

All of us ought to read this lucidly written book. It will not only broaden our knowledge of the duties and obligations of those in political and professional life, but will deepen our respect for these people and the positions they occupy. What is more important it will give us a clearer conception of our duties as citizens and as Christians.

—ARTHUR McINNIS '50.

## St. Dunstan's Red and White

VOL. XXXIX.

AUTUMN, 1947

NO. 1

Subscription, 75 Cents a Year.

Payable in Advance.

### Staff

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.....Allan F. Noonan '48

ASSISTANT EDITOR.....Cyril Sinnott '49

### ASSOCIATE EDITORS

CHRONICLE.....Joseph Cairns '49

ATHLETICS.....Paul Landrigan '49

NONSENCE AVENUE.....Peter Sullivan '49

Eugene MacDonald '50

### CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Patricia Pendergast '48.....Raymond Bedard '48

Wilfred Driscoll '50.....Arthur McInnis '50

Robert Kelly '51

### BUSINESS MANAGERS

John S. MacDonald '49

James Trainor '49.....Dominic MacDonald '50

### Editorials

### ANNUAL C. F. C. C. S. CONVENTION

St. Dunstan's sent two delegates, Mr. A. P. Campbell, M.A., and Wilf. Driscoll, to the Annual C. F. C. C. S. convention held at Loyola College, Montreal, during the weekend of Oct. 24-26th. As this was actually a convention of the units of the Central



Section, to which we were invited, our delegates attended in the capacity of observers only. The convention, our delegates report, was highly successful and inspiring.

Before going into the business of the conferences, it might be interesting to review the general working out of the convention. First of all, thanks and congratulations are due to the two colleges which played host and hostess, respectively, Loyola and Marianapolis, whose student representatives worked with such energy and success to make all the delegates comfortable and welcome. The air of cheerful efficiency displayed by these boys and girls who received the delegates at the first informal gathering which followed registration put all at their ease and started the convention off on the best possible note . . . It is not always wise to single out certain persons for praise but special mention should go to Father F.W. Noll, S.J., of Loyola, Federation Chaplain; Charles Phelan, Loyola, who was head of the committee in charge of arrangements for the convention; and Miss Donald Martin, chief hostess, and head of the Students Union of Marianapolis.

The real business of the convention began Saturday morning. After a brisk session in the morning, and another after lunch, the delegates took time off to join with the delegates of the National Federation of Newman Clubs in a tea dance at the McGill Union ballroom. This pleasant function was followed by a dinner in the dining room of the Windsor Station, at which the delegates of both bodies listened to an inspiring address by Dr. George Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York.

On Sunday morning the delegates attended Mass together in the Loyola Sodality Chapel, had breakfast in the refectory, and then got down to a business session which lasted until late in the afternoon. When they emerged, tired, hungry and thirsty, they went directly to a delicious buffet supper tendered by the Sisters and the girls of Marianapolis. With this function, the convention was formally over, but many lingered on, chatting, making plans for next year, reluctant to break off associations that were so pleasant and so stimulating. . . .

Now for the business of the convention. Perhaps you should be reminded that The Canadian Federation of Catholic College Students includes only those students who attend Catholic colleges; in this way, the federation does not overlap with the Newman Clubs, which take in those Catholic Students who attend secular universities. Nor does the C. F. C. C. S. include French-speaking students: these are already busily at work in their own particular organization which parallels ours. The C. F. C. C. S., through its annual conventions, and through other means of contact, serves as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas and information among the different Catholic colleges.



One important feature of the convention, therefore, was the reading of reports from different colleges on any special student activity that might be of interest to other groups. These reports were all interesting and enlightening; they showed what could be done when a group of students got seriously to work.

The most important item on the agenda this year was the question of relief for needy students in Europe. All delegates being enthusiastically in favour of putting every possible bit of energy into this worthy charity, the only real question to be settled was one of method and procedure. How should we go about assisting these people? Should each college adopt some group of students in Europe and send letters, parcels and other aid to them; or should this aid be handled through a central committee? The question was referred to a committee headed by Don Rohr, of the Mediaeval Institute, a capable young man who has first-hand knowledge of conditions in European universities.

While awaiting the recommendations of this committee, we may say with safety that the system worked out will probably work something in this manner: each college will adopt (care being taken to avoid over-lapping) a college in Europe and send its students letters, papers and such more or less personal aid; at the same time each college will contribute financially to a central un-earmarked fund which may be apportioned according to the judgement of the committee, which will work through Pax Romana. During the coming year, therefore, colleges will be calling upon their students to send what personal messages and gifts they can to their adopted college, and asking them also to assist in various schemes for raising funds for general relief.

One of the questions to be decided was whether we, from the Maritimes, should join with the central section to form a national federation. All the Maritime delegates were in favour of such a step, and, as the plan was acceptable to the other delegates present, the union was effected, so that St. Dunstan's now belongs to the National Federation. Officers of the federation now are: President, Dr. Lawrence Lynch, University of Toronto; vice-president, Wilf. Driscoll, St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown; secretary, Miss Patricia Harrington, Brescia Hall, London, Ont.; external affairs representative, Miss Nancy MacCormac, Loretta College, Toronto.

Another important step was the joining of Pax Romana, the world wide organization of Catholic students. As long as the C. F. C. C. S. was not truly national we could not join this body, since it is a federation of national groups. As soon as the union of the two sections was effected, therefore, it was unanimously voted that the Federation seek admission to Pax Romana. Mr. Ed.



Kirchner, Pax Romana representative at the convention, welcomed the federation into the world union and pointed out that Pax Romana would be of great assistance to C. F. C. C. S. in co-ordinating student relief efforts.

.....

There are still important decisions to be made by the Maritime Catholic colleges. Travelling down from Montreal together, the representatives from St. Thomas' College, St. Dunstan's and Mount St. Vincent's (the only ones who had sent delegates) decided that the Maritime representatives should meet as soon as possible to study the reconstruction of the Maritime section and to devise ways and means of working together on various projects, such as student relief, for example. Mt. St. Vincent kindly offered to receive the delegates in Halifax. Tentative date is January 4th.

On our own campus the C. F. C. C. S. is not a new organization, but it is new to many of the students because it has been inactive for the past two or three years. Much interest has been shown by the student body in its revival, and it is felt that much may be accomplished within the year. Already an interested and energetic slate of officers has been elected and is at work.

Certainly this is one of the most worthy of organizations. The amount of assistance given to it by the individual student will depend upon the extent to which he realizes the issues at stake today; the way in which he contributes to relief for European students will show the extent of his understanding and Christian charity. As Dr. Shuster said at the banquet referred to above, this is the time when the struggle for the mind of man is at its greatest intensity: a struggle which leaves no room for the in-between and the half-hearted—those who are struggling for light and guidance in Europe will either be gathered into the Church, or they will go to the communists and the materialists. Much can be done by Catholic students; they can help those less fortunate students (and help themselves at the same time) by assisting them to obtain knowledge, and by showing them brotherly love. They can write to those boys and girls and give them some hope, some faith, tell them to hold on tight . . . Here is a chance for students to support a work, not for what they may get out of it, but for what, through it, **they may give to others.**

—CONTRIBUTED