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Editorial.

"Awake thou wintery earth
Fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers laugh forth
Your ancient gladness!
Christ is risen."

And Mother Earth—still young—will harken to the poet's exhortation. She will rise up from her wintery sleep and shaking off drowsy lethargy will clothe herself in her summer's garb, the brilliancy of which even Solomon in all his glory could not attain. And having arrayed herself she will leave sadness far behind and call back the warbling and twittering musicians; peace and contentment will settle on all. And we mortals are affected by this rejuvenation and try to imitate somewhat Old Earth, to the delight of

wily milliners and tyrannical tailors. But in this physical reclothing, commendable as it may be—we cannot afford to forget the one thing necessary—spiritual advancement. To ourselves, students, some of us who have perhaps wholly or partly wasted the irrevocable Past, may Easter bring some real desire to strive after nobler things. “Therefore let us feast not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”



We have often been reminded and it is very true that we students during our years in college are acquiring a very elementary part of our education. We are only preparing ourselves for the future, imbibing a few principles on which our future conduct may be based, learning how to use most completely the sources of happiness with which we are endowed and how to use most advantageously all our faculties. This is all. We are young and so is the country in which we live. She too is only preparing for her future greatness (let us hope,) endeavoring to apprehend and enunciate a few principles for the guidance of her national life, to discourage and stamp out the evil, to encourage and foster the good. Our country exercises a jealous care in conferring on any would-be settler the privilege of calling himself a Canadian, and she does well. She has vigilant Immigration Inspectors at the different ports of entry whose duty it is to reject all undesirables. This is very necessary in a young country for we cannot expect with certainty a nation of high ideals to spring from tainted ancestry. We do not gather figs from thistles. Years ago we believe it was quite common for Old Country judges in sentencing offenders of varied talents, past masters in the fraternity of criminals, to impose on them the minimum penalty—a short term in jail—provided they promised to leave for Canada at the expiration of their sentence. Even at the present day we sometimes read of similar sentences being passed on criminals across the sea. Curbing the unlawful desires of other countries' law-breakers and teaching them to

walk in the path of righteousness may be a charitable work, but we should be excused until we have shown more clearly that our treatment of our own criminals leaves nothing to be desired.



The suggestion, made some time ago by Dr. S. R. Jenkins, namely medical inspection of school children in Prince Edward Island deserves support, and when properly presented ought to encounter little opposition. It is not to be inferred that our people are careless about the health of their children but there are certain physical infirmities, such as defective sight, which although perhaps unnoticeable at home greatly inconvenience a boy or girl in school. Medical inspection has been tried in some parts of the Dominion and has proved beneficial to such an extent that efforts are made from time to time to have it extended to other parts. It can hardly be denied that many of the schools of Prince Edward Island do not measure up to the standard set forth in the "Regulations of the Board of Education;" and this fact itself, apart from the possibility of ills from other causes, does, we believe, demand the (let us say) annual visit of a medical man. Such an inspector should be instructed to report not only on the health of the pupils but also on the condition of the building, the lighting, the equipment, etc. We trust this matter will not be allowed to drop. To look after the public health is certainly the duty of a government; and they are not discharging that duty if they do not take steps to assure themselves that the schools in which these fifteen or twenty thousand pupils—this army of children—pass so many of their waking hours are sanitary, and the appointments good.



"The power of the Press" is an expression often met with but seldom apprehended. There is probably no other human institution that exercises such unconquerable power and such hypnotic influence; no other that touches so many people in all states of life and extends its magnetic induction in so many

directions; no other that holds us within its meshes so securely and pulls us this way and that so tyrannically. It is always with us, moulding us, teaching us, amusing us, demoralizing us. Its power is seldom understood, for indeed it has now assumed such proportions as to be almost beyond apprehension. There is scarcely any religion or society, political party or educational institution that has not its representative in the field of Journalism. A powerful weapon is the Press. It sets up and pulls down governments; makes and unmakes rulers; often it is on the side of right, justice and truth. But too often it is in the hands of reckless men and is used to spread error, to disseminate false philosophy and to promulgate the views of such a public malefactor and noisy nuisance as the founder of a new religion; too often it is controlled by a society or a political party whose character is atheistical, whose tendency revolutionary, whose view of life distorted. Against such as these the Christian press takes its stand. Churchmen recognize its power and its use. Pius X says: "In vain you will build churches give missions, found schools—all your works all your efforts will be destroyed—if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic Press." This is true to-day and will be applicable for many years to come. Meantime the Christian press must continue its work—combatting the atheistical spirit so prevalent at the present day.



We are occasionally reminded in a tangible way that kindness for kindness' sake has not perished from the earth. The management of "Red and White" received recently from some unknown friend—apparently in Charlottetown—a generous contribution to our funds. Such persons as this who can rise above the petty selfishness of our little time and place, thoughtful in their disposition and unobtrusive in their manner, bear the stamp of true nobility. We thank our generous and unknown friend most sincerely on behalf of the Business Management of "Red and White."

In the May 1913 issue of "Red and White" we referred to the timely gift, made by Hon. Charles Dalton, for the erection and up-keep of a Sanitarium; in the present issue it is an agreeable duty for us to comment on another splendid gift, by the same gentleman, even more prodigal of good and more far-reaching in its effects. We refer, needless to say, to his magnificent donation to our Alma Mater. When the news of the gift spread among the students the following letter of thanks was sent to the generous doner :—

St. Dunstan's College,
Charlottetown, P. E. I.

April 3rd, 1914

To The Hon. Charles Dalton :—

On behalf of the student body of St. Dunstan's College we wish to convey to you an expression of our gratitude for your generous donation to our Alma Mater. In this commercial age it is indeed refreshing to find one willing to aid in so tangible a manner an institution of learning and to promote in so material a way the study of the arts and sciences.

St. Dunstan's has from her beginning been forced to undergo comparison with colleges whose financial circumstances made possible better equipment and more commodious buildings; her one recommendation has been the record of work well done. Now, we believe, a new era has begun; her old record still remains and soon, we feel, she will be able to offer to the student advantages whose absence has in the past lost for her many prospective students.

We believe that the students of the St. Dunstan's of the future, pursuing their studies under improved conditions, will demonstrate that money spent in the promotion of learning is indeed well spent. We hope that through no action of theirs will you have occasion to repent of your generosity, and we trust that, when the student of the future compares the conditions under

which he works with those of his predecessors he will remember with gratitude the one who has made such good things possible.

FRANK H. MCPHEE,
RAY C. MCCARVILLE,
Committee.

This letter embodies our own view so completely that it scarcely demands amplification. We cannot but have some conception of what a fine old place the world would be, were all our wealthy men philanthropists discriminating in their donations.

We can only congratulate those on whom the destiny of the college depends in having now the means of carrying into effect whatever plans for the betterment of St. Dunstan's they may have had in the past and which lack of funds rendered impossible. And to the students who come after us we offer our congratulations. It is they who will reap the most benefit from Mr. Dalton's generosity; it is they who will make their courses under circumstances more favourable than attended ourselves; it is they of whom much will be expected, and we believe they will not disappoint us. Let us all work for "a bigger and better St. Dunstan's."

Air day or late day, the fox's hide finds aye the flaying knife—ROB ROY.

Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

Yet and *but* are words for fools—wise men neither hesitate nor retract—they resolve and they execute.

If the child would walk, the nurse must lead him—
if the ignorant would understand, the wise must instruct.