

The Baccalaureate Service

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"Seek ye therefore first the Kingdom of God and His Justice and all things else shall be added unto you."—Mth. VI-33.

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This is indeed a happy occasion. At a time of life when youth and beauty smile upon you, you have attained an end—you have reached a long-sought goal. This is fruition. Although it is not the ultimate victory of your young lives, I trust it is a living image of it. To the careless or slothful a day like this never comes, for they know not the methodical development of well-directed work. Your relatives, teachers and friends are happily gathered around you to share in your triumph. In the midst of the depressing conditions of the world, this scene is like an island of peace. It is human life in one of its joyful moods. And I assure you that I am very much pleased and feel highly privileged to behold this scene and at the same time to remind you, Graduates of 1934, of some of the obligations incumbent upon you as Christians, obligations that respect your God, your Country and your fellowmen.

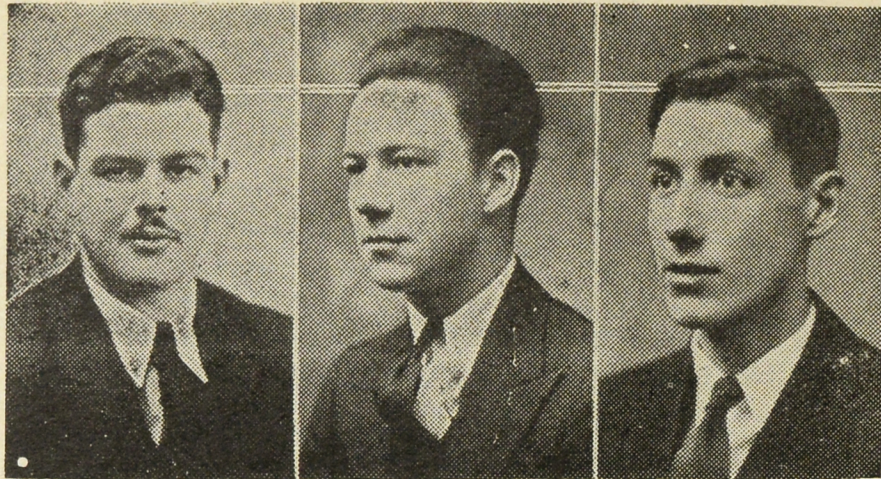
My dear friends, I know you are in a state of special receptivity this morning. The events of graduation week will ever be fond and cherished memories for each member of the class of '34. Your minds are open to every good suggestion; your young hearts are eager to love all that is true, all that is good, for as St. Thomas, the Master of Scholastic philosophy, tells us: "The object of the will which is the specifically human appetite, is the universal good, first as the object of the intellect is the universal truth. It is evident, therefore, that nothing can set at rest the human will except the universal good which is not found in any creature, but in God alone." Therefore, realizing to the full my own responsibility as a minister of God, I ask you to open wide your hearts to the message He brings to each and every one of you today.

DURING the week you will be congratulated and feted and feasted until you might reasonably believe you had achieved success and attained a position of security and happiness. But, now, that you have reached your coveted goal, you will find that this is not the end of the journey. The road to knowledge we now identify with the road of life—no royal road, no highway straight and smooth, but rather a rough trail among hills of stubborn opposition, or one that dips down into the valleys of trial and temptation, and finally loses itself in the dim distance of life's horizon.

Yes, you have obtained a certain degree of success, but it is only an image of the greater success in the actual struggle that awaits you in the world. It is true you now enjoy a security, but it belongs only to the satisfaction that your preparation is now complete. Thus the happiness of graduation week, though well-merited is but short-lived. You must now make your way along the road of life—and whither? In what company? Carrying what crosses? These questions must be answered, if you have not already answered them. So there is perhaps cause for some misgiving if not for fear. Under these circumstances only the most foolhardy would be without some concern.

DEAR Friends, your emergence into the world is at a time when there is much pessimistic discussion of the halting course of industry, and the weird new standards of evaluating properties and processes, and very little is being said about the compensatory advantages that we are deriving as a people. It is true that as contrasted with the years immediately following the war, the times are hard and men's souls are sorely tried. But nothing short of an economic cataclysm could have arrested so quickly that wild orgy of spending and mad pursuit of pleasure that meant inevitable mental, moral and

U. N. B. DEBATING TEAM



Above are the three U. N. B. debaters who met a team from Mount Allison University in an intercollegiate debate held in the Normal School auditorium on March 28. Left to right they are Norman M. MacLeod, leader, William B. Morrissey and H. Campbell Creighton. The three were defeated in their support of the negative of the resolution, "That Canada at the Present Time Needs a Dictator". MacLeod was recently elected president of the Debating Society to succeed Creighton, who graduates this year. Morrissey will be Editor-in-Chief the Brunswickan, next year, as successor to Don Jamer, who retires.

physical disaster for the rising generation. The world had to be chastened and purified by the fires of adversity. The world had forgotten the word of God, "Seek ye therefore first the Kingdom of God, and His Justice." But now the universal instinct is Justice and God's Kingdom is being extended on earth. And with the arrival on the field of the host of trained recruits, tempered in the brave and chastened spirit of '34, the forces striving for the maintenance of God's own order in human society will press on to further precious victories. You, my dear friends, will have a large part in the achievement of those victories.

IT IS said that a university education has a culture value, that it gives a broad outlook upon life, it broadens one's vision. It seems that truth is difficult to attain but that detachment from the absorbing affairs of the world which a university life affords, and the exchange and conflict of ideas which arise from the intimate association of students in daily intercourse prepare the mind for the reception of new truth, which seems to be something very near us and yet hidden from our sight. In some quite mysterious way at times the veil is drawn aside, as it were, and we can see. It is exactly the same with regard to our progress in spiritual truths. We require detachment, recollection, and meditation, moreover, in things of the soul Divine assistance is always necessary. We call it divine grace. Each one of you, then, having your own individual needs, will receive special and different graces on this important occasion; each one will glean his or her own harvest of spiritual truths and blessings as the Holy Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding lifts the veil here or there enabling you to catch this illuminating flash of one or other great truths which will be of immeasurable service to you in deciding the great questions you must now answer regarding your future life-work. Your individual decisions will be of paramount importance. Your future happiness, the salvation of your immortal souls depends upon your receptivity to the message of the Holy Ghost. "To-day if you shall hear His voice harden not your hearts", I urge you. Ps. XCIV-8.

My dear friends, in the Gospel of St. John we look upon a scene which I feel convinced will furnish you much practical guidance for your future life in the world; I refer to the last discourse of Jesus, the Master of all mankind.

SOME nineteen hundred years ago a small group of men were as you, gathered together officially for the last time. Almost three years they had been together and formed a small college taught by the Great Master, whose doctrine and teachings you, too, have received. During their years of college life there had always been an admirable intimacy existing between the stu-

dents and their Divine Head, a trusting dependence of the disciples on their Master Teacher was ever present. One day, when one of them was faced with the possibility of separation, he exclaimed "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of Life Eternal", and now, they must leave their Master. "Rise, let us go, my hour is at hand." "Behold the hour cometh, and it is now that you shall be scattered every man to his own, and ye shall leave me alone." St. John XVI-32. You, too, friends, must now depart, each to his own. Will you be faithful to the teachings of God, the Master, during your busy existence here upon earth? That eager disciple who in college said: "To whom shall we go?" When he saw Jesus, His Master, persecuted and disgraced, denied Him entirely: "I know not the man" and yet he had just been graduated. Is this striking example not sufficient to cause us misgiving about the future? Will you, too, when the first occasion presents itself deny the Master? Have you sufficient religious conviction and true spirit of morality to face a materialistic, a Godless world and live as a true Christian with sound moral principles should live? Will you be faithful to the Great Master, or will you abandon this heritage under the stress of the world's scorn and ridicule? There is, and must necessarily be, a conflict between our religion and "the world". Christ Himself says on this subject on the occasion of His disciples' graduation: "In the world you shall have distress". And again, "If the world hates you, know ye, that it hath hated me before you." St. John XV-18.

MY DEAR friends, why is it that the Divine Representation of the Way, the Truth and the Life should meet with opposition from the world? Why should His disciples and followers be so hated and scorned? Throughout the ages men have tried to think out an explanation of the things about them—the earth, the heavens, the things of nature, the lives of men, their own lives. Answers of some sort have been forthcoming from every race that has ever existed. This working out of a set of answers established what is known as a system of philosophy, that is, a way of looking at things, an outlook on life. Perhaps the most important of these problems are the ones concerning ourselves. Whence come we? What must we do here upon earth? Whither do we go? The answer to these questions establishes our relations with one another and with a Supreme Being. The answer is God, and the expression of our relations with God is called Religion. All men agree on that. Furthermore, every people that has ever amounted to anything has given an important place in its philosophy to God and to religion. But Satan views not this religious atmosphere with a favorable eye, he, therefore, makes use of every evil means at his command to destroy

man's moral convictions, and because the teachings of the Great Master are in direct contradiction to the holdings of the Spirit of Evil, all those who live up to the commandments of God are hated, scorned and ridiculed by those who follow the world, the flesh, and the devil.

GRADUATES of the Class of '34, what then do I propose to you as the ideal of life? Revolving in my mind the thoughts and theories of many men, I can find nothing better than this—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" and as Carlyle has emphasized the precept—"Love not Pleasure; love God. This is the Everlasting."

Observe, young generation, that I do not pretend to trace for you a career, let each one choose; but I simply point to the goal to which they should all converge and over which alone is suspended a crown worthy of a noble life.

Unless the light of Heaven fall across your pathway impenetrable darkness will gather round you, and in the end, though your fondest dreams of worldly success shall have been fulfilled, you will find your selves without God and without hope. When the impure breath of the world has dimmed the mirror of the soul, God's image is blurred, and the darkened mind finds all things questionable.

NEXT to your God you must remember your fellowmen. You must "love your neighbor as yourself", and thus treat with him in all charity and honesty; but be not led astray in your search for truth and happiness by those who would destroy the ideals of your young lives. Suffer not the sceptic blight of a materialistic age to eat into your souls and dry up the font of high hope and generous courage. To yourselves be true and do the thing you ought, whether it brings a crown or a cross. Be confident, labor for the good cause, for truth, justice and freedom; and though all men should bend the knee to idols, trust in God alone; and God who knows and loves you will one day bring to you eternal happiness. The grace I wish you all.

SERVICE HELD THIS YEAR AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

Sunday, May 13:—The Baccalaureate service for the Class of 1934 was held this morning in St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church with Solemn High Mass. Rev. T. Francis Cashen, C.S.C., Ph.L., of the Faculty of the University of St. Joseph, Moncton, was the preacher of the occasion.

The academic procession was formed at the intersection of Carleton and Brunswick Streets, and with the University Senate and faculty in the lead, the graduates following and undergraduates bringing up the rear, marched to the church where front pews were reserved. The hoods, gowns and caps of academic dress were worn, as is the custom.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Carney, pastor of St. Dunstan's delivered words of welcome to the Senate, Faculty and Student-body, previous to introducing the Baccalaureate preacher. It gave him the utmost pleasure he stated to welcome to the service the worthy President, members of the distinguished faculty, the graduates of 1934 and the student-body of the University of New Brunswick. The University was the first and most important of the Province, one which was well known to the people. The service was held in surroundings which to many attending were strange. He would remind them that in the celebration of the Mass, prayer would be offered for them and honor would be given to the Trinity, as well as the Almighty being asked for His forgiveness.

Rev. J. H. Milligan, curate of St. Dunstan's was celebrant of Solemn High Mass, with Rev. Father Cashen as Deacon and Rev. W. J. Osborne as Sub-deacon.

A new expression has been added to the collegiate wordbook of slang. "Boy she's stacked!" is the precise way in which it is used. Translated from American into English, to be stacked means to possess a beautiful figure.



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