts an alumni department in the expectation that former students will look upon it as a medium through which



they may receive news of former class mates and fellow students, but without the co-operation and contributions of alumni the department can never fulfill its purpose. During the past year the tribute which appears in this issue is the only item which has been contributed by alumni other than those who reside at the University, and in most cases their contributions were made only after many requests. The alumni editors of other college publications are enabled to present interesting departments and to reprint entire letters from their enthusiastic alumni, while we must depend upon the few items which appear in our newspapers concerning our former students. We make no apologies for our work during the year, for we consider that we have done our best with the material at our disposal, but we recognize the fact that our department might have been made much more interesting had we received the support asked for at the beginning of the term.

Next year, 1934, will be the eightieth anniversary of the founding of our University. We hope that the occasion will be fittingly celebrated in accordance with the wishes expressed by many who attended the seventy-fifth anniversary, and that a revival of interest in St. Dunstan's will result among all alumni. In the interests of our college magazine we ask that in future more intimate relations exist between alumni and the editor of their department and that every alumnus show his loyalty to St. Dunstan's by contributing items of interest to the department of *Red and White* which is being maintained solely for his pleasure.

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Rev. Earl Dalton and Rev. Leonard MacDonald, both graduates of '29 were ordained to the priesthood at St. Dunstan's Basilica on April 23 last, His Excellency, Bishop O'Sullivan officiating. Both these young priests will be located in the diocese of P. E. Island. Alumni extend congratulations and wish them success in their noble work.

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A tribute to the late Rev. John B. McIntyre from one of his former altar-boys:

As we go through life we sometimes meet those whose acquaintance ever remains an abiding source of strength and happiness. Their characters are not to be described



by one preeminent quality but are rather a happy blending of many qualities, radiating a supernatural peace, kindness, and sympathy. Father John B. was of such a nature to all who knew him and still more to those blessed with his more intimate friendship; a friend to everyone, a gentleman always, and a priest forever; generous, perhaps to a fault, if we of more selfish nature can so call the absence of such magnanimity in others; kind to each and everyone, the oldest as well as the youngest, the poor equally with the prosperous; cheerful always, in trials as in good fortune, in sufferings, of which he had many, as well as in good health; above all devoted to the end to his duties as priest and pastor.

Fifteen years of acquaintance during the writer's boyhood and youth have enabled him to observe and to share very largely in Father John's many kindnesses and abiding paternal counsels. Of interest, perhaps, are his words about St. Dunstan's: "St. Dunstan's is a wonderful place. I was there for years as a student and priest. It is a splendid place. And fine boys. You will like it. But be a man always. Study hard and get into the games. They make a boy manly. Remember, he who plays best prays best. It is always true. God bless you."

On the occasion of my visit to him a few years later to thank him for all he had done and to bid him good-bye before answering the Master's call Father John dismissed fifteen years of indebtedness in his casual way with the words: "No thanks at all. I only wish I could have done more . . . . . God bless you."

That he is now sharing abundantly in God's blessing is the confident prayer of each and everyone who knew him, rich and poor, old and young, the feeble and the strong, whose burdens he helped to carry, and whose crosses he made light. R. I. P.

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Francis Lacey, '30, is among this year's graduates from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College at Truro, N. S. Congratulations.

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Roland D. Howatt, B.Sc., '22, graduates this year in Medicine from Queens University. Congratulations.

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J. D. Reddin, ex-'28, who graduates this year in Dentistry from Dalhousie University, Halifax, has been



awarded the Frank Woodbury Memorial Prize (Thesis) in Dentistry. Congratulations.

It is with sincere regret that we chronicle the death of James Campbell, ex-'30, which occurred at the Provincial Sanatorium on May 4. The late Mr. Campbell was a general favourite at St. Dunstan's during his years here, and the news of his death at the early age of twenty-two years has been sorrowfully received by all who knew him. Alumni extends sympathy to relatives and friends.

Some years ago the custom was established of publishing in the May edition of *Red and White* the addresses of the graduates of twenty years ago. As our records may not be correct and in some cases are not complete, we offer apologies for any errors. Our information with regard to the Class of '13 is as follows:

Rev. Edward Curley, St. Charles College, Helena, Mont.

Rev. J. E. Dougan is located at Halifax, N. S.

Jules Drouin, N. P., Rue St. Louis, Quebec City.

Dr. A. Jobin, M.D., present address unknown.

Rev. A. McAdam, Strathmore, Alta.

J. A. MacDonald, B.A., in addition to carrying on an extensive law practise at Charlottetown, P. E. I., is a member of the Provincial Legislature.

Rev. W. V. MacDonald, B.A., Parish Priest, Hope River, P. E. I.

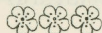
Rev. A. Reid, Philip, S. Dakota.

H. Robillard, B.A., present address unknown.

Rev. Lawrence Smith, B. A., deceased.

Dr. G. L. Smith, M.D., Pownal St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Rev. F. F. Walker, B.A., East St. John, N. B.



Friendship is the medicine for all misfortunate, but ingratitude dries up the fountain of all goodness.

—*Richelieu.*

Deceit and treachery skulk with hatred, but an honest spirit flieth with anger.—*Tupper.*