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College Commences Christmas Vacation This Afternoon

President Extends Yuletide Wishes And Interprets Meaning of Christmas

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the opportunity to extend to the present students and their parents, to the Alumni and to all good friends of the College every good wish for a holy and happy Christmastide and a blessed and prosperous New Year. I am joined in these good wishes by the entire Faculty who also wish continued success to you and to the Editorial Staff of the Journal.

As to the Spirit of Christmas, about which you desired me to write something, much more might be said than the Journal could contain and yet all that is true of it would not be overtold. But it is safe to say that Christmas Spirit is the Christian Spirit. Though its influence men are raised above paltry self-seeking to a noble and generous treatment of others. A Christ-like sympathy grows between man and man manifesting itself more forcefully between those that have and those that have not. It answers affirmatively with a new vehemence when men in their meaner moments ask: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

There is nothing so real as the Christmas Spirit. In its presence, men feel the tenderness of every virtuous appeal and instinctively find in Bethlehem and its story a balm to cure life's direst ills. Christmas gladdens all hearts—those who have nothing even more than those that have all. God surely reveals Himself at this blessed time and in the measure of our faith holds converse with every soul. At Christmas how truly are verified the words: "The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh together shall see that the mouth of the Lord hath spoken."

The season is essentially a happy one, full of good things both spiri-

Annual Alumni Meeting Is Held

In an enthusiastic meeting held in the College, Parker Hickey was elected President of the Alumni of Saint Mary's College. Rev. Bro. Lannon addressed the meeting in a stirring appeal for their support in his plans for expansion, vital to the scholastic life of the College. Presentations were made to the members of the College Rugby team, Nova Scotia Intercollegiate Champions. At the close of the business meeting, the moving picture machine, obtained with their help, was demonstrated to the members by the showing of a full-length talking picture.

Bro. Lannon spoke of the necessity of a gymnasium, of a biology laboratory, and of internal expansion to provide greater classroom space. Claiming that progress cannot be denied to active idealists, the College President told the members of the Alumni that it was to them that he looked for the support necessary for any improvements.

The members, coach, and managers of the Intercollegiate Rugby Team were presented with silver cigarette cases, embossed with a maroon football, bearing the College initial in contrasting white. H. Mulcahie, captain of the team, expressed thanks to the Alumni Association.

The retiring executive submitted their annual report, and thanked the members for their support during the past year. Mr. Hickey, the new President, thanked the meeting for their confidence in him, and asked their support for his term of office.

Extends Best Wishes



Rev. Brother Lannon, President of St. Mary's, who extends his sincere wishes to the students for a Merry Christmas and wishes them happiness throughout the coming year.

Junior Arts Have Successful Season

At this, the conclusion of the first term, the Juniors view with complete satisfaction and justifiable pride the successful culmination of the extensive program of events and activities which was outlined at the beginning of the year. The lion's share of the credit is undoubtedly due to the President, Norman Whelpley, and the members of the class executive, viz., Messrs. Macdonald, Nunn, Moffatt, and Murphy.

Bouquets are to be handed to the members of the Social Committee and Athletic Committee who spared neither time nor trouble in their attempts to carry out their duties. G. Kelly, G. Murphy and G. Moffatt make up the former body, and M. Brackett, J. Nunn and C. Duggan the latter.

Tommy Connery, one of the class members suffering from a severe attack of neuritis, was confined to the infirmary last week, and the class appointed a delegation to pay him a visit. Since that time however, he has completely recovered. The class is glad to see him up and around again.

A special word of praise is due to that Junior Artisan, Joey Nunn, who, since the commencement of the Interfaculty Hockey League, has occupied the most important position on the Arts team—in the nets. Up to this, though his protection looks weak, Joey has been doing a splendid job of defending. Other members of the class who turned out with the Arts squad were Messrs. Macdonald, Brackett, Duggan and Moffatt.

The president, executive and individual members of the Junior Arts sincerely extend to the Faculty, the Journal staff and all the readers of this paper the compliments of the Season.

COACH TO BE APPOINTED

According to word received yesterday from the Alumni Association, the Intercollegiate Hockey squad will take to the ice during the Christmas vacation. As yet no official coach has been appointed, but the Association has been in contact with two well-known hockey figures for the past two weeks and expect to make an announcement within a few days.

THE BATTERY ANGLE

The Annual rifle classification has been going on at the Armouries weekly under the direction of 2nd Lieut. Whelpley, officer in charge of musketry. Every N.C.O. and cadet must qualify in musketry in order to be termed efficient. It is hoped that the classification will uncover some likely prospects for the rifle team. Although graduation has weakened the team considerably, we still have 2nd Lieut. Whelpley, 2nd Lieut. Sullivan, Sergt. Burke and Cdt. Campbell left from last year's squad. Judging from the fine results of the classifications to date, those in charge will have little difficulty in rounding out a capable team.

Word from England tells us that Harry Burns is at present undergoing a six weeks training course at the DeHavilland Aircraft Company's school. Following that he will be given another short course under Royal Air Force instructors and then he will be a full-fledged R.A.F. pilot, liable for duty in any part of the British Empire.

Friends of Flying Officer George Coley, will be glad to learn that he will be home for the holiday season on a month's leave which started December 20.

This promises to be a banner year for St. Mary's C.O.T.C. The records show that at present we have the largest number of strength since the company was instituted. Junior cadets have been recruited to such an extent—the largest group of recruits the unit has ever had—that they outnumber the senior cadets. However, the unit is fortunate in having such capable officers and N.C.O.'s under whose efficient tutelage the juniors are gradually being "smattered up". After the winter training is completed the recruits should have reached a high standard of efficiency, so that St. Mary's may once again be assured that the unit will "do itself proud" at the annual training camp.

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Mission Crusade Holds Fine Tridium

Having a variety of programme which was a pleasant change from the well-trodden path which Mission Crusade Tridium usually take, this year's Tridium in honour of St. Francis Xavier, patron of the Missions, proved to be of more than usual interest and had a more than ordinary success.

Under the direction of this year's capable and energetic executive a programme, excellent in all respects, was drawn up. On the opening day of the exercises, a debate was held between Arts and Commerce on the subject: Resolved that "Home Missions are deserving of more support than foreign Missions." Messrs. Owen Quinn and Ken Johnston of the Commerce division supported the affirmative, while Artsmen Jack Burke and Bernie Tolson upheld the negative. Both sides put forth most convincing arguments and held the close attention of their auditors by their clear reasoning and clever deductions. On the conclusion of the debate the judges, who had been previously appointed, handed in a decision which gave victory to the Artsmen of the Negative, by a very small majority.

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THE TRANSIT MEN

On Saturday night, December 3, the Engineers held a skating session at the Arena. The event was most successful in every respect. There were about three hundred people in attendance and all spent a remarkably enjoyable evening. Items, such as this skating session, which the Engineering Society have been sponsoring since the beginning of the semester point directly to the ability of the executive and the life and whole-hearted co-operation of the members.

A meeting of the Society was held here at the College on Tuesday, December 6, at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary, Frank Reardon, gave a detailed report of proceeds from the skating session and much to the gratification of all it was learned that considerable funds had been placed in the treasury due to the success of this very profitable and entertaining affair.

The topic of the Annual Banquet and gala social function was then brought up for discussion and after due deliberation it was decided to hold it on January 3, which is the day classes resume after the Christmas vacation. It was also agreed to ask Colonel Bull, well-known officer of the C.O.T.C. and professor at the Technical College, to act as guest speaker of the evening. Before the conclusion of the meeting President Wes Theakston urged the members to get in their yearly fee or, at least, part of it before vacation, as not much could be done if the means were not there with which to do it.

Probably the most talked of thing here at the College now is the Interfaculty hockey league. The league itself is nearly completed with nothing left but the playoffs. The Engineers up-to-date of this writing haven't been doing so badly—much to the annoyance of some of the other teams. When the formation of the league was announced the Engineers unanimously agreed that Mr. Thomas, our general professor, be appointed coach. After one practice

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Freshmen Society To Be Reorganized

The Freshmen are well represented in the Interfaculty Hockey League. In fact, being the most heterogeneous and cosmopolitan class in the College, they claim the decidedly unique distinction of having players on every team. For the Engineers, Clary Coolen and Tom Martin are well in evidence; for the Arts, Boris Bochoff; Commerce, Russ Lownds; Commercial, Gerald Smith and Johnny Quinn. So whoever wins Freshmen can't very well lose.

It is worthy of note that our classmate, Teddy Esel, is going to venture upon the long trip to his home in Bermuda this Christmas which, by the way, reminds us that in this movie concerning Bermuda life, presented during the Mission Crusade Tridium, Teddy starred. Since then his "long" hair has been peeping in for autographs.

The Freshmen are still pointing with pardonable pride to the grand work being done by their representatives and heroes on the Senior High team; Messrs. Ward, Cosgrove and Hallaway. Phi Phi Sigma, after a considerable and deplorable lapse, saw its vigorous regeneration in a recent meeting. The executive as elected

Debaters' Mock Trial Brings To Light Many Strange Judicial Proceedings

Guest Writer



Professor of French at St. Mary's and well known organist of St. Mary's Cathedral, Dr. de Merten has contributed a very interesting article on Christmas Music. See page 2).

Sophs Prominent In Various Roles

With the first term of the school year now drawing to a close, the Sophs can look back, not without a feeling of deep satisfaction, on three months well-filled not alone with honest endeavor in the classroom but also with outside activities both numerous and varied. What with socials at the homes of various class members, excursions to different parts of the province, and so on, the time since school reopened in September has literally flown by. All class functions received the active support of every class member, and such affairs, especially since the election of a staff of capable officers, have been planned and carried out with that smoothness of execution which distinguishes all well-organized activities.

Prominent on the roll of honor—or otherwise—for this issue we see the following. Ralph Vaughan made his place on the Arts team in the Interfaculty League and is doing a nice job on left wing. Jimmy Jamieson has exceeded all precedent in the perfect interpretation of that character which he assumed three months ago, namely, the class pest. Agreeing that he was made for the part, everyone acknowledges his ability. Tom Power unquestionably is the master in the difficult art of singing. Michael (Pete) McPatrick, English scholar, is a reliable and un-failing reference in all matters pertaining to Rabbis. The Sophs believe in taking advantage of such a willing helper.

The Sophomore Arts Class takes this opportunity to wish to all the College classes a Most Happy and Joy-filled Christmas, and they express the wish that the re-opening of school in early January may find them all with a renewed store of energy and vitality and well prepared for the busy year ahead.

is comprised of two spirited organizers, Joe Brandy, President, and Jack Delaney, Secretary-Treasurer.

Rivalry and argument are very strongly in evidence between the contending camps in the class, Arts and Engineers. Leading in the disputes we find Messrs. Brandy and Dalton on one side of the fence, and on the other, Messrs. Jamieson and Cosgrove, with Brother Birmingham putting in an occasional word for the Arts.

The Court of the Debating Society was in session Monday, December 12, and produced some startling expressions of originality. The judge, in his scarlet and blue robes, capped with a mortar-board, and armed with a gavel, was certainly never seen in that capacity before. Some of his decisions, based on his knowledge of legal procedure, were certainly never recorded before. The prisoner stoutly maintained that he had never been in court before and by his actions when he considered himself insulted, offered strong proof of his statement.

The prosecuting attorney and his assistants might have been in court before, but were decidedly unawed by the dignity of the court, and in like manner the majesty of the law did not strike any great terror into the hearts of the defence. Even the jury produced something unprecedented in the annals of the bar, when the foreman requested the judge to silence a lawyer, as he was boring the jury.

The occasion of all this was the Mock Trial held by the members of the Junior-Senior Debating Society. Since members of the society comprised the entire personnel of the court, great freedom of expression resulted, which, while not exceptionally legal or dignified, was most entertaining. The result of the trial was also unexpected. The prosecution, carried away by its own eloquence, exhausted much of the available time, and the defence was unable to complete its case. Accordingly, the judge declared a mistrial, and all adjourned, convinced that, whatever the official verdict was, the entertainment furnished by this Mock Trial had made it a success.

Commerce Study Club Holds Weekly Meetings

For the past few weeks the senior class of the Commerce department has been holding regular meetings in the form of a study club for the purpose of carrying on an informal discussion of topics of current interest, particularly those relating to foreign affairs and the international situation. A study club of this nature has been a feature of student activities for several years now, and under the capable direction of Mr. Harold G. Beazley, B. Comm., sessions are held with no less enthusiasm than in the past. A period of three quarters of an hour once a week is usually devoted to this undertaking.

The plan adopted so far has been to have each member in turn prepare for delivery before the study club a digest of the current news covered in the "News Of The Week In Review" section of The New York Times. Appropriate comment on the part of the other members never fails to add zest to the proceedings. Mr. Conn and Mr. Scallion have done much by their able and pertinent comment to make the interpretation of world events intelligible and at the same time consistent with possible international developments.

On Thursday, December 15th, the last meeting before the Christmas vacation was held. It was notable for an excellent review of foreign news. The study club, however, because of the mid-year examinations, will not resume its activities until the first week of February, and each member is looking forward to future meetings with considerable interest.

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A CHRISTMAS WISH

With the proximity of Christmas, one's thoughts turn to the spirit and customs of the Yuletide season. It is a time that imbues us with a sense of joy and happiness and fills our hearts with peace towards all men. We momentarily forget the grave concerns of life and the petty disputes of men. We turn aside all thoughts of ill will and hatred because the spirit of Christmas has enveloped us with a supreme joy and happiness. Many of us interpret the meaning of Christmas by giving gifts, but many more with a truer and more genuine spirit extend best wishes. This an age old custom that will never lose its perfect simplicity by becoming commercialized. And so it is that we extend our best wishes to all.

We see all around us a fear stricken and maddened world rushing on to hurdle some barrier of future history, trying to overstep the natural course of events, trying to become so perfect that it will always be secure. Yet never once does it give a thought to God. We see nations feverishly arming, manufacturing tons of death dealing machines that perhaps some day will spell the destruction of civilization. We see men drunk with power and ambition, still greedier for more power, crushing the flower of all that is decent under their demagogical heels. Nowhere is there a thought of the Christ Child. Nowhere does man heed the spirit of Christmas embodied in the words: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." It is our Christmas wish that these men will forget their avarice and ambitions, that the nations of the world will turn their thoughts away from war to the sublimer thoughts of peace and love of one's fellow-man. If such a wish could come true it would indeed be a happy Christmas.

Not only do nations and rulers detract from the beautiful concept of Christmas, but also the many economic and sociological problems and evils of the present day. Crime, sin, hunger, poverty, and misery of all sorts have corrupted the ranks of men so that the world is truly in a fearful condition. Men walk the streets, unemployed and penniless, with a fervent wish that they could bring some little token of Christmas to their loved ones. Thousands are bedridden all year round, suffering, always suffering. If our wishes could come true we would see a happy Christmas in every home however humble it might be. We would see an alleviation of all misery and suffering, supplanted by joy and happiness, and we would hear the strains of the Gloria in Excelsis resounding throughout the entire world.

St. Mary's College also has its needs and wants. A grand little institution that has labored for almost a century in the interests of Catholic Youth, it must expand to meet the demands of higher education and an ever increasing student body. It needs the solid support of the Catholic population of Halifax if it is to take its rightful place among the great institutions of Catholic learning. Our Christmas wish to St. Mary's College is a bigger and better college, one whose fame will spread far and wide. Perhaps some of our wishes will be granted, perhaps none of them, but we do sincerely extend to the faculty, student body, and all Santamarians far and near, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

INTER-FACULTY HOCKEY

The return of Inter-Faculty hockey to St. Mary's is well worthy of mention. Always the favorite sport among the different classes it still continues to reign supreme. It marks a rejuvenation of those famous class feuds of yesteryear which have been so sadly lacking in the recent past. The interest and enthusiasm which the league has provoked throughout the corridors is genuine proof of its success. To judge by the many news sheets which have begun to occupy all available space on the various bulletin boards, one would imagine that the league was of international interest. All this class spirit is most productive of college spirit and we heartily encourage more class feuds of like nature. Besides producing a friendly spirit throughout the college the league is also serving as a fine training ground for intercollegiate hockey aspirants, and at this time of the season there cannot be too much practise. A hearty vote of congratulations is due to the members of the Athletic Association through whose efforts the league has been possible.

INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY

With the return of winter, hockey, that king of Santamarian sport, reigns supreme. Long noted for its powerful teams in the realm of college hockey, St. Mary's will once again muster its forces for an assault upon that elusive Maritime Intercollegiate Hockey Title. Blessed with a wealth of good material, there is no reason at all why this year's edition of the intercollegiate hockey team cannot go a long way on the hockey trail. The Inter-Faculty League has given confirmed proof that there are many starry performers ready to don the Maroon and White from which a powerful team can be moulded.

Last year, the greatest opportunity in years of lifting the Maritime title knocked on the doors of St. Mary's. Enthusiasm ran high, and hopes were strong that the greatest success in years was to be attained. But the whole thing ended in a hopeless fizzle mainly because the team played to an empty rink. This was a decided blot against the name of St. Mary's and it must be erased this season. The material is there from which a strong team can be formed. All that is needed is a strong support on the part of the student body. If you want a championship team show your college spirit and attend the games!

Christmas Music

The request was: "An article on Christmas music, about seven hundred words; delivery in time for the next issue of the Journal".

It was not exactly a contract on the "do ut des" basis, as such an arrangement runs entirely on the "do me a favor" plan. However, I do not see any reason why I should not write the seven hundred words as desired.

But when I have to define my subject and to circumscribe it with a rigid fence, "there's the rub". Let us try, however.

My earliest recollections of Christmas go back—in Halifax they say "way back"—to the end of the century and the years following. Midnight Mass was then a strictly religious affair. A country place, an old church, damp and cold, a lengthy Office, rather poor music; afterwards a light meal, the people somnolent omnes, and, a few hours later, the return to the home city. Youth, a sense of romanticism, literature and milieu made me see there lots of things that were not there.

Later—1914—Christmas Night was a queer time. The Germans, who kept time one hour ahead of the Allies, started shooting and singing at 11 p.m. Our Command became scared and unleashed a real barrage of artillery. Soon, several men were hit, friend and foe. Yet those German carols were beautifully sung, and we kept listening to them . . . very carefully indeed,—in 1915, 1916 and 1917.

The year of the Armistice I was in Germany. That Christmas night I was riding back from Kevlaer (one of the most ancient places of pilgrimages in Holland and German-speaking countries, the pilgrimage being instituted by way of token of gratitude to Our Lady for protection against an invasion of Croats, a few centuries ago.) At midnight, I passed the Church of Capellen, a German peasant town of the Rhineland. The square was empty, the windows dotting the dark with yellow spots; one could hear the heavy hum of the organ. As I stopped a moment, the congregation started singing: "Heilige Nacht!", the typical German carol. It was a true Weihnachtsabend.

I could keep on mentioning a long series of remembrances, including my first Christmas Midnight in St. James' Basilica in Montreal and, later, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Halifax. In regard to the latter, it was the first time the boys' choir was present and the atmosphere in the organ loft was suggestive of uneasiness. To cap it all, the main fuse blew out at the control board for the lights. The cathedral became pitch dark, save for a few candles around the altar where the late Archbishop O'Donnell was vesting. The soloist kept on singing (I do not vouch for the accuracy and orthodoxy of his text!) and the organ kept playing until the very beginning of the Mass when suddenly—and most timely indeed—a new fuse brought light and relief.

Now, it is not perhaps that kind of matter with which you asked me to deal. Let us come down to matters, professionally musical. Let us deal with carols.

Well, some are exquisite; some are less so; some are worn out threadbare; some have suffered considerable damage crossing the ocean (and this goes for several French Canadian cantics); some are operatic; some are religious; some are simple, too simple. Simplicity calls for extremely artistic and sure handling; here, above all, the greatest care should be used in choosing. For me personally, the Germanic carols are the best and, among them, the Dutch or Flemish. But why classify?

Twice I attended Midnight Mass in a Benedictine Monastery. The Office started at about 10 p.m. and lasted until past 4 a.m. Of course, there was no singing of carols at all; only plain chant, splendidly rendered Gregorian chant, sung by a choral unit of more than one hundred perfectly trained monks. Queen Elisabeth of Belgium sat out the whole ceremony. It was a very long ordeal indeed, but it ranks amongst the finest of my recollections.

As a matter of fact, Christmas nights here in Halifax, around the

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That many sincere Catholics as well as others are opposed to the Spanish Nationalists and General Franco is no secret. At first one may be at a loss to understand why any intelligent Catholic should oppose the Nationalists, since it must be admitted they are defending Christianity and the very civilization and culture of Spain, which barbaric forces controlled by Moscow are seeking to destroy. If the Bolsheviks win, Christianity will have no place in Spain. After examining the matter, however, we usually find these people to be victims of clever Red propaganda, or of their own loose-thinking.

In the first group are those who would push the whole matter aside. Some of these think the war isn't worth bothering about. To these Douglas Jerrold says, "Every time an Englishman, idiotically affecting shrewdness, says he doesn't suppose there is much to choose between the two sides of the Spanish war, he is saying just what the Communists want him to say." If there is "not much to choose", then millions of people who are giving up their lives must be awful fools, and the critics, of course, right.

Others in this group who would have nothing to do with the war, say, "None of us know enough about it to decide which side is right, there are so many other things to be considered. Therefore it is silly to talk about something you don't know anything about." Granted that we college students here in Canada have very little knowledge of Spain and Spanish history, is that any reason for refusing to believe those who have that knowledge, especially those who have lived in Spain and been there during the conflict? We would consider a man a fool if he refused to believe something about Eskimos' manner of living, simply because he himself knew nothing about them, and when hundreds of explorers and traders had testified to the fact. Are we to assume then, that Catholic and Protestant laymen who have lived in Spain, as well as the Spanish clergy, are so hopelessly blinded by prejudices that they cannot be believed? If we cannot believe them, then to be consistent we must refuse to believe there are any quintuplets in Callandar. After all, we never saw them you know.

Here the opponents of Franco counter with the fact that several Catholic writers are opposed to the Nationalists. James A. Cleary answers his objection thus: "So effective has Red propaganda become that in

Cathedral, are second to none as to character and atmosphere.

Any person who has traveled a little will support me in that opinion. In the more special field with which I personally am concerned, i.e., the musical field,—my sole objection would be a slight lack of sense of value, a suggestion of waste of good will and of latent possibilities, as a result of seeming carelessness and lack of interest. But this is another story, with no immediate bearing on Christmas issues.

Personally my general training overwhelming urges me to prefer the atmosphere of Easter, its significance, its glorious setting, its associations of all kinds: I may be wrong, unadapted, even unadaptable. Yet I do not know: this strange mixture of commercialism and religious atmosphere around Christmas time stuns me a little.

Yet the Christmas lesson "Peace on earth to men of good will", now more than ever should qualify my reactions. How marvelously, besides, does this promise fit with the motto of St. Mary's College "Age quod agis"! If all were to bear both in mind during 1939, what a splendid, profitable and happy Christmas this would be!

Well now, here are my seven hundred words; a real essay; more or less within the limits of the subject. Shall I read my work over or just pass it in, hoping for the best?

All things considered, I had better read it over, and, that done, ought remains but to wish the Journal and its readers a Merry Christmas. Incidentally, I hope I am setting an example of the manner in which essays should be duly passed in, between this Christmas and the next.
DR. MARCEL DeMERTEN.

America and other countries, several Catholic writers have fallen into its snares . . . There is a text of Scripture which says even the elect may be deceived. Again Mr. Cleary makes a pertinent statement: "The hostility to Franco of the French Catholic philosopher, Jacques Maritain, is fully explained by one sentence in a recent article of his: 'The war in Spain holds a great menace for my own country . . . in certain of the primary conditions of her security.'" We may note here too, that in Mr. Cleary's description of Maritain, he places the adjective "French" before the adjective "Catholic".

Even if we were to assume that we could put no more trust in the statements of clergymen and laymen Nationalists supporters than in the statements of Communist supporters, the impartial observer would come to the conclusion that truth and justice are with Franco. Why? Because statements of "Government" supporters continually contradict one another as well as all right reason. Compare the various announcements of the Reds and they read like a joke column. One resourceful and dispassionate observer counted all the square miles of territory claimed to have been conquered by "Government" troops and found it to be several times the area of all Spain.

Another group who think Franco's cause is wrong say that the Catholic Church in Spain was rich and powerful, ergo it can afford to have a few thousand churches burned and priests and religious massacred, or as the Reds say "liquidated". We don't need to dwell on the fact that if the Church was rich, that is no cause for decreasing its wealth by destruction and murder. Still, it is easy to show how ridiculous is the charge that the Church was rich. Harassed for more than 100 years, and persecuted by successive Spanish governments which were instigated by Masonic influences, the Church was stripped bare, and deprived of all real property on many occasions, notably in 1837 and again in 1931.

The average salary of the Spanish bishops was \$2000 a year. As for parish priests—their average salary before the Revolution was \$400 a year, and many of them had to eke out a living as clerks, gardeners, etc. The number of religious in Spain in 1911 was one for 890 Catholics. England, a Protestant country, had one religious for every 300 Catholics.

By 1934, the number of religious in Spain had decreased to one for every 600 Catholics, and it is not surprising to learn that a general decay of religion among the people accompanied this decrease. Having an insufficient number of clergy to attend to their spiritual needs, they naturally lapsed in their practice of religion, so that a large part of Spain had become Catholic only in name.

The last group of anti-Nationalists say that the Church must have been corrupt, else the people would not have turned against it and committed so many violent atrocities. To which we reply, in the words of Mr. Cleary, "St. Peter was crucified; not because he was a bad Pope, but because he was a good one." Jesus Christ was crucified by His own people whom He came to save. Why should they be surprised then when the clergy in Spain were persecuted by their benefactors? Our Saviour told His Apostles, "The servant is not greater than his master." Then too, when the Bolsheviks who rule "Government Spain" stir up the people and perpetrate crimes and atrocities against God and man, they are merely following their own Red leaders, who for years have openly declared themselves the avowed enemies of religion.

Mark Meecham, writing in "Social Justice" about the high tide of European propaganda which has swamped America, says, "The presentation of selected facts subtly colored, or discolored, at their source can be and is a more dangerous form of propaganda than the subversive pamphlet distributed by some publicity agency with the admitted purpose of promoting a cause. Often, an incomplete story is more unjust than a false one; just as a half-truth can be more deceiving than a lie."

To discerning readers the truth of Mr. Meecham's statement must be evident when they recall the Treaty of Munich. The way "inspired" and "pink" sections of the press went to work to belittle Mr. Chamberlain and his peace efforts and lament over the whole "tragic situation" was often not by direct accusation, but by a camouflage of insinuations and sly "digs". In some magazines, even, the word "Munich" has become a synonym for cowardice or treachery. Yet the majority of intelligent readers will be included to agree with Mr. Meecham when he says in reference to Munich: "It was a blow to the propagandists, . . . who were sure that war would go on as scheduled, and all but cried when it did not."

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MEMORY PARADE

ALUMNI NEWS

St. Mary's had added another to her long list of priests. Rev. Michael Dwyer was ordained at St. Mary's Cathedral last Saturday by His Grace Archbishop McNally. Father Dwyer celebrated his first mass Sunday morning at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. His final destination is the China Mission fields.

Harry Mitchell, Len Meehan and Joe Mills also received additional orders at the ceremony Saturday, which, of course, reminds us that Frank Carroll becomes Father Frank in the spring. Our list of priests and religious has now mounted to well over forty.

At the recent Alumni meeting the election of officers for 1938-39 took

was decided to charge \$1.00 a year. Mr. Reardon started the ball rolling by being the first to pay his dollar and his good example was followed by many more.

By the way, what has become of our older members? Those present at the meeting, with the exception of a few, were definitely young.

We received word last week that Marty Ney is teaching at Cheverous High School. We wonder what kind of a football team that school has.

Joek Murphy is also teaching at Notre Dame College—not in South Bend—in Wilcox, Saskatchewan.

Any day you go in town at this time of year, you can see Santa Claus at some of the main stores—in person. We mention this because we wonder how many know what young public school teacher, an alumnus of St. Mary's, used his talents in this line two years ago. It would be unfair to mention his name.

What is one man's good fortune is another's bad fortune. Jim Hammond has been teaching steadily for these past weeks but at the expense of Johnny Carroll, who is confined to hospital awaiting an operation.

Ed. O'Leary has been in town for some weeks, work at his job in Cape Breton being temporarily held up. It has been said that Ed. will desert the single men in the spring.

Rumor has it that the Intercollegiate League will really function this year as in the past. In recent times this league, once the biggest drawing card in hockey in Halifax, has fallen on evil days and has developed into nothing more than a knock-out series between St. Mary's and King's. Officials are confident that this situation will be remedied and that the four team league consisting of Dal, Tech, St. Mary's and King's, will once again be the centre of College sport activities this coming season.

Let us hope so. Remember the regular Wednesday night game with a skating session afterwards. In those days it was a crime for any student of St. Mary's to be absent and if one did miss, Brother Garvey made it his business to find out why.

With the enthusiasm roused this year in rugby, there would be no trouble getting the support of the students. The A.A. can also be sure of the whole-hearted support of the Alumni.

We sincerely hope that those in charge will be able to see their way clear to bring this league once again to the prominent position it should occupy in City hockey circles.

We leave this thought with you. When you are sending out your Christmas cards, don't forget all the boys who were with you in S.M.C.

Matric Represented On Senior High

Matriculation's second class event was held on December 8. The holiday was availed of for the purpose of a two-hour hockey session. Since there are forty-eight students in this class there was very little difficulty in selecting four evenly matched teams. This particular class event was enjoyed so much by all, that it has been unanimously decided to have another of like nature in the very near future. Next time, however, instead of a hockey session it may be either a sleigh ride on some clear moonlight night, or a 'rough and tumble' toboggan party.

Matriculation is proud of the fact that eight of the players on the Senior High Hockey Team hail from this class. These players are as follows: Joey Evans, Pete McCollough, Jack Wallace, Ed. Butler, Jack Ferguson, Henry Kline, Buddy Graves and Harry Barnaby.

It is sincerely hoped by the students of this class, and in fact by the students of the whole College that Joey Evans will soon be back on his hockey team again. At present Joey is incapacitated with knee trouble.

The Intra-Mural Rugby Championship went to Matric's A team. The team consisted of the following players: Charlie Reardon, (captain), Mike Carroll, G. Reardon, H. Ernst, A. Monaghan, K. Ahern, D. Murphy, B. Murphy, F. Sturmy, F. Gunn, C. Smith, S. Vaughan, B. MacDougall, F. Duggan, and last—and least in stature—Emmett (ginger) Campbell. This team was promptly presented with pins, an action which was greatly appreciated.

We avail of this opportunity to extend to the teachers and to all the students of the College best wishes for a Joyous Christmas and New Year of Peace and Happiness.

Grade 10-B Defeats Grade 10-A Team

Grade 10B's primary boast this year is the high standard in athletic prowess maintained by its members. For example, their hard-driving hockey aggregation succeeded in trouncing the weaker 10A representatives in a hard fought battle at the Forum on November 19th. The score was 5-3.

We wish to correct a statement in last month's "Journal" which intimated that 10B won its rugby games with the help of 10A players, this being entirely untrue.

Grade 10B combined with 10A to tie a very tough battle with the Grade 9 students at the Forum, and we congratulate our opponents on their good sportsmanship. The scorers for Grade 10 were chalked up by William White, Joe White and Terrence Woods.

Roy Power, class treasurer for 10B, accomplished wonders in arranging for a most successful Grade 10 banquet. Our guests were Brother Regan, Brother Kelly and Mr. Lynch. A hearty turkey dinner was enjoyed at the Green Lantern, followed by a theatre party at the Garrick theatre. The executives of A and B are to be commended.

Grade 10B has for its President, Bill White; Secretary, Gerald Penny; Asst.-Secretary, Joe White.

With the near approach of exams the boys are studying hard and hoping harder for success.

Grade 10-A Holds Theatre Party

Wednesday night last was the occasion of the first social function participated in by Grade 10A this year. The class in conjunction with 10B indulged in a most enjoyable repast at the Green Lantern and followed it with a theatre party. Such an affair is sufficient evidence of the real spirit of unity and organization in Grade 10. The class takes this opportunity to make public expression its appreciation to the joint executives for their work and preparation which made the success of the evening such a sure thing. We feel that a special word of commendation is due to 10A's treasurer, Don Haliburton.

The guests at the banquet were: Brother Regan, Brother Kelly and Mr. Lynch. 10A's class teacher, Brother Flannery, unavoidably absent, was keenly missed by his students.

Of late, the main topic of interest is the Interfaculty Hockey League in the College, and the fellows in the class usually spend most of their time after school in the Arena. Otherwise, of course, you will find them at home studying hard for the approaching exams.

Through the facilities of this column, Grade 10A wishes to tender Yuletide and New Year greetings to the rest of St. Mary's.

Grade IX To Hold Annual Banquet

Grade IX finds itself far too much preoccupied with preparation for the Xmas Exams just now to have time for presenting to the "Journal" a detailed account of the class news. When Christmas is over they hope that the results from those exams will be real news, good news, and something worth writing about.

They are concentrating all their efforts on the review sheets which Brother Kealey compiled and distributed, and which they appreciate as a most helpful resume of the term's work.

At a class meeting held on Wednesday last, Grade IX decided to postpone its annual class banquet until after Christmas vacation and also to hold a theatre party in conjunction with it. The members of the class are looking forward in happy expectation of what should prove to be a most pleasurable and successful event.

The executive of Grade IX this year is as follows: President, Jack Horner; Vice-President, Larry Mooney; Secretary, Albert Fox; Treasurer, Murray Abraham. A Happy Christmas to you all from Grade IX.

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Alumni President



Well known alumnus of St. Mary's, Parker T. Hickey was recently elected President of the Alumni Society.

place and while we cannot give a complete list of officers we can mention the ones from whom you will be hearing.

President—Parker T. Hickey.
Secretary—Lawrence F. O'Brien.
Treasurer—John L. Christian.

The rugby team, which so ably represented the College during the last season, was presented with silver cigarette cases by Mr. Joseph Powell, the retiring president. The new moving picture machine, a gift of the Alumni, played a very prominent part in the evening's entertainment.

One very important step was taken at this meeting: the question as to whether or not dues should be collected was finally decided. On the motion of Mr. Joe Reardon, it

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir :
Through the medium of your paper, we, the students of Matric wish to draw the attention of the whole student body of S. M. C. to a matter that concerns, in particular, the High School Department.

First of all we desire to point out that we have not come to any rash decisions concerning the A.A.A. Sincere congratulations we willingly offer to that splendid organization which has never been, within our knowledge, at least, so efficiently managed as this year. However, in tendering our congratulations we fervently hope that our opinion of the A.A.A. will be as high at the end of the school year as it is now.

To come to the point already referred to above, we wish to receive information, in the next issue of the *Journal*, from the Secretary of the A. A. A., concerning a few of our perplexities.

Wouldn't it be possible to have Inter-Class games for the High School? At present a very small number of High School students are sharing in the privileges dependent on the A.A.A. Treasury. We cannot help but admire the excellent system of Inter-Class games at present in vogue in the public schools of Halifax. Not to seem ungrateful, we wish at this point to express our gratitude to the Brothers and not to the A.A.A. for the use of the *Rorum*. A splendid surface of ice has been always at our service in the *Rorum*, due, of course, to the self-sacrificing labor of the Brothers. We do not know who pays the light and water bill of the *Rorum*. If the A.A.A. does, then we shall publicly offer our thanks to that organization and also withdraw our present request for further participation in the benefits of the A.A.A. Treasury.

To preclude a possible argument in defence of the A.A.A. policies of the past, we wish to state that, the fact that the finals of "Rorum Hockey games" are played in a public arena, does not impress us that the High School students as a majority are "getting a square deal".

Thanking you for your kindness in giving us this space in your excellent paper, we are

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SPORT Scripts

The Inter-faculty League sure did start something around here. Feelings weren't given a look-in on our bulletin-boards, but on the ice, Oh, Oh. I'll wager that some of those bruises aren't gone away by Christmas. I'll bet too, that Santa Claus gets a large order for hockey pads from Santamarians, this Yuletide.

After the holidays all eyes will be turned on the Inter-Collegiate team. After watching some of the boys in the Inter-faculty League, it seems to me that we're stronger than ever. Vinnie Vaughan has proven a sensation in the nets, and that was the only position that was causing any worry. Both defensively and offensively we're good enough to cause plenty of worry to all opposition.

The starry line of O'Connell, West, Mulcahie will be together again, and all three are going even better than they were last year, which is saying something. Incidentally Mooney is playing for the Wolves this year, while George and Jerry are wearing the colors of the senior Canadians. This trio will form a formidable first line and should cause considerable anxiety to opposing goalies.

In addition to these we have a group of very fast and tricky forwards in Jack Woods, Cy Myatt, Marty MacDonald, Jimmy Spruin, Sandy MacKay, Al Cohn, Bill Fleming and Jim Reardon. From these an equally formidable second line will be selected.

Supporting Ed Coolen, peer of St. Mary's defencemen, will be big Ted Carroll and Jack Munroe, both stars of last year's High School League. Also trying for a berth on the defence will be Herb Mulcahie, the most improved player in the College and Gerald Moffatt, rugged Junior Artzman.

The temporary loss of Joey Evans to the Senior High School team was regretted by all. Joey started this season off by scoring five points in the opener, and was leading all scorers, when it was learned that he would have to refrain from playing for a time due to a sore knee. It was reported that he would be out of action for about three weeks.

Special mention is due Harry Barnaby for his splendid work in the nets for the High School team. Harry hasn't been getting the right

Engineers and Arts Score Victories

The Engineers, continuing their drive to the Championship, fought their way into the top position of the League by virtue of a win over a hard-fighting Commercial team, to the tune of 2-1, on Thursday, Dec. 8.

It was easily the best game played thus far in the schedule, both sides playing their best brand of hockey, which is plenty good. It was one of these fast, rough games with lots of brilliant plays and a goodly share of penalties.

The Engineers started off the scoring when a vicious shot by West found a corner. A few minutes later Leo Deveau evened things up on a pass from Jerry Mulcahie. Then Jimmy Spruin batted the puck in from a mix-up and gave the deciding margin to the transiteers.

In the second game an inspired Arts team crushed the conquerors of the Engineers viz. Commerce, 5-1. This defeat ruined any hopes of the aspiring Millionaires to win first place in the League. The best they can hope for now is a first place tie with the Engineers.

Leading the Artsmen in their sensational triumph was Marty MacDonald, ace left-winger of the culture-men's first string. Marty drove home three tallies and assisted in another.

The line of Conn-Reardon-Myatt which was instrumental in downing the Engineers couldn't get going at all against the close checking of the Arts forwards and the heavy bumping of their defense.

kind of support from his defense, and despite this has turned in two stellar performances in his first season at St. Mary's.

Continuing in the hockey vein. Those terrible boarders, chief pride and joy of blood-thirsty fans, are again in the news. They planned to have a practice session before the holidays. Unfortunately some of the boys wished to spend their vacation at home, so they decided to call the whole thing off. After watching Rose in the Interfaculty games, I don't wonder why. Such tactics, my, oh my.

Art Cross, steady net-minder for the Commercial team, is the only goalie to attain a shut-out thus far in the Intra-mural League. He completely stopped the Commerce squad, while his mates piled up six tallies, and then again in the Arts contest permitted only one to pass him. I believe that we have a potential Vezina here.

THE BATTERY ANGLE--

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Just before Christmas, 1937, one of our former classmates, 2nd Lieut. P. I. Lowe, a product of the 1st C.B.A.A. and St. Mary's C.O.T.C., sailed for England where he joined the permanent force. Although situated in Deepcut Camp, Aldershot, Hants, far from his Alma Mater and friends, Pete still has deep in his heart that love and respect for St. Mary's that is common to all Santamarians. On his "must" list St. Mary's held high place and the unit received a beautiful Christmas card from him, on which was a picture of his field battery in action. Pete, incidentally, was the original battery sergeant-major of our unit, and, later a commissioned officer.

Since arriving in England the vicissitudes of fortune have not been overly kindly to Pete.

Not the least of Pete's misfortunes was the following incident, of which he speaks in a letter home. An officer friend of his who was being transferred to India gave him a dog. Pete made great friends with the dog and they became constant companions. Unfortunately, one day a heavy army lorry ran over the dog and the heavy tractor-tread tires killed the animal. Pete keenly felt the loss of the dog which helped to pass many an otherwise lonesome hour.

On behalf of the unit we wish Pete a very Merry Christmas and a successful and Happy New Year. We are sure Pete would appreciate a letter from any of his former classmates or from any of the "old boys" who have soldiered with him. A letter to the following address will reach him.

2nd Lieut. P. I. Lowe, Deepcut Camp, R. A. Moss, Aldershot, Hants, England.

Once again the holiday season is upon us and the spirit of Christmas is prevalent everywhere. On behalf of the unit, we wish to extend our sincerest greetings to all ranks of the permanent and non-permanent forces for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

President Entends --

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tual and material. The kindness of the time calls out to all hearts to raise themselves to Him who is the source of all our hope. In the feast itself we see the dignity to which we have been called and are moved to a renewal of life through simplicity and humility. In the assumption of man's nature the Christ Child has made us all His brothers and has shown us how high a place among creatures is that which human nature holds.

With the shepherds it well befits every creature to glorify and praise God who has manifested in the Incarnation such love for men. The Christmas crib ought to fill every Christian heart with joy for within its scanty comfort was sheltered the Light of Life. Near it human hearts may well empty themselves of their baseness and with joy appropriate to the Feast exclaim with a spiritual exultation: "A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

BRO. LANNON.

Mission Crusade --

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On the succeeding day, Father Darney, himself an old St. Mary's boy, took charge of the proceedings and gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on: "The Church in Bermuda." His lecture was accompanied by slides of the various places and things he was discussing, and these made the actual verbal descriptions doubly interesting and enjoyable. When the Rev. Father had finished his talk, Bro. Birmingham, on behalf of all present, tendered to him, most sincere appreciation and thanks for his absorbing and enlightening discourse.

On the final day of the Triduum, Rev. Father Cormier, the College Chaplain, delivered a scholarly and inspiring talk on the life of St. Francis Xavier. This talk was couched in most beautiful and expressive language and impressed itself deeply on the minds of his whole audience. In his address the Reverend lecturer brought out the fact that St. Francis Xavier was a hero in every worthwhile sense of the word. He emphasized the point, too, that the great missionary Saint obtained his wonderful results by those qualities of determination, courage and unwavering attention to duty, which any young man may acquire by living up to all that is expected of him in his particular station of life. The enthusiastic applause which the Reverend Father received when he concluded showed the appreciation by his audience of such a fine discourse.

Then followed Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which brought to a fitting close a most satisfying and successful Triduum.

Transitmen Trounce Fighting Arts 6-1

On Tuesday, December 6, a fast-skating, hard-shooting squad from the drafting room ran riot over a badly disorganized Arts team and skated to an easy 6-1 victory.

From the very start, there was no doubt as to the final issue as the speedy transiteer forwards continually skated holes in a reputedly impregnable Arts defence, whilst their own rear-guard scattered the Arts like the Turks did in 1453.

The Classic men, with their long-range sniping, couldn't even come close to beating Vinnie Vaughan, rubber bouncer for the victors. Their only tally came on a beautiful solo rush by Ed. Coolen, who barged through and beat Vaughan on a vicious low shot.

Meantime Jack Woods and Co. kept Joey Nunn jumping like a rabbit in his cage, in a vain effort to stem the tide of rubber poured at him. The high score was no fault of Nunn's who was given poor protection by his mates.

Jack Woods accounted for three of the Engineer scores, with Jimmie Spruin, George West and Flip Rose netting the others. The work of Ted Carroll on the defense for the mechanical men was outstanding, while Vaughan in the nets stole the entire show.

Marty MacDonald, aggressive left-winger on the classical men's first line was again their outstanding star and was a threat every minute he was on the ice.

The Engineers on the other hand worked so flawlessly that it would be very difficult indeed to select any individual star. Rather let it suffice to say that they look a sure thing to successfully defend the title of which at present they are the proud holders.

Close Games Feature Intm. League Opening

On Friday, December 2, the Inter-faculty League was officially opened with Commercial and Commerce sextets gaining close decisions over the Arts and Engineer squads respectively.

In the opener, a hard-fighting Arts team nearly upset all the dope when they snatched an early lead and continued pressing furiously, much to the discomfort of a confident Commercial team. However, in the ebbing moments, Larry O'Connell and Jerry Mulcahie clicked on two beautiful plays and Commercial's skated off the victors by a single point.

In the nightcap the highly-feared Engineers bowed before a rugged Commerce team by the score of 6-5.

Led by Conn, Reardon and Myatt, the Millionaires rallied successfully in the last minutes of play and banged home a brace of goals to go into a first place tie with their 'Little brothers'.

Both contests were featured by hard-bumping and clever stick-handling, and the wealth of material is evenly distributed among the four squads. All four stand an even chance of copping the Championship.

Dyer Ditties

This new piece, "Change Partners", sure has given new life to the College boys. Hal Lawrence has, to our knowledge, made four changes in the last two months. Everyone seems to be in different company these nights—why, some have even gone "Maritime"—St. Peter's ain't the place it used to be or the College men have found a new haunt or Hall.

ALONG THE CORRIDOR:

No! I've got some work to do, but I'll meet you at Russell's at 9.30. . . . Let us see—first there was the pre-war era, the war-era, the post-war era, and now the postponed war era—"Friend or Phobia?"

Make your reservations for February the third (3) early and avoid all that last minute rush and fuss. WHAT! You don't know what's going on that night? Disgraceful! My friend, you are forgetting your obligations to the social side of life and also to your best—friend. Unemployment figures in the United States reveal the fact that the worker has replaced the Indian as the vanishing American. . . . Did the Engineers have a hockey team in the Inter-faculty League—the Artsmen were true arts-men. . . . Imagine if Commerce and the Business Training had combined with one team? . . . May I take this opportunity of wishing each and every one of you, my friends, the pleasures of this time of the year and may this Christmas be the happiest yet, filled with all the pleasures of heart and soul. . . . Merry Christmas!

The Transit Men--

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The Engineers took the ice against Commerce and went down to defeat by a very slim margin. For days after this game the Engineers took a terrific razzing from the hands of not only the Commerce but also from their "little brudders" of Business Training and likewise the Arts.

However, actions speak louder than words and it was this motto that we followed. Retaliations to the cracks in the various bulletins were very few but on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons the Engineers got their revenge. On Tuesday we trounced those cultured gentlemen of Arts and came back Thursday to defeat the Business Boobs. Now with nothing left but the playoffs, the Transitmen are riding high with a sure berth and whether we win or lose we always have the satisfaction of saying that we beat the empty barrels.

We wish to congratulate Gerald Sullivan and his able executive for their initiative in the formation of the Inter-Faculty league and in spreading the greatest spirit of friendly rivalry between the different College Departments.

The Engineers offer their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Faculty and Students of the College and also to St. Mary's Engineers at Tech.

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