

THE WEEK AT S. D. U.

The pinnacle of jubilation was reached here at college this past week as St. Dunstan's added to her laurels in college circles the splendid feat of winning the Dominion Debating Championship. When Father Cass, the debating coach on the campus, took his team composed of Donald MacDougall and Leo Peddie with Ian Gillies as an alternate for the Debating Finals, he expected, as he said, to put up a good show; but he did not conceive of his team as emerging champions of all Canada. Father Cass knew that he had in the past come up with better speakers but never had he worked with two cooler individuals, who as the same time were so willing to learn.

It was indeed a glorious accomplishment—one, which for a college stands for much more than an athletic victory or championship; for it, in a more tangible way, represents a college for what it is scholastically, and that, after all, carves a very prominent niche in the wall of success in the education achievement of our college.

So it was that we at St. Dunstan's during this past week tried to honor those who brought honor to us as members of this venerable institution of learning. Looking at it in another light, we might say that this victory could also be thought of as representing the good points of a well-organized small college in contrast to the complex administration of some larger colleges who find it difficult to provide the same level of liberal education, since St. Dunstan's is one of the smallest universities in Canada.

Both colleges (St. Patrick's and Laval), against whom we competed in the finals at Ottawa, operate on a much larger scale, with more students than ourselves. In competing with Laval for the Canadian Debating Championship, St. Dunstan's not only had to face a bilingual debate but was up against a college with ten times the enrollment of her own, thus giving her the opportunities of greater discrimination in choosing championship debaters.

In debating circles St. Dunstan's has a record that any college in Canada might well envy. Under the brilliant direction of Father Cass, the college distinguished herself by winning the Dominion crown in 1952, and in fact since 1950, they have been the Dominion Championship Debates at maritime championships no less than four times.

FESTIVITIES
The festivities as a result of this triumph consisted of a miniature panorama of events during the last few days, so much so that even the most reserved individuals were drawn into this vortex of social activities. The events which enshrouded the social schedule of the students were many. The debaters arrived by

plane here on Monday evening and as soon as they stepped off the platform of the airplane they were met by enthusiastic throngs of students who gave them a rousing welcome. The College band appropriately played "Royal Welcome Home", and the merry chant of "Hats Off to Our National Champs" filled the atmosphere as the debaters left for the College where they were officially received by the Rector and members of the Faculty.

The College band greeted the national heroes when they arrived at the gymnasium, and proceedings followed with a sock-hop which largely attended. The Rector proclaimed the following day a college holiday. The day began with Mass held somewhat later than usual, thus giving the students some much-welcome extra sleep. Although adverse weather was experienced in the afternoon, and the parade which was to have been held in the city streets was confined to the campus, there was nevertheless great exuberance among all those who participated.

The honored debaters were conveyed with great gusto by the distinguished chauffeur, Mr. Urban McInnis, and completed their parade with a Crowning ceremony in the college rink. The "heavily armored" guard was under the command of "Admiral" Wynn, admiral of the "Fleet". Following this the student body enjoyed an afternoon of skating and later proceeded to the College dining room where they were treated to a sumptuous banquet in honor of the debaters.

Special guests were: His Excellency Bishop Malcolm MacEachern, members of the faculty, the president of the College Alumni association, Dr. L.I. Duffy, several former members of our intercollegiate debating teams; the judges who presided over debates this year; and the guest speaker, Rev. Walter Reid, himself a member of the first S.D.U. debating team to become the national champions. Later in the evening a dance sponsored by the co-ed's society, Sigma Delta Sorority, was held at the Rollaway and was very largely attended.

This year was the most successful one that St. Dunstan's has ever had in intercollegiate debating. The Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League operations were entrusted to the executive of the campus branch at S.D.U. Looking at it from a point of efficiency, the league operations were executed with the most success possible. The president, Ian Gillies, drew here at the regional conference last Fall and carried it out with the maximum of efficiency. We could not hope for greater results in this endeavor in the future. It is hoped that the MacDonald-Laurier trophy emblematic of Canadian debating supremacy, which our debaters received, will re-

main on our campus for some time.

PHILOSOPHERS' DAY

The annual event in the cycle of senior college students, "Philosophers Day" was observed here on Thursday. The philosophers of Junior and Senior were accorded the "day off". High Mass was celebrated by the Rector, Father Sullivan, in the morning, and the philosophy students attended Holy Communion in a body. The event of the day, of course, was the Philosophers' Day banquet, which followed the annual Seniors—Juniors hockey match in the morning, which ended in a 2-2 tie. The banquet was attended by some 60 Philosophy students, together with His Excellency Bishop MacEachern, the Rector, Father Sullivan and other members of the Philosophy department. The guest speaker was Professor J.J. Coyle who gave a thought-provoking address on the significance of philosophy in modern living.

Until next week, then, greetings from S.D.U.; and remember, it is well to respect faith, but it is doubt that gets you an education.

Stresses

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full advantage. Public speaking and debating features are not developed to the extent desirable. Every 4-H Club member should in order to improve leadership values, participate in this exercise, and be able to more effectively take a leading part in the conduct of meetings and discussions. There is no one single ability that can attract public attention, admiration and support to the degree that intelligent participation with many of the subjects relating to farm and home progress and policy, presents a fine opportunity for public speaking training, while attention to drama, concert, and other phases of entertainment provides an excellent medium in the development of self confidence and poise.

PRESENT AND FUTURE
I have presented in this talk the suggestion that our youth work, and I am using that term in a broad sense, should have its outlook broadened and pinpointed on the problems of to-day, and the prospective conditions of tomorrow, but not neglecting those practices and studies that in the past have been useful in developing a high type of citizenship. Citizenship cannot be completely effective, however, unless it involves an intimate understanding of the conditions and problems that affect the individual and the state. Possibly these suggestions are visionary, and to some extent, theoretical — the practical.

A splendid job has been done, but a greater challenge has been presented. I am not defining the program. I am simply suggesting that youth can be more effectively equipped to meet the demand of our times. No real movement is static, but dynamic. It marches forward, expanding its practices to meet unfolding conditions as they appear. As the early pioneers required courage and fortitude to

conquer the obstacles of their day, so the men and women of the present must also be equipped with urge, enthusiasm and knowledge to venture into known and unknown fields, and recognize and accept important obligations in the rural life of Canada. There are still mountains to be climbed and conquered. There are long, weary foothills, and dangerous passes to be traversed before the distant sun-kissed peaks are reached, and the lush valleys beyond are glimpsed and secured. Is it possible that our youth may be harnessed for a greater effort and service and meet the high standards of the poet, Sam Walter Foss. "Give me men to watch my mountains, Give me men to match my plains, Men with Empires in their proud poses, And new eras in their brains."

VICTORIA

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hart, son Eric 9, and daughter Elizabeth 6, left by car Sunday 17th. for Bath, N.B., where Mr. Hart takes over as Manager of the Bank of N.S. there. Daughters Eleanor and Margaret remain in Charlottetown till May, as they are attending Commercial College. Their eldest son Don, at present is stationed with the R.C.A.F. at Goose Bay, Labrador.

Mrs. Lily Stewart left by car recently for New York to visit for some time her daughter, Freda (Mrs. Dr. Nightingale).

Miss Florence MacDougall, principal of North Tryon School, spent the weekend at Victoria, the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. (Sandy) Morrison.

Mr. William Sturdy, manager of Sunshine Dairy, Summerside, now makes regular twice a week deliveries of pasteurized milk at Crapaud, Victoria and other districts en route. Mr. Sturdy formerly came from Crapaud.

Mrs. Bertha MacQuarrie had the misfortune to fall on a portion of icy sidewalk and break her wrist on leaving the hall after the entertainment. Her friends are pleased to learn that it is mending very nicely after being "set."

The snow plow operator, Mr. Sterling MacLeod of Bonshaw continues satisfactorily to keep the road to Victoria Village open most of the time. The reconstruction work at Victoria wharf, begun late in the fall had to be discontinued when real cold weather set in. The work consists in placing steel sheet-piling on the exterior and cross-beams to tie them in between the fill will consist of clay and rock. Work will be resumed early in the spring. A New Brunswick company has the contract.

DUCHESS FLIES HOME

LONDON (Reuters)—The Duchess of Kent arrived by air from Ghana Friday where she attended the Queen's representative. Home Secretary R. A. Butler accompanied the duchess on her return flight.



RECEIVE DEBATING TROPHY

Surrounding the trophy for the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating Championship won by the St. Dun-

stan's University team are, left to right, Neil A. Matheson, M.P., Donald MacDougall, Leo Peddie, Rev. Fred Cass, coach and moderator of Debates, Ian Gillies, manager of the team and Presi-

dent of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League.

Voices Appreciation Of Canadian Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross received high commendation for the manner in which they had contributed to the relief of strife-torn Hungary, in an up-to-the-minute report on the assistance program carried out in that country, delivered by E. W. Meyer, and William Michel, both of Geneva, to a recent conference of Society officials held in Toronto.

In particular, Mr. Meyer lauded the Canadian policy of supplying only new clothing for distribution to the victims of the uprising, noting that "this policy greatly aids relief operations and is most important from a morale standpoint." Both delegates from the International Committee of the Red Cross emphasized that there had not been a single case of interference with the distribution of relief supplies since the neutral intermediary of the Red Cross assumed the responsibility of relief assistance.

YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Allen arrived home from Boston, Mass., where they spent the winter months. Trinity members of York United Church Men's Association attended the Mt. Stewart Men's Association Supper on Wednesday evening, Feb. 27.

Mr. Frank Watts was a visitor to the city on Friday. Mr. Benny Watts who spent the winter months in York left on Saturday for Bedford to visit her many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Craswell, Winslow were visitors to York on Thursday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett. Mr. Jack Cooke, Charlottetown was a visitor to York on Saturday the guest of his father, Mr. Pope Cooke. Mr. Harry Lewis, merchant of York, was a visitor to the city on Monday. Mrs. Benjamin Smaltz was a

GREAT TRANSLATOR

James Legge, British scholar who died in 1897, was famous for his translations of old Chinese classics.

CRISIS IN ROME

ROME (Reuters)—Italy's coalition government Thursday teetered on the edge of a new crisis with the resignation of Matteo Matteotti as secretary of the right-wing Social Democratic party. In resigning Matteotti demanded that his party, a member of Premier Antonio Segni's coalition, quit the government.

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