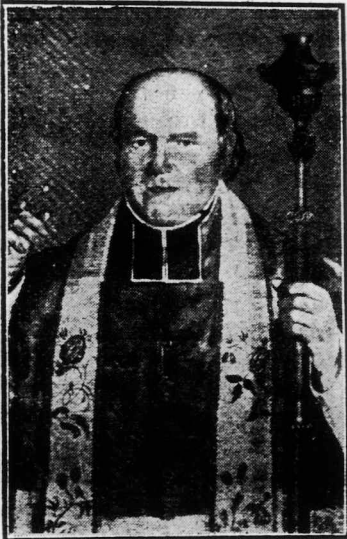


St. Dunstan's College.

St. Dunstan's College Jubilee Celebration.

The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of St. Dunstan's College was celebrated at the College yesterday with appropriate ceremonies. This celebration marks a significant epoch in the ecclesiastical and educational development of the diocese of Charlottetown, and commemorates an important event in the history of our Island Province. St. Dunstan's College occupies no mean place among the great institutions of learning in Canada and its influence extends far beyond the Province of Prince Edward Island. The College is beautifully situated on high ground about two miles from Charlottetown which it overlooks. The P. E. I. Railway is within two hundred yards of the College and all trains stop, if necessary, at "St. Dunstan's" siding. The College is a brick building of four stories and a basement; it is two hundred and



Right Rev. Bishop McEachern.

twenty feet long, by forty feet in width, and has an annex fifty-five feet long by forty wide. The College proper is made up of two parts built at different times. There is first the original building 120 feet by 40, facing south; then there is a wing at right angles to this 100 feet by 40. In addition there is an annex 55 feet by 40. The building is divided into class rooms, study halls, bed rooms and dormitories, chapel, convocation hall, library, etc. The last three are in the new wing, and the basement of this part has a concrete floor, and is divided into refectory kitchen, laundry, etc. A veranda extends along the front of the building. The annex is occupied by a community of Sisters, exiles from France, who have charge of the kitchen refectory, laundry etc., and attend to the domestic and internal arrangement of the institution. The whole building is fitted up with water and



Right Rev. Bishop McIntyre.

Professor, Mr. Angus McDonald, Ecol. Assistant Professor, Mr. James Phalen, Ecol." These were the two young Levites to whom the Rt. Rev. founder entrusted the destinies of his diocesan College. But the energy and capability which they brought to their work and the success which attended their efforts approved his judgment, and amply demonstrated the wisdom of his choice. Father Angus was an eminent educator; he was a scholar of a high order and possessed unusual aptitude for imparting his knowledge to others. The College opened with eighteen

sewerage, is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The College has accommodation for about one hundred and thirty boarders and is an up to date institution in every respect. It is affiliated to Laval University and enjoys the prerogative of conferring university degrees in Letters, Science, Arts and Philosophy. Attached to the College is a farm of two hundred and seventy acres of land; there is a large and beautiful orchard, besides extensive play grounds, ball alleys, and bicycle track. In addition to these facilities for exercise and recreation there is a skating rink one hundred and fifty feet long by sixty-six feet wide. This, in a few words, is St. Dunstan's College as it stands to-day, an up to date institution of higher education, a credit to the Province and a pride to the diocese.

Like most great institutions of learning St. Dunstan's had its humble beginning and its half century of existence has been a period of struggle, of strenuousness and of development. The three successive Bishops of the diocese, for the time, Rt. Rev. B. D. McDonald, Rt. Rev. Peter McIntyre and Rt. Rev. J. C. McDonald have been its patrons its guardians and its benefactors. St. Dunstan's College is the successor of St. Andrew's College, the earliest institution founded in this Province, for the higher education of youth. It was founded by Rt. Rev. Aeneas B. McEachern, first Bishop of this diocese and was opened at St. Andrew's in 1832. Many of the priests hitherto laboring in the diocese of Charlottetown, as well as in the neighboring Provinces received at St. Andrew's the classical education necessary for their entrance to the Seminary. St. Andrew's College was closed about the year 1845.

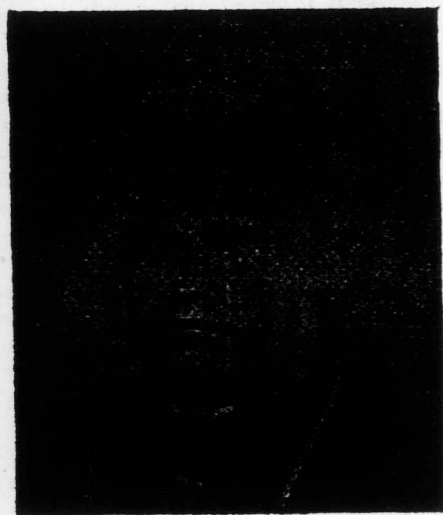
Rt. Rev. B. D. McDonald, second Bishop of this diocese, desired to have a diocesan College near the commercial and educational centre of the Province. With this object in view he purchased the beautiful grounds on which St. Dunstan's College now stands, and thereon erected a building suitable to the requirements of the time. This was a frame building 120 feet long and 40 feet wide, with a sharp roof. It was opened for the reception of students on January 17th, 1855. Its first Rector was Rev. Angus McDonald, familiarly known as "Father Angus." It is a fact worthy of remark, that the Rector chosen by Bishop McDonald was not yet a priest. He was but an ecclesiastic, as the records of the College show. There, in his own beautiful handwriting, are recorded the following entries: "Rector and

students, to whom some reference will be made later. The Rector was ordained priest early in 1855, and Rev. Mr. Phalen somewhat later the same year. Father Angus continued rector with distinguished ability and success fourteen years, and during his term of office, many brilliant students, from this and other Provinces went forth from the College. In 1869, Bishop McIntyre was appointed and consecrated, to succeed the deceased, lamented Bishop McDonald. His zeal in the cause of Christian education and his interest in the College are well known. In 1862

the exterior wooden walls of the College were replaced by brick walls; this was practically rebuilding the edifice. With the closing of the academic year of 1869, Father Angus's rectorship terminated. He completed his fourteen years of strenuous labors and of duty well done.

In 1869 Very Rev James McDonald, V. G., who had been pastor of Indian River for twenty-seven years, was appointed Rector, and continued such for eleven years. In 1877 a story was added to the building and the original sharp roof was replaced by a mansard roof. This furnished ample room for the large airy dormitory. In 1880 Father James retired from the rectorship and the College was given to the Jesuits. They, however, only remained in charge one year, leaving in 1881. In the last named year, Rev. John Chaisson, D. D., was appointed Rector. He continued in office till 1883, and was succeeded by Rev. William Grant, D. D., who remained but one year.

In 1884 Rev. J. C. McDonald, pastor of St. James, Georgetown, and All Saints, Cardigan, at present the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Charlottetown, was appointed Rector. He continued in the rectorship for seven years. In 1890, while at the College he was appointed Bishop of Irina, and coadjutor to the Bishop of Charlottetown, and was consecrated



Right Rev. Bishop McDonald.

interesting zeal and generous donations, the library owes its foundation. It was richly augmented by a select and extensive collection of books, bequeathed by the late lamented Bishop McIntyre. Numerous and valuable contributions have come from other sources. Worthy of special mention are those from Rev. M. J. McMillan, Rev. D. F. McDonald and Very Rev. James Phalen, Very Rev. Dr. McDonald bequeathed his library to his Lordship Bishop McDonald, and the latter generously donated it to the College. This added to the library many books of great value.

A most auspicious event in the development of the institution; which indeed marked a new epoch in its history was the extension to the College, by the Senate of Laval University, of the power of conferring on successful candidates university degrees in Letters, Science, Arts and Philosophy. This prerogative is by virtue of Royal Charter signed at Westminster by her late Majesty Queen Victoria, in the year 1892.

Having taken this brief survey of the fifty years history and development of the College, it may not be inappropriate to take a retrospective glance and give a thought to the pioneer workers in the cause of the institution. Very Rev. James Phalen, who was associated with Father Angus in the first years, is still with us in fairly good health, attending to his parochial duties in his usual unostentatious manner. After several years as pastor of St. Columba's, East Point, he was appointed to the pastorate of St. Joachim's, Vernon River, where he built the present magnificent church. He is now and has for some years been pastor of St. Michael's, Iona. Father Angus, after leaving the College spent the winter of 1869-70 in Rome. The Vatican Council was in session and he was in close touch with Bishop McIntyre who sat in the Council. It had been his intention when leaving home to travel in other parts of Europe; but



Most Rev. Archbishop O'Brien.

in the old Cathedral on August 28th, of that year. On the death of Bishop McIntyre on April 30th, 1891, Bishop McDonald became Bishop of Charlottetown.

Rev. A. P. McLellan was Rector from 1891 to 1892; Rev. Dr. Morrison was Rector from 1892 to 1895; and Rev. Peter Curran from 1895 to 1898. In 1897, the skating rink was built. This important adjunct to the College building was a present from his Lordship Bishop McDonald. In 1898, Rev. A. P. McLellan again became Rector and continued such till 1900. In 1899 was commenced and in 1900 was completed the wing, constituting the eastern portion of the College building, to which reference has already been made. Steam heating, sewerage and electric lighting were introduced in 1900.

In 1900, the present Rector, Rev. T. Curran, D. D., was appointed. In 1903, the annex a brick building 55 feet by 40 was erected. It is occupied by the Sisters, already referred to, who have charge of the kitchen and refectory and the general domestic arrangements of the institution. In 1903 also the College was given a water supply in connection with the city water works, and in 1904 a veranda was built all along the front of the College. Other improvements are now going on.

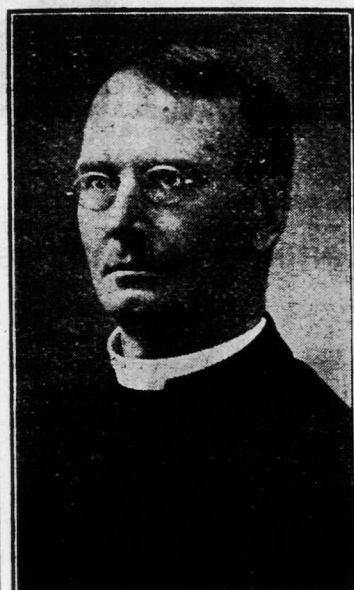
The College has a valuable library of over five thousand volumes, exclusive of pamphlets and brochures. The earliest works in the library bear the venerable name of Rt. Rev. B. D. McDonald, D. D., to whose

he found the great events progressing in Rome so interesting that he did not extend his travels further. After his return he was for some years pastor of St. Patrick's, Fort Augustus; but his health gradually failed and in 1874 he was an invalid, incapacitated from sustained active duty. In the autumn of 1887, he went to Montreal and entered the Hotel Dieu where he spent the winter. Here it was discovered that he was dying from cancer of the stomach. He returned in April following, but a shadow of his former self. He died April 29th, 1888, and was buried from the old Cathedral on May 1st in the presence of the Bishop and surrounded by his brother priests, his co-workers in the College's pioneer days, Father James Phalen sang his Requiem.

The Second Rector, Very Rev. Mgr. McDonald, lived to a ripe old age and, as our readers will remember, was buried at Andrew's on June 28th, just a month ago. Father Grant, whose health was very delicate, died while pastor of All Saints, Cardigan, a short time after leaving the College. The other Rectors are all engaged in the active duties of the ministry in the diocese, with the exception of Rev. Peter Curran, who in consequence of rather poor health was obliged to seek change of climate, a few years ago. He is now in Colorado enjoying pretty fair health.

The following were among the eighteen pioneer students entered on the College roll, during the opening year, 1855: Rev. R. B. McDonald, Souris, Rev. N. N. McKinnon, S. J., New York; Rev. James A. McDonald, St. Columba; Rev. D. M. McDonald, Tignish; Rev. Dr. Doyle, Vernon River; Rev. D. J. G. McDonald, St. George's; Mr. Peter McGrath, Charlottetown, and the late Rev. D. F. McDonald, Souris.

A familiar landmark on the College premises, is the wide spreading Chestnut tree on the lawn in front of the main entrance. This tree was

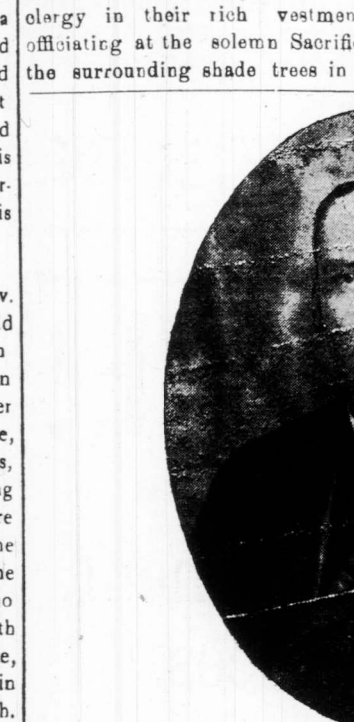


Very Rev. Dr. Morrison.

planted by Father Angus in 1863, forty two years. It was but a very small tree then; but it has grown to magnificent proportions, and is a most beautiful shade tree. It is now about seven feet in circumference and about thirty-five feet high, and its branches extend fully twenty feet from the trunk in all directions.

THE JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The religious exercises ushering in the Jubilee Celebration yesterday forenoon were most beautiful, solemn and impressive. An altar was placed on the Veranda, in front of the main entrance, and it was most tastefully adorned with flowers and tapers. On either side of the altar, chairs were placed for the choir, for priests not taking part in the ceremonies and others. On the well trimmed lawn in front were placed a large number of benches for the assembled worshippers. These were soon filled, and the constantly increasing multitude arriving by trains and carriages, not being able to obtain seats, stood and knelt throughout the service. At 10:30 Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by his Lordship, Bishop McDonald, assisted by Very Rev. James Phalen, as arch priest; Rev. Douglas McDonald and Rev. Stanislaus Bond result, as deacons of honor; Rev. Dr. Doyle and Rev. B. McDonald deacon and sub deacon of office; Rev. Dr. Morrison and Rev. A. J. McIntyre as masters of ceremonies, and Rev. I. R. A. McDonald Thurifer. Pius McDonald and A. D. Melnick, ecclesiastics were Acolytes; M. J. C. McKenzie was Coadjutor bearer, and Mr. Raymond Gillis was Mitre bearer. His Grace, Archbishop O'Brien occupied a throne on the Epistle side of the Altar, and was assisted by Rev. John Chaisson, D. D., and Rev. D. J. G. McDonald. The choir of St. Dunstan's Cathedral, under the direction of Judge Blanchard, reinforced by a number of priests and the League of the Cross Band, rendered the music in excellent style. The scene was most beautiful and impressive. The clergy in their rich vestments, officiating at the solemn Sacrifice; the surrounding shade trees in all



Rev. Dr. Curran, Rector.

note of our own, and cheat ourselves into the belief that our laugh is as joyous, our step as springy, as when we chased the ball around the campus. The delusion is harmless in itself; its effects are beneficial; and its endurance is certain to be fleeting. For those who have not yet reached the meridian of life, as well as for those whose hearts are still aglow with the sacred fire of youth, it is still better to be here. They can measure what has been accomplished by the standard of their youthful ideas, and have yet time to effect such a readjustment between the actual and the possible as shall crown the dreams of college days with noble achievement. The talent neglected or misapplied, the thoughtfulness, or a flagrant disregard of duty, may yet be disinterestedly appropriated, and turned to profit in the negotiation of the interests of the Master who gave it. Age has indeed its dower of experience; but youth has the power of fashioning its career in more supple modes.

For young and old a sentiment of gratitude should fill our hearts and prompt us to our actions. It was at no small sacrifice that St. Dunstan's was built—at no small cost of usefulness work, and care, and unremitting labor that it was enabled to keep on its beneficent course. Money can never be an equivalent for education, though it can defray the cost of maintaining an educational institution. But for many years the fee exacted by St. Dunstan's did not cover the cost of boarding the students. The College was not built, or conducted as a money-making institution. Its object was to place within easy reach of the youth of the country the means of acquiring a higher education in an atmosphere permeated with religion and mor-

the richness of their green foliage; the large reverential congregation kneeling under the wide spreading branches of the venerable chestnut tree, constituted a picture not easily effaced from the tablets of memory. The morning was somewhat dark and heavy lowering clouds threatened rain; but as the solemn services proceeded the clouds rolled away; the wind blew soft and low, the flags hung lazily by their staffs, and during the stillness at the most solemn part of the Mass, the twitter of the birds was heard among the trees. After the Communion, his Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop O'Brien of Halifax, one of the most distinguished of the College's Alumni, from an improvised pulpit, delivered the following admirable discourse:

The celebration at which we are assisting today is one well calculated to excite many pleasing memories, to move our hearts to admiration and gratitude, and to quicken our will in the execution of noble resolves. Whilst in one sense, it is not an event of national importance, it is still one fraught with potentialities for our country's best interests. These interests are not narrowed down to mere material prosperity nor commercial success. They are broader far, more ennobling, more worthy of the aims and aspirations of rational beings. The wide field of intellectual activity must be wisely cultivated, and its best products made a portion of the common heritage. If a nation is to be truly great, and sanely prosperous. Rising to this loftier plane of consideration, we can well claim to more than an ordinary importance for this Jubilee celebration of St. Dunstan's College. But, in the first place, we must be careful not to let it go forth to the country that St. Dunstan's College is only fifty years old. In one sense this is true; in another it is misleading. For St. Dunstan's is the modern successor, and the continuator of old St. Andrew's founded by Bishop McEachern. It is a proud boast for Prince Edward Island that its College was the first in the Maritime Provinces—the first outside of Quebec built and supported by private individuals. For King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, was largely subsidized by the English Government. The old college at St. Andrew's did good work in its day; but the late Bishop McDonald wisely decided on transferring it to Charlottetown. Hence the lovely site whereon we are now assembled was purchased, and the first St. Dunstan's, large and imposing, though built in wood, was erected, and after some delay was opened in January, 1855. It is the Golden Jubilee of that event which is being commemorated to-day, not the foundation of our venerable Alma Mater.

It is well for those of us who feel the chill air of life's evening growing apace, as we walk down the western slopes, to be here to-day, and to grow young in imagination, at least, as we recall the scenes of long ago, when we cheered the triumphs, or laughed at the failures of each other, whether in the classroom, on the mimic stage, or on the well-worn cricket field. Only pleasant memories are evoked; the fallings or follies of companions have no place in the picture of memory. They recede into the shadowy past, and the fair outlines alone of faces enlivened by boyish cheerfulness, and forms instinct with manly daring, stand out in the subdued light of reminiscence years.

We forget that memory is painting the past; and as we see no grey hairs on the heads, or wrinkles on the faces presented to our mental view, we take no



ality, and thus conduce to the truest, and noblest interests of our dear Island home. But goodness is essentially self-diffusive. Hence the beneficial effects of St. Dunstan's were soon felt in the neighboring provinces. The name of its brilliant first Rector, Very Rev. Angus McDonald, became a household word throughout the province, and his literary abilities won a standing for the College, and compelled respect for the Church. Thus it came to pass that, under God, many at home and abroad were enabled to gra... in St. Dunstan's which... the ascent to positions of honor and distinction was made possible. Without it, the list of "successful Islanders" would have been limited indeed, and the story of their achievements shorn of many an inspiring page. Does not all this call for some tangible token of gratitude from the Alumni of St. Dunstan's? Fifty years have come and gone since the first roll-call of students was made in this College. Wonderful changes have taken place during that interval, both in our Island home and in the great world without. Bishop McDonald and his successor, Bishop McIntyre, who with assiduous care fostered its infancy, as well as its first rector, have passed away. Peace to their memories, honor to their names. For they were "men of renown" in their generation; through them "the Lord hath wrought great glory through His magnificence from the beginning." It is pleasing, however, to have in our midst one of the first professors and several of the students who answered the first roll-call. They constitute the Curiam Venerabilium of our number, not so much by reason of their years, or grey hairs, as by their virtues and de-

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