

Let The Sky Fall
If Fall It Must - - -

Events last week have made glorious history; Germany under a tremendous nervous strain pulled what the British called a strategic and political error; the British outlook has become more severe and Winston Churchill sums it up with the sardonic statement, "We will take what we want" . . . meaning of course that Britain will absorb whatever territory that might be in danger of German occupation.

Although these activities were mere shadows of the blood and destruction that is to come they show us that this really is a war that we are about and not a game. They show the individual Canadian that he must be ready for anything even conscription. Up to now, however, Canadians have made many sacrifices. Thousands of men are in uniforms; dollars that could have been spent for the betterment of Canada have gone into the war fund. Financial Minister Ralston informs that at the close of the fiscal year which ended March 31, for seven months of war we have spent \$375,000,000. Apart from this war burden Canada also has obligations totalling over \$5,800,000,000 which is about one-fifth of our national wealth. But unfortunately more money will have to be spent; more individual sacrifices made; war must be our all in all.

Another interesting feature of recent developments is the fact that patience pays big dividends. Only too well do the British know that wars have been lost through lack of patience. Captain Liddell Hart gives excellent expression to this idea and it seems to have been the one used by the Allies: "Where two sides are evenly matched as to offer neither a reasonable chance of early success the statesman is wise who can take a lesson from the psychology of strategy. It is an elemental principle of strategy that if you find your opponent in a strong position that would be too costly to assault you should leave him a line of retreat as the quickest way of loosening his resistance. It should equally be a principle of war policy to provide your opponent with a ladder by which to climb down." This is precisely what happened last week. Germany, under a terrific strain with the blockade tightening and the West Wall as impregnable as ever, marched north in an endeavor to relieve that psychological strain. But then too, how well the Allies knew that if they waited long enough Germany would make definite strategic errors that would become deciding psychological factors as to the outcome of the conflict.

Further analysis of last week's doings suggests the question of the small democracies such as were involved in the fracas. What of them in the post-war world? World War I was a waste of powder as far as they were concerned. Intelligent planning for the future is their only chance. And as Captain Hart says: "Our thought should be directed without delay toward evolving a constructive and dynamic peace-plan that will have a positive appeal for the masses of the people in the opposing country as well as our own." "But what sort of planning" we ask? "What of democracy? Will it prevail. When? If what G. B. Shaw says is true namely that unless this war produces some sort of international policeman it will be a waste of powder, and the same for Wells when he states that if, merely for the sake of democracy we allow Germany after this war is over to develop along the same lines as she did since 1918 thus setting us up for a similar repercussion in twenty years time we hardly see how true, thorough democracy can prevail. Perhaps some of our democratic principles will form the basis of this new world system but not all of them.

But the shape of things to come depends on our cooperating in this our supreme test. On it depends our heritage of freedom and security. But we have every reason to look to

Inter - Class Handball Tournament Nears Finals

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College Societies Elect New Executives

Senior Arts Favored To Repeat Senior Science May Score Upset

The annual spring handball tournament for the College section which started last Monday is now fast nearing the completion of the regular schedule and the play-offs will begin either Saturday or Monday. Play so far has been most exciting and each afternoon finds a large gallery in attendance to size up the strength and weaknesses of the various class teams.

The highlights of the games played to date are as follows:

The complete collapse of the highly touted Sophs against the deadly playing of the Sr. Arts' quartette. The splendid fight put up by the Frosh Artsmen in their game with the Juniors. The latter were forced to go all out to win by but a single point. Perhaps the highest point of the series has been the superlative playing of the Frosh Engineers. Though not as successful as they might have been they possess plenty of color and give their various opponents the battle of their lives.

As the series now stands it looks as if the final will be a "natural" for thrills and excitement. The old champs Murphy and MacDonald, aided by Nunn and Moffatt are certain to cop the supremacy of section B whilst Sabean, Rose and Hilehie are almost certain of gaining equal success in Section A. They will meet Jr. Arts in the section final and general opinion is that they will have but little trouble defeating this uncertain and rather unbalanced quartette.

Thus it can safely be assumed that Sr. Arts and Sr. Science will be the finalists. Opinion as to the outcome is divided on an almost 50-50 basis. Many hold that Rose and Sabean will win, claiming that they have vastly improved over last year. Many others however are backing last year's champs because of their steadiness and their better all-round ability.

Whichever faction may prove to have the right idea only time will tell. There will probably be a record number of students at the final game as interest in the various teams is greater than ever before.

Halifax Colleges To Play Host To '41 Convention

St. Mary's, Mount St. Vincent and King's to Sponsor Next Students' Conference.

George Hoganson, general secretary of the 1941 Maritime Students' Conference, has informed us of the general executive's decision that Halifax shall be the scene of its next conference. The authorities of King's, St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent have readily agreed to jointly sponsor the conference of '41.

Next year's conference will be the third such to be held. The first took place at St. F. X. last year and the second was held at Acadia towards the end of last month. Both conferences were held in Halifax.

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More To Come

For the information of those students who seem to think this is our last issue for the current school year we announce that next month as usual we will publish our Annual Graduation issue. This year, however, due to the fact that we shall print the final exam results in our columns, since the daily papers will not do so, the paper will not come out until Friday 24th. Copies will be mailed to every student.

To Preach Baccalaureate

Rev. Fr. Gerald Murphy of St. Mary's Glebe will preach the annual Baccalaureate sermon for the graduates this year. The place will be, as usual, the College Chapel and the date is Monday, May 20th, the day preceding Convocation.

Rev. Father Murphy is a distinguished graduate of St. Mary's who both during his undergraduate days and since his ordination has been known as a forceful and interesting speaker. His discourse to the Class of '40 will doubtless be most inspiring.

THE BATTERY ANGLE

For the information of the class of '40 we mention the fact that two batteries for graduates are at present being formed at the Technical College. There will be one battery for coastal defense and the other will be detailed for anti-aircraft duties. These two batteries will be known as "Graduate Batteries". As regards entry, one may enlist at the Nova Scotia Technical College. All graduates who have belonged to the C.O.T.C. units this year will hold the same rank in the new batteries as they did in the college C.O.T.C. If any other information is required it may be obtained at Tech.

The last few parades held have been lectures for the practical examination which must be passed before one can qualify for an "A" certificate. We might note here that the series of lectures and parades for the present year is now fast drawing to a close. Final exams start May 7th and the C.O.T.C. unit will probably finish its year's activity a week or two before that date. All cadets are eagerly looking forward to the pay parade which can only be a short way off now.

The St. Mary's C.O.T.C. will be going to camp this year, after Convocation, as usual. The place and the duration of the camp have not as yet been definitely decided. The training camp used last year is now being occupied by active service.

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Students' Conference Complete Success

The Maritime Students' Conference of 1940, which was held at Acadia University in Wolfville on March 23-24, was in all respects an unqualified success. Practically every Maritime college had representatives present and the total number of delegates bordered on sixty. The thoroughness of the arrangements and the hospitality shown the delegates by everyone on the Acadia campus was indeed a revelation. The committees in charge of both the business and social items of the Conference did an excellent job and a large amount of the Conference's success was due to their untiring efforts.

Especially worthy of mention is J. R. MacDonald, Acadia student and convener of the Conference, whose anxiety to do everything possible to make all the visitors feel at

Students Give Talks On Mother Duchesne

The April meeting of the Students' Mission Crusade was held on Friday, April 12th. The programme consisted of talks on Mother Duchesne's life by Phillip Vaughan, William Dalton and Ralph Vaughan. This programme was decided upon by the Executive in view of the current interest in the life and influence of Mother Duchesne, who is soon to be beatified by Holy Mother Church.

Before proceeding with the main item of the meeting, the Unit's President, M. Fitzpatrick, informed the students of the presentation by the Duchesne Unit of Sacred Heart Convent, of the play, "Tudor Sunset". He urged the members to give this project their fullest support.

Phillip Vaughan of Frosh Arts was the first speaker and he dealt with that period of Mother Duchesne's life from her birth to her entrance into the Order of the Sacred Heart. He described in well chosen words the trends towards holiness which she manifested even in her earliest childhood. He showed, too, that her deep piety did not prevent her from loving and enjoying innocent gayety and childish amusements.

Then the speaker passed from this happy period of Mother Duchesne's childhood to the difficulties which she experienced in obtaining entry to the Order which most attracted her, the Order of the Nuns of the Sacred Heart. Mr. Vaughan concluded his splendid talk by describing how Mother Duchesne finally attained the fulfillment of her ardent ambition and was at last admitted to the Sacred Heart Order.

William Dalton was the next speaker and he recounted in a very excellent manner those events of Mother Duchesne's life which occurred from the time of her entry into religious life as a Sacred Heart Nun to the occasion of her departure for America twelve years later.

During this period she showed how indefatigable was her energy on behalf of those whom she felt she could at all help in any way. Thus she took upon herself such a great number of duties that we might well wonder as to how she could hope to perform them all. Yet perform them she did and each one excellently.

With the passing of time she became more and more indispensable to her community and steadily rose to the highest position of responsibility.

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Hoganson President of Debating Quinn Heads Engineers

To Give Address

We have been informed that Mr. R. A. Donahoe prominent Catholic lawyer of this City, will deliver the address to the graduates at this year's graduation exercises. Mr. Donahoe is a graduate of St. Mary's and at present is lecturing in Political Science here at the College.

One of the Conservative candidates in the recent general elections, he has earned quite a reputation for himself as a public speaker and his address at graduation will doubtless be well worth the hearing.

WITH THE TRANSIT MEN

The activity around the Drafting Room these days, is surpassed only by the 'jockeying' of the Allied and Nazi forces for the favour of the neutral states. The "Prom" Committee, composed chiefly of Engineers is carefully planning the success of the "Graduation Ball." Frank Kelly is leaving nothing undone to see that this year's decorations will be the best ever presented at a St. Mary's Dance.

To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. While the students of this ancient institution are preparing for a graduation celebration, it suddenly dawns on them with we might almost say terrific force that the finals are but but three weeks away! This business of exams which was but a speck on the horizon a little while ago has now grown to almost monstrous proportions, especially for the boys of the Drafting Room, most of whom have to carry twelve or thirteen subjects. So, if during the next few weeks you notice that the Draftsmen are inclined to be short tempered please don't call them old grouches, remember they've not only got exams on their minds, but also the preparations for what we hope will be the best 'prom' ever.

To get back to the Drafting Room, there is a certain frequenter of that well known haunt, known as 'Jan the Magician' who is proud of his ability to make nickels disappear by a 'flick' of the wrist. 'Jan' performed the trick in the presence of two good, honest seniors not long ago, and it worked to perfection (say the Seniors). The nickels disappeared so completely that even the genius himself was amazed. While Jan was still trying to locate the lost money, the two seniors made their exit. Maybe the nickels went up the wrong sleeve 'Jan'.

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Note of Sympathy

On behalf of the Faculty and student body we offer to Gerald Renner, '39, College Librarian, and to Robert and Larry Dempsey of Grade XI, our sincerest sympathy on their recent and great bereavement. All three lost their respective fathers in the recent harbor accident, and the suddenness and magnitude of the tragic occurrence must have caused them almost unbearable sorrow.

We assure Gerald, Robert, Larry and all the other members of their families the continued remembrance of their dear fathers in the prayers of all here at St. Mary's.

With the present school year rapidly drawing to a close the various college societies have recently been quite busy concluding their activities for this year and appointing their officers for the 1940-41 season.

Last week the Sr.-Jr. Debating Society held its final meeting and besides appointing its new Executive, bestowed its annual award on the member voted most useful to the Society. Gerald Murphy, outgoing President, was the recipient of this latter honor. As regards the new staff of officers, the following were elected:

President—George Hoganson.
Secretary—Ralph Vaughan.

Business Manager—Wm. Bishop.
With three such capable men guiding its destinies the Debating Society should do much to broaden its activities and its influence.

The Engineering Society held its final meeting last Thursday night and after reviewing the activities of the past year, which, by the way, were quite numerous, due to the energetic direction of its Executive, proceeded to the business of electing a new slate of officers. The following were elected:

President—Felix Quinn.
Vice-President—George Hoganson.
Secy.—Terry Foley (re-elected).
Treasurer—Ed. Cosgrove.

These men will have to be on the alert to come up to the mark set for them by the retiring officers of the Society, the President of which was the genial George Hoganson.

General Executive Meeting Held At St. Mary's


On Monday, April 8th, the semi-annual meeting of the General Executive of the Halifax Mission Crusade Units was held in the Assembly Hall. After refreshments had been served, the business of the meeting was entered into with Rev. Dr. Curran occupying the chair. The chief item discussed was the arrangements for the annual reunion of the various units which usually takes place towards the end of April.

In previous years the reunion took the form of a religious demonstration and was usually held at St. Patrick's Church. This year, however, it was decided that the function should be of a somewhat different character and should be more in the nature of a "reunion" than a "demonstration".

It was decided that the function should take place at Mount St. Vincent College, on Sunday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. With the place of the meeting chosen, the Executive proceeded to draw up the programme. The main outline was agreed upon, but minor details and the order of proceedings was left to the discretion of Sister Francis D'Assisi, and no definite announcement can as yet be given on this point. It was also decided that because of space limitations

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"A HOUSE DIVIDED"

As the end of the school year approaches and 'election time' in the various College organizations draws near or, as in some cases, has already passed, we become conscious once again of an evil, for such we term it, which we were beginning to hope had lost its hold on St. Mary's students. The evil we refer to is the tendency to form cliques in order to elect to office a particular favorite of those concerned or else to elect a person merely because he happens to belong to a particular College department, and without any great concern as to his abilities for the position in question.

We do not for a moment claim that such a practise as we have mentioned above is widespread at St. Mary's, but we hold that it exists in a somewhat mild form. Mild though that form may be however, this movement towards over-emphasizing the rivalry between and the loyalty for the various college departments can become so harmful, that it should be stamped out on its very first appearance.

The undesirable results of such a state of affairs as an almost fanatical support for your own particular department and nothing but a bad word for any other, are apparent to all. First there is the result that the best man for a particular office may be easily passed over because he has to depend not on his merits but on the numerical support given him by his department—and, he may belong to a faculty which is extremely few in numbers.

Thus that college department which has the greatest numerical strength might easily 'corner the market' so to speak, as regards executive positions in the various societies. So it might easily come to pass that a certain faction would be running things completely their own way without reference to the feelings or opinions of the great mass of the students. As one can see such a state of things is to be carefully avoided and guarded against.

To our mind however, this is only a comparatively minor detail when compared with the following consideration. The saying "A house divided against itself cannot stand" may apply to colleges equally as well as to states and other larger units. If a college is divided into factions and cliques such a thing as united college effort becomes an impossibility. We will become so concerned with the petty considerations of our own department that co-operation and mutual aid with our fellow students will have no part whatsoever in our scheme of things.

Unity of spirit and action within the college is one of the prime factors of a good, lively college spirit. Without this unity college spirit becomes but a poor skeleton of a thing which we take out and dust off on game days, and hide away again when the championship is won or the series over. Here at St. Mary's we have had the co-operation and unity necessary to make our college spirit a thing to be proud of. Let us see to it then that the narrow and unwholesome view that the department should come before the college as a whole be allowed to gain no greater foothold than it now possesses.

Some of you may think this warning premature but to dust off another old adage, "Forewarned is forearmed". If we can do away completely with this too great emphasis of department against department it will be found that a much better feeling of co-operation and friendliness will exist between the different departments and what is most important of all our college spirit will become deeper and more virile since we will have no subordinate considerations to tempt us to value the part above the whole.

Debating Society Holds Final Meeting

On Thursday evening, April 4th, a full attendance of the Sr.-Jr. Debating Society assembled for the final meeting this year. The first item on the agenda was a report on the Maritime Student's Conference which was held at Acadia, and at which St. Mary's was represented by G. Murphy, M. Fitzpatrick, and G. Hoganson. Mr. J. Lynch, genial Economics Professor, also attended the Conference in the capacity of Faculty Adviser, and having been present at all its various functions, was fully qualified to render the comprehensive report that he did.

Next, Mr. G. Murphy gave an account of the annual M. I. D. L. meeting which was held in conjunction with the Student's Conference. St. Mary's was admitted into the M. I. D. L. this year and, under its ruling, will partake in three Inter-Collegiate debates. Thus, next year St. Mary's is scheduled to debate with Kings, Acadia, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Then followed the election of a new slate of officers for next year. The Chairman gave a short talk, stressing the necessity of choosing the best men, and keep in mind the responsibilities and duties that will fall to the lot of the new executive. Votes were then taken and Mr. George Hoganson was elected Presi-

dent, Mr. Ralph Vaughan, Secretary, and Mr. Bill Bishop, Business Mgr. Congratulations were extended to the new executive and also to the Society members on their choice.

A vote was next taken to determine the winner of the medal offered for the most valuable man to the Society for the year. On Mr. J. MacDonald's motion and by unanimous approval the out-going President, Mr. Gerald Murphy was selected as the winner.

Bro. Lannon was called upon to speak, and during the course of his short address spoke of the C.F.C. C.S. Conference which was being held at St. Thomas Aquinas in Chatham. He heartily endorsed the splendid work of this movement and expressed regrets that St. Mary's, under the circumstances, could not be represented. It was then proposed and seconded to telegraph to St. Thomas a pledge of the support and co-operation of St. Mary's in anything the Conference should decide to undertake.

Mr. Murphy then addressed the Society, congratulated the new executive, and expressed complete confidence in their capability of guiding the destiny of the Society during the year to come. He thanked the members for their unflinching co-operation during the year, and on behalf of the out-going executive bid best wishes to the Society for next year.

"The Paths of Glory . . ."

In Italy today it is an unpardonable crime to infer that Mussolini is getting old. Nothing can cause his fiery temper to rise as quickly as to allude to an ailment or to the fact that he is a grandfather, or to his gradual curtailment of the more violent types of exercise which characterized him in his earlier years.

Outwardly he has not changed much during the past few years. The real change appears to be taking place in his mind.

In 1936 Italy touched the heights with the conquest of Ethiopia and Rome went wild with joy at the evident position of world power that Italy held and at the evident fear and respect with which other nations regarded Mussolini and his demands. Since then however, the Duce has skidded rapidly and is at the present time playing a rather bad second fiddle to Hitler, and even, in some respects, to Stalin.

When the dictators, Hitler and Mussolini met for the first time in 1934, Mussolini left the meeting with the firm impression that he could use the Fuhrer in his plans and moreover that he could handle him quite easily if the occasion arose. Subsequent events gave strength to this impression and Mussolini saw himself as supreme in the Balkans and on the Mediterranean with Hitler as his aide.

He was to be very quickly disillusioned. In 1938 Hitler rolled into Vienna. The Duce had been forced to agree because no other course was open to him. Next came Czechoslovakia and Mussolini saw his hopes of a Balkan Kingdom fading. It became immediately important that he should not lose the limelight to his more aggressive Axis partner, so the cry was raised for return of Italian colonies.

The result was that Mussolini saw

clearly, perhaps for the first time, that Hitler was using him as he had planned to use Hitler. No active support was forthcoming from Germany. The French heaved a sigh of relief and answered an emphatic "no" to Italy's demands. Mussolini's Mediterranean Empire came crashing to the ground.

When Hitler finally went to war with Poland despite Italy's protests, Mussolini knew that he had been relegated to the position of bystander in the course of history.

Not only has his pride suffered abroad but even at home he is recognizing feelings of discontent. The benefits that were to accrue to Italy from Abyssinia have failed to develop. The campaign in Spain was very unpopular. The Axis has lost its power.

To make things still more difficult for the Duce, he has no sense of humor. He cannot laugh at himself or at jokes made at his expense. He trusts no one—not even Ciano who is completely devoted to him. He finds no relaxation in society.

In his own home he is well taken care of by Donna Rachele, his wife. He worships his children and looks after them with passionate tenderness. But even in his home there is no one to whom he can talk on his own level.

He passes more and more of his work to subordinates and Italy is feeling the slackening from end to end. Generals complain that it is difficult to get proper equipment for their men. Diplomats abroad miss the clear crisp instructions of former days. Many observers are of the opinion that Mussolini is merely holding his hand until he sees the way to jump. Those nearest to him however amply feel—that Mussolini is getting old.

Music Through The Ages

It may truthfully be said that the history of music, is the history of the world. The progress of man brought with it the step-by-step evolution of music, from the mere changes in pitch of our very earliest ancestors to the stirring operas and symphonies of today. Being closely allied, music has accompanied literature along with the trends of every age. Also, every nation, while possessing a music of its own, has contributed materially to the music of the world. The origin of music, since it is based in the heart of man, is veiled in the mists of the past, yet we do know that every civilization of which we have any record, has possessed a flourishing musical growth.

Music has had its "classicism" and "romanticism". Paralleling the advent of "Impressionism" in literature and art the music of the present century became impressionistic. Today, however, it is practically impossible to charter the course of music. The fault if it is a fault, lies of course with the radio, which has multiplied enormously the number who can appreciate music and more enormously still the number of people who think they can. It is possible today to choose your own special type of music and satisfy any choice

on a single evening. We may hear at our leisure and as the mood strikes us, a magnificent choir, an opera, a celebrated pianist or a college glee club. We are privileged (?) to hear the tribal music of Africa as played by a 'swing' band of the Ozarks, as played by hill billies, etc., etc. In fact the scope of our particular permutations is boundless.

But the worth of our "modern" music, the "hits" of today, is sadly given away by their length of popularity. A "modern" composition has a life of perhaps, half a year. The popular music of our day, is not music of the head, like Beethoven's nor even music of the heart, like Wagner's. It is rather but a music of the ear alone. True it is often jaded and infantile yet it is pleasant enough. The mobility of every art the overthrow of almost every cultural restriction, which has infected our modern poets, painters and musicians all searchers for beauty, has made it impossible to standardize any form of beauty in any art, for our present age. How can the modern art world standardize a thing, if it has no standards? Thus like every other art form, the music of today is in a state of great fluctuation and change. Whether the change will be for the best we doubt if anyone can say as yet say.

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bility and trust in the Sacred Heart Order. During these years her interest in the American Missions was aroused and soon she was repeatedly begging the permission of her Mother Superior to go to America and work amongst the Indians. Finally her wish was granted and she sailed for America which was to be the scene of her greatest and most fruitful labors.

Ralph Vaughan described in very glowing terms this last period of Mother Duchesne's life. He showed how her sanctity and devotion to duty increased with the passing

years and how the poor Indians instinctively knew her for a Saint and loved to be near her to hear her words of consolation and to have their children taught and comforted by her.

In her old age, though feeble from much illness, she still continued her labors on behalf of her beloved Indians and their troubles, both spiritual and physical, were her deepest concern up to the very day she died.

The talks were well received by the Crusaders, as they evidenced deep study and research, and were excellently delivered. All three men were heartily applauded for their excellent efforts. The meeting concluded with the usual prayers on behalf of the Missions.

RECIPROCITY

Reciprocity as generally understood is a policy of trade between two nations wherewith special advantages are mutually offered in order to offset the balance of trade.

As with nations so with individuals or firms; receipts must exceed the outgo in which advertising plays a more and more necessary and integral part. The advertisers in "The Journal" particularly appeal to the students of Saint Mary's College for this spirit of reciprocity, and as each student is directly interested in "The Journal's" success, a personal purchase from its advertisers or kindly word or boost to friend or family on their behalf is practicing a genuine spirit of reciprocity.

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Odds and Ends From Junior Arts

Now that the Juniors have become proficient Shakespearian critics (so they think), their philosophical endeavors seem to have taken a tumble. With the coming of Spring they have been found gazing "pie-eyed" into space. Meanwhile the other Arts classes are forging ahead of them in studious enterprises.

Spring fever is taking its toll and we can support this when we hear such famous names as those of the inimitable "Arky" Vaughan, "Moose", Don and Tom, all being sent fluttering through the air waves on a certain radio program. But, as Arky would say, "That's neither 'air' nor there." Tommy Power was rather sore after his radio debut. "Nurse to you" was all he'd say.

Are the Juniors going to cause another upset in handball of somewhat similar character to that which they brought about in the Sixes last year? The members of Arts '41 are given the same long odds to take the Handball League as they were given in football last Fall.

With "Dug", Leo, Fitz and "Moose" in action, the Juniors should give the cocky Sophs and Seniors a good run for the title. Incidentally, as the Juniors are well known as providers for the future, 'tis rumored that they been getting Theriault in shape for the '41 session.

Leo MacDonald, he of political ambitions, the staunch Liberalite, condemnor of all things Conservative, still thinks Sydney "Millionaires" could have taken the Allan Cup and that the "Post-Record" is a better paper than the Journal (such heresy!). And so, leaving "Moose" to his Hellenistic philosophy and the rest of our peaceful little group to deeper thoughts, such as the path of the moon on starry nights, we say so long till the next and last time.

General Executive--

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tations only a certain fixed number from each unit would be chosen to attend. St. Mary's is entitled to send a total of thirty from its College and High School groups combined.

Before the conclusion of the meeting the Secretary, on behalf of those present, offered hearty congratulations to Rev. Dr. Curran on his recent appointment as Dean of the Arch-Diocese. His appointment to this very responsible position is a tribute to the Rev. Doctor's well-known organizing and executive abilities.

The meeting concluded with the recitation by all of some short prayers for the missions.

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ferences were eminently successful and were productive of much good. No doubt next year's will prove equally profitable to all concerned.

The fact that three colleges will be co-operating in a joint effort for the success of the affair should provide such a wealth of facilities that both the business and social aspects of the conference may be carried out with even greater success than on previous occasions.

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NOTES « « « From The Library

A delightful tea was held in the College on Monday last when the Executives of the Mission Crusade units of the various schools were entertained. The high spot of the afternoon for several Sisters of the Mount came when they visited the Library. They desired to be shown the treasures of the Library and the ever willing Librarians complied. Comment heard as the guests were leaving, "And to think we've actually seen the great Mike Resk "at work."

It may be to the advantage of the Arts students to know just how to find a subject in the new Drama section. If you want something that deals with the general subject of Drama, consult the files under DRAMA-HISTORY & CRITICISM. If you want something on English, German, Irish or Scandinavian Drama, look up DRAMA-ENGLISH (or German, Irish or Scandinavian) HISTORY & CRITICISM and find your sub-heading. When looking for

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Engineer's Choral Society Favorite: Where's my Old India Rubber?

Since this column appeared last, the record for the largest fine has been broken. A poor misguided high-school lad has a book on which is the noble fine of 80c cash. At the last bulletin, stock was still going up strongly.

History is a fascinating study that can be enhanced by reading Biography. Biography is to History what a story is to an outline. Our library has a biography section that is equal in size and quality to that of a library five times its size. Of particular interest to the C.O.T.C. should be Carlyle's "Frederick the Great" and Liddell Hart's "Colonel Lawrence". These excellent books contain more than a smattering of military science. They are written in a simple style and contain no big words. As instruction books for our C.O.T.C. sergeants they should prove invaluable.

Society Notes: Among the unexpected visitors to the Library last week were Brother Knight's French students. Their vivacious gaiety did much to relieve the dull monotony of a Librarian's existence. So great an impression did they make that the Librarian was heard to mutter in dulcet tones after their exit, quote, the next time them guys stick their mugs in here, they will be severely and individually punched, unquote.

The Catholic Digest is a fine little magazine which, like most things Catholic and educational, is neglected by the average student. There is an excuse for not reading the Catholic papers. The student has not the time to read them or the money to buy them. The editors of the Catholic Digest realized that also and produced summaries of the best of Catholic literature of the month in a form accessible to all. It doesn't take much time to read the condensed articles and it doesn't cost anything. Why don't you read the Magazine?

Mr. Murphy's gastritis has quieted down considerably the past month but Mr. Foran's bass burp is, at times, terrifying in the extreme. However, the charming duets played by Messrs. Foran and Murphy on their respective esophagi are bewitching in their dulcet simplicity. McGrandy's Bicarbonate of Soda is negotiating with them for a Wednesday night program. Last night the boys were still hold-outs. Said Mr. Murphy "We rrrrrrr more rrrrrrrrr".

CAMPUS JOTTINGS

Miracle of the Age.

The fact that "Glamor Boy" Green is still in such robust health. He's been "driven crazy" and has "nearly died" so often in the stories which we hear him tell around the old drafting room that to we poor, ordinary men it seems amazing that he's even alive, not to speak of bubbling over with health. It's rumored, however, that Mike gave the Superman his first lessons in being a Superman; if so that accounts for it all. Who started the rumor? Why, Mike, of course!

"Peter Pan" Foran, the little boy who just won't grow up, and who still thinks the whole world is his oyster, despite his thin—we mean graying hairs—has taken to singing in a big way these days. We don't know what the boarders may think, but as for us, well, we would vastly prefer a fog-horn to even Sibelius' "Finlandia" as warbled by Foran, not once, nor ten times, but at least a hundred times a day. Singing lessons certainly have a way of bringing out the lion in a man

Conversational Treats of the Month. Listening to Torchy talking—about Torchy.

Listening to Bill Dalton saying "wonderful nothings" on just about everything under the sun.

Listening (if you should be so unfortunate as to find yourself with all means of retreat cut off) to Bas Nunn and Vim Vaughan laughing themselves sick at their own masterpieces of wit. Those two imitables never cease either to wonder at the brilliance of their humor or to pity those poor ordinary mortals who have to depend on Jack Benny for a good laugh.

Speaking of conversational treats there's one treat of that sort we'd like very much to enjoy, but, due to the reticence of the fellows concerned we're afraid we never shall. We've often tried to get Labs and McPherson to tell us about themselves and their handball ability and exploits, but, my friends, you've no idea how retiring and self-effacing they are. Such modest young men we've never before met. They just smile those big, friendly, shy smiles which so many capable men have and turn the talk to something else less personal. And to think that some of those jealous Engineers and Artsmen seem to think they're so boastful! Such slander!

(P.S.—If you can read the above paragraph without entertaining some doubts as to our sanity, then you're just about the least suspicious of human beings.)

Speaking of handball reminds us that with the coming of Spring, the Senior Arts, who had been driven into home harbors by such notable fiascos as the Tau Gamma and their failure in the American Sixes, have once more polished up their best and most oily smirks and have ventured into the open once again.

Murphy, Moffatt, MacDonald and Nunn have the trick of bringing the talk around to handball down to a science, and once it gets there, well, you may just as well go away—they'll be too busy telling each other how good they all are.

By the way, those Junior Artsmen have once more earned for themselves the choicest favors of Lady Luck. Looking over the handball schedule we see that they've once more got the softest spots in the League. You'll probably read all about their tremendous and hard-earned success in the May Journal. It'll tax even Theriault's imagination, though, to make a success story out of their victory over poor, defenseless Mike Resk.

Here's our estimate of the Junior team:

M. Fitz—A player who thinks he's twice as good as he really is.

J. MacDougall—A player who is twice as good as he thinks he is.

McGrath and MacDonald, who don't do much in the thinking line and whose handball playing is in direct proportion to their mental exertions.

High School Highlights

Grade Tenners Hope For Basketball Title

The Easter exam results showed a marked improvement over those of the first semester and the class as a whole has had far better report cards to show this time. The Class leaders, namely, Frank Martin, Murray Blanchard and Delisle Inglis (who placed in that order) are to be congratulated on their splendid work. Not only have these three Grade Tenners lead in the Easter tests but they were 'out in front' in the Christmas tests also.

With the coming of Spring we are anxiously awaiting the time when the Campus will be ready for baseball. Some of the fellows have already begun to iron the kinks out of their arms and are gradually getting in shape for the Intramural League. Grade X is confident of coping the title this year. With Foxx throwing his old fire ball across the platter, and Foley, Garnier and Co., busting the fences, we can't miss. Besides the 'old faithfuls' we have a dark horse in Gerry Boyd, husky Cape Bretoner, whom the Boarder's say powders the ball a la Der Mag.

That's about all for this time except to mention that Murray Blanchard has now become a fully fledged boarder and, as is usual in such cases has acquired a fully fledged nick name. Don't worry, Murray, we won't mention it.

EXCHANGE CORNER

We would like to mention first of all in our Exchange Notes this month, the McMaster University's 'Quarterly'. This publication which is very attractive in design and make-up, is one of the most interesting College periodicals we've seen in recent months. The first impression we received of this magazine was its variety of content. Usually College "Quarterlies" are a little on the heavy side and lack material of a lighter character, which would give them balance. McMaster's "Quarterly" however, mixes serious articles with a few lighter ones.

There are one or two short stories which, considering the fact that they are written by students are really quite good. An article entitled "An Evening of Shakespeare Songs" is skillfully written. It gives an interesting insight into the poetical value and real beauty of the seemingly slight and fragile little songs which Shakespeare scattered here and there throughout his plays. Shakesperian students in the various English courses will find this article most helpful in gaining a fuller appreciation of the great dramatists' masterpieces.

A paper on 'Quality and Quantity' written especially for McMaster's students by the late Lord Tweedsmuir is also well worth the reading.

Excellent accounts of the Maritime College Students Conference which was held at Acadia recently may be found in the last two or three issues of the Acadia "Athenaeum". In the April 5th issue also there is reproduced a group picture of the delegates taken on the steps of the Administration Building.

The last issue of the Mount 'Kappa' for the present school year is now in the library. An excellent article entitled "50 Years of Printing" appears on the front page. In it is given an account of the exhibition arranged in the Mount Library which gave in sections a history of the various stages of printing from its earliest times down to the present day.

The Dal Gazette climaxed its year's activity with its annual "screw-ball" edition. Clever nonsense is a most difficult thing to write and requires a very delicate and skillful touch.

That's about all for now. We'll probably pen a few lines next month to bid a fond, tearful farewell to the Class of '40 and to wish them the shadiest bench in the Park or the softest possible job on the roads.

Grade Nine Plans Class Outing

As the school year draws to a close, and each days brings us nearer to the final goal of achievement in the Ninth Grade—the passing of our last examinations—we are inclined even already to modestly boast, or at least to feel a certain satisfaction at the thought of having honestly and we trust we may add, successfully, accomplished all the duties assigned to us by each of our preceptors.

Weekly "quizzes" keep us on the "quiver" and there is little time during the day to think of anything but our class-work, yet we manage to snatch a few golden moments occasionally for class-meetings.

At present the class executive is considering the possibility of an "outing" at the end of the year. During the week a definite decision will be reached at a class discussion. As Grade Nine students have always been loyal to their executive we feel sure that any suggestion they make will be well received and attended by a full co-operation of each individual member.

For the past week we have missed the genial companionship of Jim McManus. It is gratifying to learn that his illness is not very serious and that he will soon be able to rejoin us in all class activities.

Yesterday it was learned that Stanley Kean, owing to circumstances beyond his control, will not be able to complete his year at St. Mary's. We are confident that he will make a success of his new undertaking, and we wish him every good luck.

In our next episode we may be able to boast of having beaten Grade Ten in a French Competition which will take place about the end of the present month. Though "comparisons are odious" even when made in a case like this, we feel sure that the contrast will not be so appalling as to produce such dire sentiments.

Matric Reports Class Activities

Beginning our notes this month, we take this opportunity to extend to Robert and Larry Dempsey the heartfelt sympathy of Matric on their recent tragic bereavement. The class contributed the substantial sum of eight dollars for Mass cards on this occasion.

Congratulations are due to the five Matricsters who finished in the first five places in the recent Easter tests. They are, in order, Joseph Fultz, W. Duggan, J. LaPierre, J. Lynch and Edgar. The above five also finished in the "top brackets" in the Christmas examinations. It looks at present as if there will be keen competition in June for the prize-winning places, as all five are separated from each other by but a few marks.

Last week a class picture was taken for insertion in the Collegian. As there were two or three prints there was quite a bit of difficulty in selecting the best one, as all the class Gables and Taylors had different ideas as to on what print their classic features were best reproduced.

Brother Keogh finally stepped in and settled the dispute by making a selection.

Now that Spring is here (or is it?) suggestions are being heard as to whether it would be possible to have a real good class outing at the end of the year. Nothing definite has been decided as yet, but we expect by the next issue of the Journal to have things definitely arranged.

Delivered in large amounts, and written in slapstick style without a true appreciation of the principles of wit and humour it strikes one as being most painful and amateurish. For a concrete example, see Dal Gazette "Screw-ball Edition".

« Sport Scripts »

Winter, the sire of storms, has definitely gone home for a summer's rest, and with him went the overcoats and caps—and out came the Boarders, a sign surer than the robins than Spring finally arrived. Another positive omen is the presence of the land-mark Paul Laba in the handball allies, instructing his teammates how to capture the handball title.

The League opened last Monday and most of the boys have been trying vainly to shake the kinks out of those arms. The League promises plenty of action and spirit as the rivalry between the classes and faculties continues to mount. The payoff comes when the Arts and Engineers clash. We don't know just which teams will be representing but we can count on the unanimous support of both faculties for their respective champs.

In the near future the A.A.A. will bestow upon the year's batch of successful athletes, their 'M's'. It's the goal of all Santamarian players to attain this distinction and at least twelve are to be the recipients of the highly-coveted award this year. Gordon Phelan stated that the distribution of awards would take place any day now and that he was merely waiting for ratification by the other members of the executive before the official conferring took place.

As this is the last time 'Sport Scripts' will appear in the Journal, this being your Scriptor's Graduating year, I'd like to finish this last column with a bit of a swan song. I'd like to take the express privilege to reminisce for a while and go back briefly over the two or three years that I've been penning this humble contribution to the Journal.

It seems like a hundred years ago when St. Mary's defeated St. F. X. and captured the Provincial Rugby Title. But folks tell me it was only two years ago, and as I recollect and try to recall, a new thought steals up. It's hockey this time, and a city title; but this thought fades and visions of spring and a handball tournament which caused an awful lot of excitement, steal up. Why it's—but the vision passes and once again it's football and a new school year. St. F. X. again and this time the story's different. I think the score was—why here we are in the Arena—it's hockey! The dashing Axemen from Acadia and a crushing defeat, and then a new handball tournament.

They say it's my last year. Well, it has certainly come quickly. Looking back, I see before me a host of athletes, all imbued with one common characteristic—St. Mary's fight. There are, footballers, hockey players, trackmen, handballers in the crowd and they pass my minds' eye ever so quickly—O'Connell, Mulcahie, Marty MacDonald, Sandy MacKay, big genial Dan Jannigan are all there as the crowd passes in swift review. There, too, are Ed. Coolen, Bernie Tolson, 'Butch' Keating, good sportsmen and fine gentlemen, whose friendship and god fellowship I don't think I shall ever forget. Casting a glance into the future, I see that a fine new bunch is coming up to take the place of the old, Leo MacDonald, Russ Lownds, Torchy Hoganson, John Theriault and a host of others. Vinnie Vaughan is still in the thick of it all of course with Westy his old side kick. The handballers come to mind now and I recall Terry O'Leary, Gerry Murphy, Joe Nunn, Al Sabean, Paul Laba and Boris Botchoff.

That's about the lot. They're all gone now, flashing past. Vivid scenes, thrilling climaxes, unforgettable moments. Four years of Journal work, four years of college life and so much action, so many thrills! It really was a thrill to endeavour to set them down for the readers, but words couldn't half do justice to the wholehearted fight and grit that permeated all. That fight is a part of St. Mary's itself—may it ever be so.

Another word of well-deserved praise to that famous element that have inspired so many items in this column for the past two or three years, I refer to the Boarders. The sporting escapades of such 'colour' players as 'Pa' Foran, Bill White, Spud Murphy and Jim Duun, have occasioned much interest and amusement to both boarders and day students. From this element have come many outstanding performers in all branches of sport. Gerry Murphy, Flip Rose, Mike Green, Amby Hennessey are high in the list of honor and trailing them are many of equal spirit if not of equal ability. With these have my associations been closest, and among these had I the honor of being designated "A Boarder".

Therefore do I close this column with a few reminiscences because I feel that is the easiest and fullest way to do so. In concluding I thank all who have cooperated with me so well in supplying 'hot tips' and 'lowdowns' on games and players. Without their help this column would certainly not have appeared in the Journal as regularly it has these past two years. May my successor receive the same wholehearted support and encouragement.

Students' Conference-

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visor, Gerald Murphy, George Hoganson and Michael Fitzpatrick from the student body were members of the two groups discussing educational affairs of the Maritimes. They report that the discussion in their sections was very lively and that most stimulating exchanges of ideas took place regarding the relative values of the different educational systems used in the various Maritime universities and colleges.

Each group elected a secretary who was delegated to report the group's findings at the final general session which was held on Friday afternoon. These various reports were most interesting and one of the most remarkable features of them was the manner in which totally different groups suggested identical solutions for certain problems. These several reports were molded into one by the Conference Committee and a copy sent to each college. For those who are interested one may be found in the pamphlet stand in the College library).

At this final meeting, too, a general executive was formed to decide upon such important matters as the scene of the next Conference. Mr. George Hoganson of St. Mary's was appointed general secretary of this group.

On the second morning of the Conference Mr. J. Lynch read a paper on the "Teaching of English". This paper showed evidences of deep research and of keen observation on the part of Mr. Lynch and was very well received by all present.

The social as well as the business aspect of the Conference received full emphasis. The arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates during their leisure hours were extremely well planned and were equally well carried out.

Each afternoon there was afternoon tea for the delegates at White-man Hall, one of the ladies' residences. The first night of the Conference was high-lighted by an informal party, whilst a theatre party provided enjoyable relaxation for the delegates during the second evening.

The climax of the social side of the Conference was reached on Friday evening, when, following a delightful banquet in the University dining hall, a farewell party for the delegates was given in the college gym. This event proved a very fitting conclusion to three days of most interesting and enjoyable contacts, discussion and relaxation. Besides the planned items of the program, of course, any Acadia student one might meet on the campus was only too willing to take the visitor on a tour of the college buildings and to show him everything worth seeing.

Acadia is to be congratulated very heartily on the splendid manner in which everything connected with the Conference was arranged and car-

Danger - - - "Ringer" Experts At Work

The inmates of the Fairly-Big House have started a new game. New, that is, for the current year—for veteran boarders it is merely a renewal of a favorite, seasonal sport — horseshoe pitching. When children in short pants and rompers start playing marbles, this screwy bunch start heavin' mares' slippers. It has one big advantage—everyone can play; because it is, I think, the only sport extant that doesn't cost

BOUQUETS of THE MONTH

To Gerald Murphy, President of the Sr.-Jr. Debating Society on winning that Society's Annual Award. His excellent work in arranging and conducting so many debates and discussions merited some such reward as this. We add a word of praise also to the other members of the Executive for the willing co-operation and aid they gave Mr. Murphy during the year.

To Mr. J. Lynch, Faculty Advisor and to the three student representatives, George Hoganson, Gerald Murphy and M. Fitzpatrick for their capable work at the Acadia Conference. We heard good reports of them all—especially of Mr. Lynch, whose paper on 'Education' was very well received.

To George Hoganson on his appointment as General Secretary of the Maritime University Students' Conference. This is quite a responsible position and we feel that Mr. Hoganson has the executive ability necessary to make a thorough success of the job.

To the newly appointed Executives of both the Debating and Engineering Societies. These two societies were most fortunate in having very capable executive in the year now concluding. We hope the new officers will prove just as enterprising and zealous.

ried out. It is a great tribute to the organizing ability of the members of the Conference Committee at Acadia that everything went so smoothly.

A word of praise, too, is due to the general student body and townspeople at Acadia for the great kindness and hospitality with which they treated every delegate. All in all, as far as organization and hospitality goes, the Students' Conference of 1940 was of an excellence that future conferences will have to strive hard to even approach.

money—(of course, if you wanna bet—)

There are some expert slingers on the ol' pitch near the Fire Escape Door — guys who can call ringers and get 'em two out of three. Last year's champs, John Foran and Mike Green, who retired undefeated, have split the partnership this year, and have paired off with "Hen-oil" Murphy and Flip Rose, respectively. A close series between these two teams gave Pa and Spud a one-game lead, and now their troubles start.

This year's influx of boarders brought quite a few home-town champs to the college. Such combinations as Gerry Boyd and John Campbell, Dinny Dunne and John Miffin, provide plenty of opposition for any team. The local horses must have taken an awful licking to supply the necessary practice material for these dead-eyes.

Pa and Spud have a job on their hand to beat these two combinations. "First-in-Drafting" Foran is quite optimistic about the outcome of the forthcoming match but "Porthole" Spud refuses to make any statements to the press. Don't worry, Poopdeck, you'll get lots of cooperation from "Any - Old - Rubbish" Murphy.

The - things - that - don't - live - on-the-Campus, (cf. Day Students) have tried their hands at the game, too; we'll be charitable in speaking of their successes, (bless the mark); after all, it is a rough game. We hear Felix Quinn and Leo MacDonald play a heck of a fast game of tiddleywinks; lots of competition at the Convent, mes enfants.

There is talk of getting an old shoe for the finals; the difference in foot sizes causes much dissension and we need a standard. I've been authorized to make an offer for any, old, fairly-large footgear. Can any one supply the necessary? Canoe, Haliburton?

Two more weeks, say, when the campus is in good condition, we can start our softball series. The boys are already limbering up in preparation for the opening game. The puzzle of the lack of mail for the boarders has been solved—the mail-carrier say's he's not as young as he usta be, and he can't dodge horse-shoes and softballs both.

Last year's challenge, issued but

unaccepted, is repeated this year. The Boarders will play any softball team of St. Mary's Student Body. Pick 'em careful, though,—we're no hick team from the bush league. Our favourite dish — Junior Engineers.

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troops. The number of days' training for the C.O.T.C. has been increased since last year. It has been published in the local papers that the C.O.T.C. will receive "extensive training" this year. Due to this increase some back pay has been received by the cadets who were in our college unit last year.

In closing we might mention that pay-parade will be only a mere formality and just another parade for many fellows this year. From what we hear most of them have their "pay-to-come" spent already on the expensive and elaborate preparations they are making to really enjoy the "Prom" this year.

The Transit Men-

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Congratulations are in order to 'Torchy' Hoganson on being elected President of the Debating Society for 1940-41. This automatically makes him a member of the Regional Executive of Pax Romana.

These new offices along with his appointment as Sec. of the Maritime Students' Conference will give Mr. Hoganson a busy time of it next year.

In closing we offer our hearty congratulations, also to Felix Quinn, newly elected President of our Society, and to the other members of his executive. May their guidance of the destinies of the Engineering Society produce very fruitful results.

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