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A Country Garden

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and fresh earth supplied them as they are the finest double purple fragrant Violets—that have grown in this garden. In early spring before the frost has gone, this delicious fragrance will greet the gardener when he is making the garden tour. Now there will be several places in the garden instead of the one corner of the rock-garden where these lovely purple fragrant flowers will be growing.

We may trace the story of the Violet through two thousand years of history from the shady olive groves of ancient Greece to the flower-shop in many cities. During all that time men have been charmed by its quiet and retiring disposition no less than by its fragrant beauty. In Athens, Carnations and Violets were best beloved of all flowers and were worn as garlands at weddings and other ceremonial occasions, and when the main features of the Greek culture were transplanted to Rome these flowers were included.

Even in those far-off days the Violet had already made a place for itself among the medical herbs, a compress of Violets, Strawberry leaves and Poppy seeds being one of the popular remedies for sick headaches and sleeplessness. In the monastery gardens of the Middle Ages it was listed among the plants that were "powerful against evil spirits."

Violets are still the choice flowers of delight in early spring-time, and because of our modern methods of hybridization the Violets that we grow today are much finer than any that were known in the old days. Many of the best of the new varieties are believed to have been developed from Viola odorata, the fragrant wild species that is equally at home among the hedgerows of England, the shady gorges of the Mediterranean region, and cool banks of Siberia or the far Himalayas.

Little seems to have been known of the far-famed Sweet Violets of Parma. Some authorities believe they may have originated in the Moorish gardens of old Spain, while others think they came from Turkey by way of Italy. It seems to be established, however, that when the Empress Josephine began to build up the famous plant collections at Malmaison she sent to Parma for the best known varieties of Violets. Napoleon's love of Violets, flowers that have always been looked upon as the emblem of modesty, was made manifest when he attempted to grow them in his garden at St. Helena, but they had been recognized as his favorite flowers many years before.

Thus it was that his affection for the scented Violets that grew in the cool glades of Corsica, caused France to take these flowers to her heart and excel in their cultivation and development for a century after his death.

From the cultivation of the Sweet Violet and its varieties it is but a step to growing some of the delightful wild species that grow in all parts of the world. The Viola family must be an old one because its three hundred species have gone forth and colonized every temperate clime in both north and southern hemispheres.

From the bleak coast of Greenland comes Viola Selkirkii, with prettily scalloped leaves and drifts of soft lilac flowers, while the shady nooks among the sunbaked cliffs of Australia have given us V. hederacea, remarkable for its starchy purple flowers that flutter bravely above a carpet of neat green leaves. From the storm-scarred uplands of the European Alps there comes a gay company of which the gem is probably V. calcarata, that spreads its mantle of violet and gold over many a shingly ridge and moist rocky bank. No less enchanting

The WEEK at S. D. U.

The past week has been a rather busy one at the College on the Hill. In addition to the regular daily routine of classes and study periods, there were the election of officers for some of the campus organizations, the preparation for and holding of Field Day and the initiation of the Freshmen. Those are, we think, the highlights of the week. Let us take them one by one shall we?

The officers for the Students' Union for the coming year are as follows: President, George Cameron; vice-president, John Mullally; Secretary, Cody Myers; Senior Representative, Philip Murphy; Junior Rep., Robert Croken; Sophomore Rep., Allan MacDonald; Freshman Rep., Eugene Sullivan; High School Rep., Joe Coffin; Business Manager of Red and White, James Saunders; Secretary-Treasurer, Glee Club Merritt Crockett; Secretary-Treasurer M.I.D.L., Art Pendergast; Secretary-Treasurer I.S.S., Bernadette Burge; Secretary-Treasurer Dramatic Society, Mary Johnston. Although all the officers for the A.A.A. (Amateur Athletic Association) have been appointed last spring before College closed, we shall give you the complete Executive again: President, Wally Reid; vice-president, Fred Driscoll; Secretary, John Weir; Football manager, Conrad Kennedy; Hockey manager, J. J. Dunphy; Basketball manager, John Mullally; Track manager, John Fisher; Volleyball ping-pong and handball, Edwin MacDonald; Softball and pool, Leo McDonald; Rank managers, Aquinas Ryan; High School Rep., Cliff Ready; Faculty Advisor, Father Walter MacGulgan.

And now we come to the "voice of S. D. U." the Red and White; Editor-in-chief, Dominic MacDonald; Assistant Editor, Robert Croken; Associate Editors; Chronicle, Peter Beaton; Athletics, Fred Coyle; Humor, Allan MacDonald and Roy Grant; Contributing Editors: Regis Duffy, J. J. Dunphy, Andre Lapoir, Beverly Fitzerald, and David McCormack; Business manager, James Saunders; Assistants, Cyril MacDonald and Ken MacDonald.

Another important society on the campus whose executive is complete and which will be the last one we can give you this week is the Dramatic Society. All those who can recall the play "Deep Are The Roots" from last year, need not ask the functions of this society: President, Dave Kennedy; vice-president, Cyril MacDonald; Secretary, Mary Johnston; Stage Manager, Bruce Harrigan; Councillors: Gerald Steele, Dick Wedge; Faculty Advisor, Father E. Roche.

Undoubtedly, the greatest event of the week was the annual Track and Field meet held on the campus on Tuesday. Despite the fact that no records were broken, everyone has agreed that it was very successful. A complete summary of the results has been given through the press so there is no need of repeating them here. All the events scheduled were well filled and competition was keen. Following

are scores of others from Alaska, the Straits of Magellan, the cool woods of eastern America and the mossy mountain sides of western China. Violets—deep blue violets. There are no flowers grow in the vale. Kissed by the dew, wooed by the gale,— None by the dew of the twilight wet. So sweet as the deep-blue violet. —L. Landon.

the same system introduced last year, there was inter-class competition as well as individual competition. We are proud to congratulate two fine young athletes, Paul Jay, winner of the trophy for the best senior all-round athlete with a total of 15 points and Billy Purcell winner of the Junior trophy with a total of 26 points. In the Senior division of inter-class competition, the Juniors (of course) were away ahead with a grand total of 55 points. It was an easy task for them, being backed by such point-getters as Pierre Michaud, "Copey" Callaghan and Clarence MacDonald. In the Junior division of inter-class competition, Freshmen proved superior, the "big wheels" (a popular term around the College) being Ed Dalton and Tom McLaughlin. It would be unfair to speak about the success of Field Day and not mention the name of John Fisher. Many long hours were spent trying to have the track pit, etc., in good shape. You've done a swell job, John.

However the gala day of Tuesday was not to end at 4:45 with the completion of the Field Day events. Perhaps it did for those unlucky Freshmen but not for the rest. At 8:30 that evening, the assembly hall was crowded with students and visitors awaiting the rise of the curtain for the annual Initiation of the Freshmen into College life. Not only was the crowd highly entertained by the embarrassing acts which the individual Freshmen had to perform, but also by several added features which included group singing, orchestra playing and comedy acts. We wish we could pass on to you the various "penances" which the Freshmen had to do, they were all so fitting, but space does not permit. However when Jack "Goo-Goo" Reardon approached us we had to make an exception. Yes, Jack had to sit on Mommy's (?) knee, in full baby's attire and "swig" on a bottle of milk. Seriously a great deal of

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credit is due the Sophomore class League the Argonauts are in first place with six points. In the Sport Page of the next issue of the Guardian we hope you will be reading where the Saints defeated Mt. Allison in their opening intercollegiate game. By the way they have been looking in their daily workouts, we don't think there is anything to worry about. First team was scheduled to play a practise game with the Senior Abbies on Tuesday evening but some of the while in the Junior Intramural

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