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Editorial

Christmas

With the first white carpet of snow, the posting of the mid-year examinations, and the appearance of Santa's jolly face in our daily papers we realize that once again the feast of Christmas is near at hand. From worldly thoughts the willing mind turns to contemplate the blessed event of Christ's birth.

In spirit we go back some two thousand years and kneel with the shepherds of old in the stable at Bethlehem. Gazing with adoration at the tender Babe, we see the hope of ages, the fulfillment of the Divine promise. "The Word was made flesh." What a gesture of infinite and undying love! Our hearts warm to the Infant in the manger and

we join with the heavenly chorus in songs of the glad tidings. "Adeste fideles." "Christ is born."

With these thoughts ever implicitly present it is small wonder that Christmas is for us a season of joy, hope, and thanksgiving. Drooping spirits are suddenly revived and we are imbued with fresh hope and courage. Life takes on a deeper, richer, and fuller meaning, for are we not all brothers and sisters of the Holy Babe, united in His Mystical Body.

With the spirit of peace and good will, therefore, our hearts warm to those about us. Happy faces, hearty greetings, and cordial hand clasps all round out a fitting background for this festive season. The cares and worries of our ordinary work-a-day world gradually vanish and are, for the time, forgotten in an atmosphere of universal love and brotherhood.

To us as students, Christmas has an added attraction. We are given the opportunity of spending a few weeks with our loved ones at home. Our separation from the family makes us realize the true meaning of home, and this realization adds to the joy of our reunion. Let us, therefore, bring credit both to our parents and to our college by observing the spirit of Christmas in a manner befitting true Christian gentlemen.

A Word on Sport

The Autumn of 1938 was marked by St. Dunstan's entrance into Intercollegiate competition for the first time in its history. St. Dunstan's was admitted to the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union at the annual meeting of the Union last May.

Judging from various standpoints the entrance into the league has proven to be a popular one. The interest shown by the Faculty and students of the college as well as by fans of Charlottetown and of the Island in general has even surpassed our expectations. The fine spirit of industry and cooperation on the part of those interested made this football season a highly successful one. Our only regret is that we had not entered the Union years ago.

The primary objectives of the Intercollegiate League are, we believe, to foster a spirit of good will and to encourage healthy competition between the various Maritime colleges. So far, the "Saints" have proven that they are well able to compete with other colleges in football,

and their fine spirit on and off the playing field has been indeed exemplary.

Now that we are in the Intercollegiate Union we may begin to build up teams for the future. Hockey and football, our two major sports, have as a result, an added appeal for most of our students. The success of our future endeavours in intercollegiate competition depends mainly on the attitude of both our athletes and our other students. To the athletes we would say keep up the "never-say-die" spirit which you have always had in the past. If you do this, we feel sure that you will always have the loyal support of our students and the patronage of Island sport fans.

With the Editors

For many years *Red and White* has enjoyed a large measure of popularity among its readers. Scores of former editors and staff-members of the magazine have, in their day, won laurels for splendid publications. They are waiting now to compare and pass judgment on our efforts.

Given the responsibility of editing the magazine we sincerely hope that this year's issues will continue to be popular with the reader. We have plans, ideas and ideals; we are also willing to do our bit. If, then, we should fail to maintain the high standard achieved by former editors,

*"We must impute it to this only chance,
Art hath an enemy called ignorance."*

The main purpose in publishing a college magazine is, we believe, to help students develop an aptitude for creative writing. The importance of this type of education should be obvious. We feel quite helpless when we recognize in some well-written article an idea or fresh viewpoint which we ourselves had reasoned out, and could not express. With the hope, then, of encouraging new writers we will shorten most of the departments, this one included. The extra space has been provided for you, students. Convert your ideas into essays, or try your hand at writing short stories and plays. Above all, if you think the Muses may ever have smiled on you, try a poem.

In order that your contribution to *Red and White* be acceptable, it does not have to solve some international problem; it is but prudent for those who can't swim not to go beyond their depth while learning. Again, articles for the magazine should be more than a mere enumeration

of dull facts which we all know. Charles Lamb once wrote "A Dissertation on a Roast Pig"; it's a splendid piece of literature.

We have one change to make this year. The Soph Frosh corner, as a corner, will be "scrapped." Contributions which would have been included in this department will be scattered throughout the magazine. We assure the Sophomores and Freshmen that they will receive the same encouragement to write for the magazine as they did for their own department.

So let's have your cooperation, students. We want to put out publications which will be interesting, educational and entertaining. Your suggestions and comments will be gratefully accepted. We particularly look for constructive criticism from our readers.



The world in all doth but two nations bear,
The good, the bad, and these mixed everywhere.

—Marvell.

They most the world enjoy who least admire. — Young.

