



College Chronicle



The last few months of a college year are like, in a way, to the last few months of a person who is about to die. We begin to look back over the many things we have done and become most alarmed when we see there, placed as it were in a pile for our supervision, not what we have done—and done well, but what we have done poorly and more often left undone. So it is we busy ourselves during that time which has rapidly changed from those slowly dragging months to hours that appear to be ever growing shorter and fleeing with ever increasing swiftness. Consequently in these few remaining months we all, without exception, take advantage of them to repair to the best of our ability what is at best but a poor job, and on this account we have very little time to devote to what is known as the social side of college life.

However of the few events that have occurred since “Red and White” last went to press we may speak of the regular weekly meetings of the “Academia” Society. The aims and aspirations of the founders as well as the object of this society appeared in the Editorial Column of the Easter Issue. On each Wednesday evening during the period since the society has been formed we have been treated to most interesting and highly instructive lectures, on many and varied subjects, prepared and delivered by individual members of the “Academia.”

On Wednesday, April 14th, the first meeting of the society was held and after a highly creditable and well worded inaugural address by the President Mr. Owen C. Trainor, he called upon Mr. Edwin Kelly the lecturer of the evening to “deliver the goods.” The Subject of the first lecture was: “The early Canadian Missions” a very broad and interesting subject. Mr.

Kelly handled the subject well and appeared to be right at home among the missionary fathers. He did full justice both to the subject and to himself as a lecturer.

The Subject of the second lecture was "The partition of Poland" by Mr. Joseph Flemming. Mr. Flemming very faithfully and clearly traced the rise of the Polish people to a point where they had reached their highest attitude as a nation and down again through their declining years to the present time. He assisted his listeners very materially in following him by pointing out, on a map specially made, the different boundaries of the country both in its rise and fall.

The Subjects treated, with the names of the lecturers on each are as follows :

- "Early Canadian Missions"..... Edwin Kelly
- "Partition of Poland"..... Joseph Flemming
- "Californian Missions"..... P. J. Mellady
- "Bi-lingual School Question"..... H. E. Crepeau
- "Capital and Labor"..... Lewis McDonald
- "Universities of the Middle Ages"..Richard St. John

Each lecturer did full justice to the subject and answered the different questions and criticisms in a clear and satisfactory manner. These lectures have proven a great means of acquiring knowledge on interesting subjects and they have been the means, by calling forth criticism, of bringing to light many and varied opinions on the subjects. It is to be hoped that the "Academia" shall continue next year as it has begun, and no doubt the benefits reaped from the endeavours put forth here shall spring up and make itself noticeable in every sphere of college intellectual betterment.

ST. DUNSTAN'S DAY

May 19th the feast of St. Dunstan's was as usual a holiday. On account of the very heavy rain in the morning, we were rather disappointed in not being able to have our expected trip to Summerside with the Base-Ball team. However in the afternoon when the day became fine many of the boys went for a long walk across the country while others amused themselves

with one or other of the many amusements to be found around the college.

RETREAT

The Annual Retreat which began on May 20th and ended May 24th was preached by Reverend J. B. McIntyre.

The Reverend Father first impressed upon us that three things were essential for a good retreat. The first was rest from our studies, the second, thought, and the third, prayer. Having convinced us that these were necessary he very clearly pointed out the mere nothings for which our weak natures seek in worldly things. He then dealt with Sin, its enormity, its effects upon the soul and the punishment which God exacted for it. He especially urged daily meditation and exhorted us to "watch and pray."

During these days study and class work ceased and silence reigned within the college walls. It was a time of recollection and self examination.

It is difficult to imagine a more potent influence for good among college students than a well made retreat, and we sincerely trust that the good seed sown by the Reverend Father may not have fallen upon barren soil: but that it shall take root in our hearts and that its full growth and development may find outward expression in improved conduct of our daily lives.

CADET CORPS

The college Cadet Corps, which in previous years has won for itself a much coveted honor, is again endeavoring to obtain that high standard of efficiency which has marked its effort in previous years. Mr. Kelly the instructor of this year is sparing himself no trouble in order to bring out the best that is to be had, and were we to judge we should say he is being doubly repaid for his efforts by the fine appearance and military bearing of his cadets.

Music resembles Poetry ; in each
Are nameless graces which no methods teach,
And which a master-hand alone can reach.