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WHEN Lord Dalhousie laid the corner-stone of our college in 1820, he declared his belief that the act he was then performing promised "incalculable advantages to the country", and he expressed his hope that his name and fame in Nova Scotia might be remembered because of his association with the founding of the college. Professor Harvey, in four successive issues of the *Dalhousie Review*, has traced with his usual admirable thoroughness and discernment the story of Dalhousie,—its early—and later—struggles, the denominational disputes which stormed around it, its financial difficulties, its gradual emergence into a full fledged university, and the brilliant intellectual and personal qualities of the professors, who, in the '70's, '80's and '90's of the last century, laid the foundations of the modern Dalhousie.

Professor Harvey's articles deserve to be read and studied by every Dalhousian. The story of our college is thrilling and dramatic, and as it unfolds from its beginning to the present time, one realizes that the dream of Lord Dalhousie has been fulfilled. The incalculable advantages for which he looked have manifested themselves, not only in Nova Scotia and the Maritime Provinces, but in every part of Canada as well, and, indeed, beyond the borders of this Dominion. In all parts of the Empire, in the United States, and in many other countries, sons and daughters of Dalhousie are to be found, playing a not unimportant part in every phase of life. Now, after more than a century of service, Dalhousie summons her children to the family home for another reunion.

The old home, of course, has changed beyond recognition over the years, but the spirit of Dalhousie remains. It is what a Scotsman might call a "tough" spirit—a little dour, as is natural in this Province and in a university modelled on the lines of the famous Edinburgh, scornful of academic sham or pretense, with not a little of Scottish pride and Scottish honesty, a vigorous but tolerant spirit. It is the embodiment of the ideas and the ideals of four generations of Dalhousie's staff and Dalhousie's students.

It is good for us all, and especially is it good for those whose lives are lived in distant places, to return at times and be refreshed at the very source of the old waters. Old Dalhousians and young Dalhousians, and many in between, will assemble in August to view once more the old haunts, to sing again the Dalhousie songs, to exchange reminiscences, to form new friendships, and to cement more closely old alliances. Apart altogether from the prime attraction of Dalhousie, itself, August is one of the most delightful months in the Nova Scotian year, and a holiday in the Province in that month would be most enjoyable. Every Nova Scotian wishes that the Dalhousie Reunion of 1938 will be successful and stimulating, and the Province invites, with the greatest heartiness, all former Dalhousians to take part in the Reunion.

ANGUS L. MACDONALD, B.A., LL.B., 1921, J.D.,  
 (Former Professor at Dalhousie Law School,  
 now Premier of Nova Scotia.)

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
HALIFAX, N. S.

May 30th., 1938.

To all Dalhousians:

On behalf of the Corporation of The City of Halifax, it is my pleasure and privilege to extend to Dalhousians where'er they may be, a cordial invitation to return to Halifax for the 1938 Reunion.

I am confident that those who, as students, have attended Dalhousie University--whether recently or many years ago--will, on their return to attend the Reunion, have awakened in them many memories and recollections of their student days at the College by the Sea.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER MITCHELL,  
(Arts and Eng. '11,)

Mayor of Halifax.

## REUNION ACTIVITIES

**T**HOSE who have not attended any previous Reunion will like to know just what is planned for August 16, 17 and 18. Here it is.

At ten o'clock in the morning of Tuesday the 16th. will be Registration, each one receiving instructions, programme and complete directions about the whole Reunion, its formal features, its informal schedule and the provision made for entertainment in free periods. The Registration is more than that however, for in previous years it proved to be a great get-together, where old friends met, new friends were made, and the Dalhousie family found itself one, back on the old hearthstone. At 12.30, when the need for nourishment begins to be felt a box luncheon will supply the want, each receiving his (or her) appropriate portion, the big family munching together in happy unison.

At two o'clock the gathering will come to order and form in parade, marching from the old red brick Forrest Building to the new grounds at Studley, where, near the centre of the quadrangle surrounded by the new buildings and the buildings yet to be, with appropriate ceremony, the Castine monument, commemorating the source from which Dalhousie sprang and erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, will be unveiled. At seven o'clock, after an hour or two of leisure, a few hundred yards away on the green slopes of Birchdale an old fashioned Hodge-Podge will supply the place of the evening meal, and when the shades of evening begin to lower, the great bonfire will blaze in a select spot among the woods, still on the Dalhousie campus. Whilst the flames roar, the woods will echo with all the songs new

and old dear to the Dalhousie heart, after which for those who wish to trip the light fantastic, the great polished floor of the gymnasium will provide the theatre, beginning at eleven.

The following morning (Wednesday) will see the dedication of the new Dalhousie Medical-Dental Library, a building which will supply a clamant need. In the afternoon at three a special Convocation will be held and honorary degrees will be conferred on a number of very eminent sons of the University and on several distinguished visitors. Following this the old Studley Quoit Club, hoary with tradition, will extend its ageless hospitality, while tea at Shirreff Hall will wait for the ladies and as many of their escorts as care to tear themselves away from the fellowship of the Studley Tent. At seven will come the great Reunion Dinner in the Nova Scotian Hotel, at which the whole family will sit down and the evening pass in mirth and merriment.

Thursday morning the golf clubs, tennis and swimming clubs will be wide open and all are free to spend the hours as they will. The afternoon will likewise be free, with a sail round the harbor for those who prefer the water, while cars will be in readiness for any who would like to spend the time in some other way. At 7.30 in the evening, opportunity will be given for the various Class dinners, which in time past have proved the happiest of functions. At 9 p.m. the Gala Reunion Dance will bring the celebrations of 1938 to a close. Such in outline is the tale of the three happy days you are going to have when you come back home this summer.

G. F.

## MONUMENTS TO BE ERECTED

THERE are two monuments to be erected in Nova Scotia this summer by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada which are of especial interest to Dalhousians and to be unveiled as part of our Reunion programme. The first, to be unveiled in Pictou, commemorates Pictou Academy whose founder and first principal, Dr. Thomas McCulloch, was also the first principal of Dalhousie College. The second commemorates the Halifax-Castine expedition which occupied the area between the Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers during the latter part of the War of 1812 and, with headquarters at Castine, incorporated that part of Maine in the Imperial economic system, by collecting the same customs duties from the subjects of Maine as from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This expedition, while of great assistance economically to Great Britain in her struggle with Europe and the United States, became the inspiration of a non-sectarian college in Halifax, as Lord Dalhousie, having to dispose of the funds derived from Castine in the public interest, conceived the idea of using the money to found a college that would provide educational facilities for all who were excluded from King's College on religious grounds. It is hoped that the monument to Pictou Academy will be unveiled on August 15th., and that to the Halifax-Castine expedition on August 16th.

The inscription for each monument is as follows:

## FIRST PICTOU ACADEMY

Site of the first Pictou Academy which was erected in 1818 and demolished in 1932. Under the leadership and example of Dr. Thomas McCulloch, it opened the door of opportunity to a hitherto neglected element of the population of the Maritime Provinces and gave many prominent men to Nova Scotia and the Dominion of Canada in journalism, literature, science, theology, education, and government.

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## HALIFAX AND CASTINE

In September, 1814, a British military and naval expedition from Halifax, under Lieutenant General Sir John Coape Sherbrooke and Rear Admiral Edward Griffith, occupied the portion of Maine between the Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers. Major General Gerard Gosselin governed that district, from Castine, until April 26, 1815. The Customs duties collected during this period were utilized by Governor Dalhousie for the endowment of the Garrison Library and Dalhousie College.

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D. C. H.

## ARTICLES CONTRIBUTED

Several have been good enough to submit articles for this publication and it is with regret that the Editors state that they are unable to print them here. As this is the final issue before the Reunion, our columns are naturally taken up largely with Reunion matters. We do appreciate the spirit behind such a gesture and thank you for taking the trouble. In later numbers we shall publish them.

## ACCOMMODATION AND RAILWAY INFORMATION

The dates of the Reunion coincide with those of the Knights of Pythias and Canadian Education Association meetings and occurs at the height of the summer tourist season in Halifax. We strongly advise that those wishing hotel accommodation make their reservations as soon as possible directly with the management. An attractive booklet has been published by the Reunion Committee showing the hotels available with rates, copy of which may be obtained by writing the Chairman of the Housing Committee, Miss Merle Purtill, Reunion Office, Halifax, N. S.

Shirreff Hall will be available for those who wish to stay near the University.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

## August 16th., 1938.

- 9.00 Registration and Get Together.
- 12.00 Box Luncheon.
- 1.30 General Assembly—Forrest Building.
- 2.00 Start of Parade.
- 3.30 Unveiling—Studley Monument.
- 7.00 Hodge-Podge.
- Sing Song—Birehdale.
- Informal Dance.

## August 17th., 1938.

- 10.00 Reception and Dedication of Medical Library.
- 3.00 Convocation—Studley.
- 4.30 Tea, Shirreff Hall and Reception at Studley Quoit Club.
- 5.00 Annual Meeting Alumni, Gymnasium.
- 7.30 Dinner Reunion.

## August 18th., 1938.

- Free morning.
- 3.00 Sail or Car Drive.
- 7.00 Class and Faculty Dinners.
- 9.00 Reunion Dance.

This programme is subject to change.

## IN AN OLD COLLEGE

"For were nursed upon the self-same Hill."

—Milton—"Lycidas".

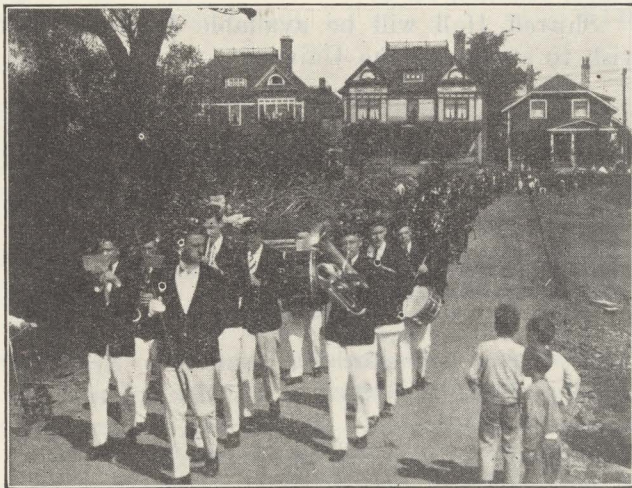
"We still had Thyrsis then"—thus long ago  
 Sang one his elegy with piercing pain,  
 As Oxford's lovely haunts he roamed again.  
 There he heard stranger-lads their flutings blow,  
 And the Scholar-Gypsy still went to and fro  
 Across old fields of Youth's imagining,  
 And Time to Learning's gate others might bring,  
 But his dead friend those dreamy walks would know  
 No more forever! Like regret we feel  
 When in some old quadrangle on our ear  
 The shouts ten thousand yesterdays have stilled  
 Fall fresh; or up ghost-haunted aisles we steal  
 And shuffling feet, or sliding quills we hear,  
 Or some great master at whose voice we thrilled.

ALEXANDER LOUIS FRASER,

B.A. ('95); M.A. ('04).

## ABOUT THE TEN DOLLARS

IN the last issue of the NEWS a paragraph stated that in order to defray actual Reunion expenses, a registration fee of \$10.00 would be charged for an individual and \$15.00 for a married couple or family. Several Dalhousians—three to be exact—have written asking for details. One of them wondered whether in addition to this fee, separate charges were to be made for all activities. The second wanted to know whether the \$10.00 included not only the Reunion festivities, but also board and lodging while in Halifax. The third



letter pointed out that the paragraph in question contained a mistake in grammar.

Probably ten wonder for each one who writes. What follows is dedicated to the thirty puzzled Alumni and to whom it may concern.

First of all the fee is \$10.00 only to those who are single or who leave their wives (or husbands) and families at home.

The family fee is \$15.00 regardless of the number. (Provided that the junior members are not self supporting; otherwise, they will be expected to register separately.)

See what this means.

Two attend, e.g. husband and wife or mother and son. Fee each \$7.50.

Family of three, fee each \$5.00.

Husband, wife and two children, each \$3.75.

Husband, wife and three children, each \$3.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Dionne and family, each \$1.07.

Question—Given these examples derive the fee per individual member of your own family. Write on one side of the paper only. Be sure to leave a margin. Do not communicate with other candidates.

And now, having paid the fee, what will you receive in addition to the pleasure of seeing old friends and attending the formal ceremonies of the Reunion? You will be presented with a copy

of Professor D. C. Harvey's forthcoming book on the history of Dalhousie. You will for the period of the Reunion, become a member of numerous Halifax clubs such as the Waegwoltie (swimming, tennis), Ashburn (golf), Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Studley Quoit Club. Car drives and a boat sail are also being arranged.

On the first day you will be a guest at a box luncheon on the Forrest Building campus, and a hodge-podge supper at Birchdale. After a sing-song there will be an orchestra in attendance for a smoker and dance at the Gymnasium.

On the second day there will be a tea at Shirreff Hall after the special Convocation, and in the evening a formal dinner at the Nova Scotian Hotel.

The third day is left largely free for the organization of class parties, picnics or what not. These, whatever form they take, represent the only extra of the Reunion. In the evening you will be a guest at a formal dance in the Nova Scotian Hotel.

Partial participation may be in the minds of some on grounds of time, health or wealth. What is their sentence to be? The Registration fee will be \$3.00 each, and this will include all the general privileges, the book, the clubs, the drives and so forth. Tickets for the special events may be purchased individually. As might be anticipated the total cost for all activities will be in excess of \$10.00.

Students now enrolled at Dalhousie will be welcomed to all festivities for the half rate of \$5.00.

In this unhappy world cost accounting is still necessary, and it is hoped these paragraphs will help you to formulate your plans. But don't forget this—the enthusiasm that we all feel for our family gathering in August is not dependent on those tangible features to which a cash value has been or could be assigned.



SCENES FROM THE 1929 REUNION

## DALHOUSIANS COMING HOME

The following alumni have definitely signified their intention by letter to attend the Reunion. The list is by no means complete for as many again have stated that if at all possible they will be present also. Many, particularly from the Maritimes, have not as yet taken the trouble to write us. The Executive Committee is making preparations for more than a 1,000, as the Dalhousie family has now grown to include 8,500 boys and girls. If you have not already replied, do so at once.

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### DEAN MACDONALD IN WESTERN CANADA

Vincent C. MacDonald, B.A., LL.B., K.C. Dean of the Dalhousie Law School is making a trip through Western Canada in the interest of the Dalhousie Reunion.

Dean MacDonald is well known in Canada since he has been Advisor on Constitutional Law with the Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, Editor of the Dominion Law Reports, Canadian Law Book, Canadian Criminal Cases, Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall and Dalhousie University, Secretary of the Conference on the Uniformity of Legislation and frequent contributor to legal periodicals. He succeeded Sidney Smith who resigned as Dean of the Dalhousie Law School in 1934 to accept the Presidency of the University of Manitoba. Dean MacDonald graduated from Dalhousie in 1920.

His itinerary includes Winnipeg, June 10-12th.; Regina, 13-14th.; Saskatoon, 15-16th.; Edmonton, 17th.; Vancouver 19-21st.; Calgary, 22-24th.; Toronto, 27th., and Montreal, 28th.

### A NEW ROCKEFELLER GRANT.

Gratifying tribute to the success attending efforts of Dalhousie University in preventive medicine, and fields of endeavor linked with this, has been paid by Dr. Carleton Stanley receiving notification that the Rockefeller Foundation had granted Dalhousie \$7,000 per annum for three years for the Department of Epidemiology.

Aside from the teaching of preventive medicine to students, this department has rendered public service in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. One branch of the work has been a morbidity survey, designed to ascertain causes of death, and said to be the first of its kind attempted in North America. A tuberculosis survey has also made marked contributions to the war on that disease, providing data as to its spread and furnishing facts to assist in its check. The money will be used for general purposes to further the work of the department.

### TO THE STUDENTS OF DALHOUSIE

The celebration this summer is a call to the Students of Dalhousie to witness her Alumni acknowledge and give thanks to the University for the training she has given them; to recollect with old Dalhousians—fathers, mothers and folks who “knew your father when——”; and to see the advance the University has made in the enlargement of her staff and equipment to serve in maintaining the high standard in which Dalhousie takes justifiable pride. We are invited to attend.

There is a composition fee covering all items of entertainment of \$5.00 for students.

S. GORDON MACKENZIE

President Student Council 1938-39.

### CONVOCATION EXERCISES

AT the Seventy-Fourth Convocation of Dalhousie University on May 17, one hundred and eighty graduates received their degrees or diplomas. In a brief message to the graduates and friends of the University President Stanley reported a successful year and spoke of the purpose of a university in the world to-day. He urged the graduates “to think your way through and past mere words and slogans, mere programmes and political platforms; and we shall be grievously disappointed if you are captured as snobbish and selfish and ease-loving people have been captured, by a mystical jargon in praise of savagery, barbarity, fiendish cruelty. ‘God’s in his heaven’ still, but all will not be ‘right with the world’ unless you do some thinking and unless you have the courage to support your thinking.”

The address to the graduates was delivered by Dr. Frederick C. Zapffe, secretary of the Association of American Medical Colleges. In discussing the basis of a sound education in the field of medical science, Dr. Zapffe emphasized the difference between training and education, and advocated a wider range and less specializing in the undergraduate courses. The aim of a university course of study in medicine should be to turn out men of broad education. “In these times,” said Dr. Zapffe, “we are imbued with the idea that we must do everything in a hurry and suit it to one single little branch. When you vocationalize, you are not going to get an education; you are going to get a limited education.”

Dr. Zapffe praised the University for the work it is doing for the City of Halifax and the Maritime Provinces, and expressed the opinion that the area served by Dalhousie should do something for the University in return. “Dalhousie doesn’t seem to belong to this community,” he said, “because it serves such a large area of the Dominion of Canada. There is no institution in the Maritime Provinces that offers such wide opportunities.”

A. R. JEWITT, B.A. '26, Ph.D.

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### CONTRACT AWARDED TO ERECT \$108,000 DALHOUSIE LIBRARY

Work on the new Dalhousie Library, which is to be erected at the corner of Carleton and College Streets at an approximate cost of \$108,000, will get underway immediately. The contract has been awarded to the Brookfield Construction Company.

The Library will be a storey and a half building of brick and stone, similar in appearance to the Dalhousie Public Health Clinic, and will measure 48 by 85 feet.



### ALUMNI ATHLETIC TEAM

ONE of the commendable activities of the Alumni Association was the splendid support that it gave to the Alumni Basketball team during the past two seasons.

Two years ago, a number of Dalhousie Grads who were interested in basketball, got together with the idea of entering a team in the City League. The plan was so well received that the Alumni Association did not hesitate to support the team.

The team was handicapped by insufficient practice periods, and the fact that some of the boys had never played together before and with the frequent impossibility of all the boys getting off from work at the same hour for practice. Nevertheless the boys stuck to it, and developed quite a smooth working team that produced the type of game that was a credit to them and a delight to watch.

The first season, with no substitutes to help them, the boys gave a very creditable showing, losing out to Acadia University in the Nova Scotia play-offs, after two very exciting games.

During the past season, in the City League games, the Grads had little difficulty in taking decisions from the Wanderers and Dalhousie Tigers. In the Series with Acadia axemen, for the Provincial title, the Alumni team displayed some of the best basketball that has been seen here for some years, the Alumni team taking the title by 2 points, after two gruelling games which were hard fought from start to finish.

Next, the team journeyed to Saint John to play for the Maritime Title, their opponents being the Saint John Trojans who have a very enviable record in basketball to their credit. Although the Alumni team did not win, it put up such a great display of sportsmanship and fight that the Saint John fans were loud in their praises for the team that went down fighting. This series of games in Saint John did a great deal towards creating a bond of friendship between the two cities which will last for some time to come.

At the close of the playing season, a very enjoyable banquet was tendered to the players. Mr. S. R. Balcom, Major Roper and T. Coffin represented the Alumni Association. During the evening, Tom Parker, on behalf of the team made a presentation to Sam Balcom in appreciation of his valuable work for the team in his capacity as Manager and to Mr. Lee for his services as coach of the team. Mr. Balcom made a presentation to Mr. Lee on behalf of the Association expressing its thanks for his work.

The opinion was expressed at the banquet that the Alumni Basketball team should continue to function and the hope was expressed by those present, that this team would be just the beginning of a varied athletic programme sponsored by the

Alumni Association in which all Dalhousie Graduates would be able to continue participating in sports to their liking, and to carry on the traditions of the University.

### MEMBERS OF "DALHOUSIE GRADS" TEAMS

1937	1938
Ted Crease, Capt.	Tom Parker, Capt.
Tom Parker	Ted Crease
Don MacIntosh	Doug Crease
Johnnie Wilson	Don Bauld
Leo Simmonds	Don MacIntosh
Charlie Lorway	Robt. Goudey
Milton Musgrave	Johnnie Wilson
Don Saunderson	Gord Johnson
Sam Balcom, Mgr.	Turner O'Brien
Bill Lee, Coach.	Sam Balcom, Mgr.
	Bill Lee, Coach.

### CONVOCATION BALL

Social activities of the graduating class of 1938 were brought to a close with the Convocation Ball held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Tuesday, May 17th., when the graduates were the guests of the Alumnae-Alumni Associations. Approximately one hundred and fifty couples attended this affair which was considered the best in years. The great number of novelties and favors helped to keep the enthusiasm at a high pitch and in all a total of eleven prizes was given away, the winners of the spot dances being Mr. and Mrs. H. A. MacDonald, Gordon Hennigar and Helen Crease, Gordon Thompson and Peggy Merkel, and Bruce Dobson and Nora Jamieson. Special graduate prizes were also drawn for and won by Nancy Lawson, Helen Munroe, and Fran Martell. Chaperones for the evening were President and Mrs. Carleton A. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. McG. Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Balcom. The Committee in charge consisted of Mr. Jerry Redmond and Miss Evelyn Nickerson. Music was furnished by Jerry Naugler and his orchestra.

### DENTAL SCHOOL NOTES

Drs. A. A. Dunlop and F. R. Duxbury have opened Dental offices in the Farquhar Building, Blowers and Barrington Streets, Halifax, N. S.

Dr. S. K. Oldfield has opened an office in The Bank of Montreal Building, Quinpool Road, Halifax, N. S.

Dr. J. F. Griffin has opened an office with Dr. J. W. Dobson, 301 Barrington St., Halifax, N. S.

Dr. H. G. Kushel is taking a post graduate course in Orthodontia at Columbia University.

Dr. L. C. Cameron, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., had the misfortune to lose his residence by fire recently. The family just managed to escape.

## WHY THE RUSH?

AFTER a day spent at three different towns delivering as many addresses, I returned to my flat last night in time to hear the eleven o'clock news broadcast over C.F.R.B., to partake of a late supper prepared by a faithful wife, and to snatch a bit of sleep that would have been satisfactory had it been sufficiently long. An early hour this morning finds me on a C.P.R. train bound for another town for more addresses during the day and night. Travelling along with me is an old Chinese gentleman embroidered by the needles of a past age, and along with him various curios of his fatherland, a moving picture outfit and other impedimenta that mark me out as a missionary on deputation work in Canada.

As I sit here surrounded by my paraphernalia I think of the small boy who, when asked what he would like to be when he grew up, replied—"a missionary on furlough". With a deeper appreciation of realities, I believe that the boy might have been constrained to have answered—"a missionary on active service". I assure you, however, such a feeling only comes to me on the rarest occasions, when, for instance, I feel—as I apparently do this morning—as if it were "the day after the night before."

I settle deep down into the cushions of this luxurious coach. The comfort of restful relaxation is at hand. But, lo, my mind becomes restless and then insubordinate and insists upon calling up the spectres of things left undone. I obey its dictates to the extent of seizing my paper to write a word, as I was asked to do a few weeks ago, for the ALUMNI NEWS of my Alma Mater. I recall a similar request made once upon a time to Conan Doyle—if I remember correctly. Someone upon reading that his latest book had brought to him a certain sum of money, counted the words of the book and found that they had averaged him ten dollars a word. Being autographically as well as mathematically inclined, this "someone" wrote him a letter enclosing a crisp ten dollar note and requested him kindly to send along a word. The author reacted very sensibly. He first put the money safely in his pocket and then took out his pen and wrote upon the lady's missive—for a lady's it was—the one word "Thanks". Ah! if the words of some of us preachers could be converted into such freighted argosies what future bliss could not be contemplated! When we outlive our usefulness in other places, then a cottage by the sea! Yes, anywhere in Nova Scotia would do, but naturally Cape Breton preferred.

The thought that has been uppermost in my mind this morning has been the contrast between the quietness of the East and the bustle of the West.

Surrounded as we are here by all the complexities of Western life, one often sighs for the good old ways of China where, when a man comes to see you on some important concern, he first sits by your side and sips tea with you for an hour or two as a prelude to business. Perhaps, though, this may not appear in any way strange to the easy-going folk of the Province of Nova Scotia. An Ontario business man once told me that he could never prevail upon his business friends in Nova Scotia to listen to any business proposition until he first accompanied them on at least a one day's fishing trip. And why not? Were fish not made for man? No matter how it may be these days in Nova Scotia, we in China know that such an attitude to life is the right one. The Sun has arisen in China for so many millenniums, day by day, with never a miss, that now those that live in that land regulate their lives under an assumption that almost amounts to a conviction, that it will likewise arise on the morrow; and, if it does so, any unfinished task of to-day may conveniently be attended to then.

It may well be asked to what purpose are our friends so feverishly intent upon "saving time" here in the West. For what is it being "saved"? A few years ago a young Japanese came over to Canada on a lecture tour. One day he was being accompanied from Toronto to another Ontario town by two busy business men. Arriving at the Union Station just in time to catch their train, they found that owing to some trouble on the line their train was delayed. After they had manifested consternation over the loss of time that would ensue, an obliging railway official came up to them with the information that there was another train leaving at once by another route and if they could catch it, they would get to their destination really two minutes before the one they had intended to take. "Splendid", said one of the men, "we are surely fortunate, we even save two minutes." So they hustled their Japanese friend along, out through the big portals, into the Station corridors, up on the platform and into the coach as the wheels turned and the train pulled out. After sitting some moments looking at one another and breathing very heavily, the Japanese managed to muster sufficient breath to ask a very pertinent question. "Now," said he, between gasps for breath, "what—are we—going to do—with our—two minutes?" That question was not asked as a joke, remember. It could not have been. Events that are occurring to-day in the East and what may be attempted tomorrow prove conclusively that the Japanese have no sense of humour! I

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**ALUMNI MEETING**

As illustration of what some of the local Dalhousie Alumni Associations are doing by way of preparation for the coming Reunion, is the following sent out to its members by the Secretary of The Dalhousie Club of New York—just a local get-together, a "warm up" preliminary to the big gathering on the old Campus at Dalhousie in August.

You Are Cordially Invited To A  
**PICNIC AND OUTING**

at  
"Wild Thyme"  
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Avery F. Newcombe,  
Whippoorwill Road,  
Armonk, N. Y.  
Saturday, June 11, 1938.

**Golf**

Golf at the Bryam Lake course (18 holes). Golfers are requested to arrive at the Newcombes' early—preferably before noon.

**Swimming**

(Bring your bathing suit)

**Hiking**

(Wear old shoes)

**Eats**

Please bring your own food and coffee.

A long table will be set up and facilities for a picnic supper arranged.

**(If You Come By Car)**

Take Route 22 above White Plains. At Armonk traffic light keep straight ahead (do not turn right with Route 22) and take first turn to the left up Whippoorwill Road about three-quarters of a mile to brown log cottage with green shutters.

**(If You Come By Train)**

You will be met at Valhalla Station if you take train leaving Grand Central, Lower Level, at 1.55 p.m. Standard Time or 2.55 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

**(If You Come By Plane)**

Land at Westchester Airport and YELL.

**ALUMNI DINNER—CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

On June 8th. about 50 Dalhousians met at the Marshlands Inn, Sackville, to sing once again the Dalhousie songs and to hear Major J. S. Roper, Reunion Chairman and Dr. R. Hayes, Corresponding Secretary of the Reunion deliver addresses on the Reunion. Many reminiscences of Dalhousie days were told by N. S. Sanford, Dr. C. L. Gass and J. A. Hanway as the Dalhousians in Cumberland County and Sackville, N. B. gathered for the first time. A. G. MacKenzie, K. C. of Amherst was the chairman of the gathering which was arranged by a committee under the direction of E. Clair Hicks of Amherst.

**ALUMNI MEETING—CAPE BRETON**

Word has been received at the Reunion Office that the Dalhousians in Cape Breton are going forward with plans for a "Reunion Pep Rally" to be held at Glace Bay in the near future. Cape Breton has been one of the strongest Dalhousie centers and it is with a great deal of pleasure that the Reunion Committee and the Alumni Association see the graduates there once again bearing the torch.

**"FOR THIS RELIEF, MUCH THANKS".**

A cheque has been received for \$25.00 from Captain O. B. Jones, known as "Sergeant Jones" of the 42nd. battalion from one end of the Canadian Line to the other in the Great War. He is one of the most brilliant graduates that Dalhousie produced in the years just before the war. He received his B.A. with honors and wrote a thesis on Wordsworth for his M.A. which received the approval of Archie MacMechan. He served during the Great War, received the M.C. and the D.S.O. The following cable was sent on receipt of his donation. "Dalhousians greet you and thank you and hope you can attend the reunion. With personal regards, Signed J. S. Roper". He is now in hospital—Hospice Civile, Aix-les-Bains, Savoy, France. God bless you Toby, your friends are still with you.

Hon. J. C. Tory. Good health, we hope you will be at the Reunion if you can. You have always been a good Dalhousian. Thank you for your contribution of \$25.00 to the Reunion Campaign Fund.

Dr. J. C. Webster, (a member of the Board of Governors). Thank you for your contribution of \$100.00 to Reunion expenses. We are expecting you with us at the Reunion.

**WHY THE RUSH?**

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often think of that sensible question as I stand down town on Yonge or King Sts. here in Toronto. I should not say "as I stand" but rather "as I rush" along with the rest, for I am getting as occidental as anyone these days after a separation from the benignant influences of old China for almost a whole year.

However, a missionary has compensations out here in Canada even for the rush. A very great one is the opportunity that this rush from place to place, day by day, gives one to tell of these wonderful people, of their ancient culture, their loveliness, their patience in suffering, their courage in trouble, their endurance in conflict. Can such a nation be defeated? Never! Of every conflict of which we read in this unequal war we may say as it was boldly said of the army in classic days—"They were not defeated they were killed." We believe too that as "the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance" and has maintained the Chinese in theirs for so many generations, He has done so that they may fulfil the great destiny that He must have for such a people. And we are more convinced of this as we see so many in that nation to-day pledging their allegiance unto Him through faith in His Son—many of whom are among the foremost leaders of the land.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS, '04.

## "LAUDATOR TEMPORIS ACTI"

A RETROSPECT of thirty-five years recalls how kaleidoscopic is life. The Dalhousie days are full of memories. One of the most outstanding for all who came under his charming influence was "Charlie". The sturdy, massive figure, nimble-witted, and equally at home in Classics and in Mathematics, is not easily forgotten. How he loved to dazzle the Freshmen with his ambidexterity! To draw a well-nigh perfect circle with each hand inscribing a semi-circumference at the same time, or to write two different sentences at the same time, one with each hand, seemed merely sleight-of-hand, but not so in his case. It was the mastery of the mind over the mechanics of the physical. Italics to breed emphasis must be used sparingly, was his rebuke to those whose admiration found expression in noisy feet. He was succeeded in his chair by one who had won many honours abroad, but who was afflicted with what we used to call girlish shyness. One day a young lady student called at the Professor's waiting room to see him. He had not come in, so she left word that she would like to see him about some work. On his arrival he was told this and his chivalrous spirit took him to the ladies' waiting room to see what was wanted of him. He knocked at the door and the object of his quest answered. He asked "Do you want me, Miss. . . . .?" and was completely flabbergasted by her reply: "Yes, Dannie, I want you so much."

The Chemistry teacher was also a man of quiet wit and charm. One day as he was lecturing on metals, he mentioned apatite. He noticed a chuckle that spread over the benches and quickly added "This is not the appetite you gentlemen are more familiar with." Another morning, as he called the roll, a great volume of cheering greeted the name of a student from the West Indies. Word had gone out that this young man had become the father of a bouncing boy, hence the salvo from many feet. Eben looked up from the roll and quietly remarked, "Mr. K. . . . ., see that you do not give cause for such an uproar again." And of course, the uproar took on an added volume.

The teacher of Classics of that day gave a distinct touch to the college impression. Tall and dignified, he represented what the noble Roman was supposed to be. His use of nursery rhymes to illustrate the Latin measures made that study easy. How he delighted to roll out some of his own translations of the Odes of Horace! It is not likely that any of his male students have forgotten the verses which end

"Whilst I, supine beneath the vine,  
Do my best to get a jag on."

His mannerism in walk and tone was all his own.

Lord John will always be known by that name as long as his students live, and around the board in Valhalla he will be still so saluted. His bearing was noble, his heart humble and exceeding kind. The English class was fined for some impish deed and the writer with others, had to report to the Office to pay up. The President took in the shekels and remarked, "I am sorry to take this from you, R. . . . ." I answered, "I am equally sorry to have to give it to you, Sir." The slight flippancy nettled him and he flashed back, "If this happens again you can pack your trunk and go home." At a football game feeling ran high, the foils were off. A couple of men were hurt and the cry was raised for a doctor. The President hearing the call jumped up saying, "I am two or three doctors," and rushed onto the field and did the work of several in caring for the unfortunate lads who were injured.

The Professor of Philosophy was small in stature but mighty in mental power. His fearless and lofty exposition of Plato's Republic became a challenge to him to participate in civic affairs and for some years he held a seat in the City Council. He was a rare curler and ranks high with the notables of the Dominion. The immaculate teacher of English, who gave such distinguished service to the province of his adoption, was insistent on the highest ideals in expression of thought. I have never ceased to wonder why he had such a distaste for poor, proud Byron, shivering with the dart he drove.

Companionship in the class rooms, debating society, at the social gatherings furnish many incidents of humour, reflect many flashes of rare minds and a sheer delight in friendship that always remains. There are recollections of fine deeds. One of the most unselfish acts I have ever known was done by an Arts student. He was of good ability and afterwards became of high court judge in another province. He was a fine mathematician and was sure of the Waverley prize. But he had heard his runner-up say that it would be impossible for him to return to college the next year unless he got that prize. Consequently, the one who practically had the award in his pocket withdrew from the competition and the runner-up secured the prize. And it is still uncertain if the unselfish one did not need the money more than the other.

Distance may lend enchantment to the eye or memory and as time elapses some incidents stand out more clearly than others, and the tendency may be to glorify the past, but the days when hopes are bright and care has not yet touched the spirit will ever be the best days. The common memories, trivial or serious, will always be the real tie that binds the generation together though those of that generation are spread over all the earth.

G. R. MCKEAN. '06

### VALUE OF AN ARTS AND SCIENCE DEGREE

MANY times I have heard the opinion that an Arts and Science course at college is somewhat in the nature of a luxury, to be taken by students who, with no particular plan for the future, wish to delay their entry into the practical affairs of life. Considered from a mercenary point of view, perhaps this attitude is understandable, particularly if the cultural side of a college education is overlooked.

I am not at all sure that it is wise to attempt to show that this opinion is unsound, because by so doing I may lay myself open to the charge of being on the defensive. I have no intention however, of trying to prove that an education in liberal Arts is a practical guarantee of a successful livelihood, but I do wish to show that an Arts and Science training may, if properly designed and carried out, furnish much of the necessary equipment to an attractive career.

Aside from the teaching profession and a few other equally specialized careers, the most fertile field open to a college graduate is in industry and in the business world. And here I trust that a teacher of Science may be pardoned if he tends to stress the *Science* portion of the training which goes to make up the prescribed course for a B.A., or a B.Sc. These courses are not designed to give a young man or a young woman the technical knowledge and experience which may be required in their life work. It is however, becoming increasingly evident that the training which a student receives in mastering even the elementary principles of one of the natural Sciences, is certain to produce an outlook upon life which is not likely to be given by any other means. The classification of facts and the formation of absolute judgments upon the basis of this classification,—judgments which are independent of the personal whims of the individual,—this is the aim of modern Science. Surely it would seem that the frame of mind produced by this sort of reasoning will be useful equipment, not only as assistance in the art of making a living but for citizenship as well.

It is, of course, as absurd to attempt to maintain that the study of Science will always lead to this perfection as it is to try to show that a study of Science offers the only avenue to this goal. My only contention is that a college course in Arts and Science should not always be considered as a "luxury cruise".

I have heard, within a year, an executive of a large chemical plant, say that he much preferred to employ young men and young women who were reasonably well grounded in the elementary principles of pure chemistry than those who had been trained in specific branches of that Science. I am quite sure that I understand what he meant,—specialized training undertaken too soon must in-

evitably shrink and distort the true scientific frame of mind which is such a desirable part of a preliminary course in the natural Sciences.

From the point of view of the scientist these sciences are incomplete and progress toward their completion must depend upon those who have, in their preliminary work, cultivated and developed the true scientific attitude.

May I suggest that these two or three points be considered carefully before taking too critical an attitude toward a "plain Arts and Science" college course?

C. B. NICKERSON, A.M.,

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

### DALHOUSIAN RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Another Dalhousian has recently brought honour to his Alma Mater. W. J. Archibald, who received his training in Physics at Dalhousie, has attained outstanding success. He has just been awarded a coveted Stirling Fellowship at Yale University. This award is made to post-doctorate students who have shown exceptional ability in research, and is keenly contested by graduates who hold doctorates from the leading American universities.

Mr. Archibald is a son of the late Mr. J. T. Archibald, B.A., Dalhousie, 1908, who for many years was the distinguished Principal of the Bridgetown High School. He graduated from Dalhousie in 1933 with Great Distinction, specializing in Physics. He spent two years as Demonstrator in Physics at his Alma Mater and completed the work for the degree of M.A. in 1935. As a result of his excellent work here, he was awarded fellowships at the University of Virginia where he expects to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the short time of two years.

Archibald's work at the University of Virginia has dealt chiefly with the ultra-centrifuge, an instrument developed by physicists which has become of great importance in biological and medical research. This instrument, revolving at an enormous speed, sorts out complex organic molecules and permits the separation and molecular weight determinations of such substances as proteins. Progress in this work has been greatly handicapped by lack of a proper theoretical treatment, although a solution had been vainly attempted by several leading theoretical physicists and mathematicians. Mr. Archibald applied himself to the difficult problem and has succeeded in solving it in an easily usable form. Results of his work have just appeared in the May number of the leading American journal of Physics, *The Physical Review*.

The many friends of Mr. Archibald will be delighted to hear of his outstanding success, on which he is to be highly congratulated. His work at Yale, where he will continue research in his chosen field, will be watched with great interest.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

THE proper difference between Science and Arts as they are called in our calendar, is not a difference in purpose or results but in material and details of method. Science is organized knowledge and its pursuit, and the humanities have a very solidly scientific side that the public knows little of; while the most severe course in the laboratory is not complete until it issues in appreciation. The purpose of all our liberal courses is to turn out civilized men, not trained animals.

At Dalhousie we are and shall probably continue to be mainly a teaching college; that is, our business is chiefly the steady production of those "generations of noiseless scholarship" that the great Gildersleeve so highly commends as the work of little colleges. Our tradition in the humanities was established by the giants of '63, as they now appear to us, and we shall best perform our function by continuing that tradition unimpaired. So it is not desirable for us to fix our minds on spectacular achievement. Our principal value must lie in the type of man and woman that is our ordinary graduate.

At the same time our graduates have a habit of bobbing up in some position of importance. It would not be relevant to the present work of the college to consider the graduates of very remote years; and our very recent students have not had time to make themselves as prominent as some of them will probably become. I can make no pretence at any orderly selection, and I deprecate any comparison between departments. But I mention a few names in the "middle distance" and of more recent times as indicative of the sort of things we do. I see on the back cover of a learned journal that has just appeared a notice of "Roman Egypt to the Reign of Diocletian", and inside there appears also a review of the work by another ancient historian. That is the latest work of A. C. Johnson, 1904. That is pretty ancient history for us today, but it is a good place to start. Johnson suggests A. D. Fraser of the University of Virginia, Professor of Archaeology, originally 1908. There are the two Dawsons of 1915, J. A. in Biology at the College of the City of New York, and R. McG. now of Toronto and formerly of Saskatchewan, who writes books about the Canadian Senate and equally recondite subjects. Toronto suggests Fulton H. Anderson in 1917, in Philosophy, and Jarvis McCurdy of that famous class 1926, likewise Philosophy, and Norman MacKenzie. 1917 suggests the war, and that reminds us of the year after the war and that suggests one of our returned men, J. S. Bonnell, now of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. 1921 brings us to J. A. Maxwell, brother of our own Maxwell. J. A. is of Clarke University, and the

University of Melbourne has recently borrowed him for six months to study some of their economic problems.

I should not have omitted C. M. MacInnes, Historian, 1915, of Bristol University. Coming on down the years there is Emeneau, a student of Classical Languages who went on to become an accomplished Sanskritist, and has recently been making records of vanishing dialects in India for the American Council of Learned Societies. Perhaps I might mention a lady, Miss Elizabeth Frame, 1928, now a member of the Biology Department of Smith College. Then there is Miss Mabel Morrison who took her doctorate at Toronto and is teaching in North Carolina. I should mention here Miss Alice Lewis, 1935 of London University whose Eddy Travelling Fellowship is being so abundantly justified.

I haven't said anything about the books and articles that some of the professors write. They can, I hope, speak for themselves with a still small voice to discriminating judges. I have not begun to mention the people who might be mentioned. And I have said nothing about a distinguished group of Physicists and Chemists who will be treated by another and abler hand. I have exceeded my strict bounds in mentioning a Biologist. But I have collected a haphazard group of names to indicate the type of man and woman that the liberal course of Arts and Science at Dalhousie turns out and will, I hope continue to turn out while Dalhousie remains Dalhousie.

E. W. NICHOLS, B.A. 1906, M.A. 1910, Ph.D.,  
Dept. of Classics, Dalhousie University.

Among the graduates from the Science Departments of the University since the war who have achieved distinction in various parts of the world might be mentioned the following with the positions they now hold.

MACKAY, C. A., 1919-20, M.A. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Princeton),  
Professor of Physics, University of Saskatchewan.

MCCURDY, W. HAROLD, 1920-21, M.A. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Princeton),  
Physicist, Westinghouse Electric Co., Bloomfield, N. J.

JACKSON, W. J., 1921-22, M.A. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Princeton),  
Professor of Physics, New Jersey College for Women,  
New Brunswick, N. J.

KENTY, CARL, 1922-23, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Princeton),  
Physicist, General Electric Vapor Lamp Co., Hoboken,  
N. J.

LAURENCE, G. C., 1923-24, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Cantab.),  
Physicist, Nat. Research Council, Ottawa.

MORAN, W. G., 1924-25, M.Sc. (Dal.), Physicist, Westinghouse  
Electric Co., Bloomfield, N. J.

LANGSTROTH, G. O., 1925-26, Ph.D. (McGill), Spectroscopist,  
McGill University, Montreal.

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## THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

THE writer has been requested to furnish a brief article dealing with the course in engineering given at Dalhousie University. He trusts the following will be of interest to readers of the ALUMNI NEWS.

The Department of Engineering represents a development reaching back many years. In tracing its history one goes back naturally to the year 1877 when a Faculty of Science was organized. Instruction in pure science only was given at first but in 1891 courses in Applied Science were offered also, and the Faculty was reorganized into a Pure and Applied Science Faculty. Several of the more prominent Halifax Engineers of that day lectured fortnightly in Engineering Subjects. The Degree of Bachelor of Engineering, (B.E.), was established. This arrangement continued until 1902. During these years there were no B.E. degrees conferred and the engineering students were few.

In 1902 a School of Mines was established and a course in Mining outlined. About 1904 a course in Civil Engineering was added. During the session, 1906-07, a Faculty of Engineering was established. About this time the Government of Nova Scotia projected the Nova Scotia Technical College; Dr. F. H. Sexton, who was on the Mining Faculty of Dalhousie, was chosen as its President and has continued in that position until the present. Upon its opening in 1909, Dalhousie discontinued its Faculty of Engineering and since then has offered the first two years only of the Engineering Course, carrying on the Department as a part of the Faculty of Arts and Science. So came to an end a promising experiment, for, from 1905 to 1909, the average attendance in the Engineering Faculty was sixty, and seventeen B.E. degrees were conferred.

In 1922 the Diploma of Engineering was established. This diploma is granted to those students who have fulfilled the requirements set down for the course, and the candidate who has obtained it, is accepted without condition into the third year of the Engineering course by the degree granting college. It should be explained that the Nova Scotia Technical College does not teach the first two years of the course but depends for its students upon five Maritime Universities and one in Newfoundland, all of which give the early years only of the Engineering course.

The standard set for the diploma by Dalhousie is of a high order as is evidenced by the fact that, to the writer's knowledge, there has been no bad failure of any of the students who have continued their course to the degree. The record of the awards at the Nova Scotia College is interesting and comment is unnecessary. About twenty per cent of the student body at the Technical College, received

their preliminary training at Dalhousie. Out of nineteen Governor General Medals, twelve were won by Dalhousians; eleven out of sixteen Alumni Medals, three out of eight Engineering Institute of Canada prizes, and two out of six Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia prizes were won also, by former engineering students from Dalhousie. A number of our men have finished their course at McGill University and in several instances have won the British Association Medal, awarded to the man at graduation standing highest in his particular course.

It is interesting to note that the first Professor of Engineering under the scheme started in 1909 and still in existence was C. D. Howe who, after several years at Dalhousie, resigned to enter upon professional practice in Western Canada. He became an expert in Grain Elevator design. His firm of C. D. Howe and Co. has been responsible for the design and supervision of construction of many of the great grain elevators erected in the west during the past twenty-five years. At the present time he is Minister of Transport in the Federal Government. He was succeeded by J. N. Finlayson who later became Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba. Professor Finlayson is now Dean of the Engineering Faculty of the University of British Columbia.

During the years since its inception, the course has been strengthened by the inclusion of additional courses. Three years are required now to qualify for entrance into the third year of the Engineering course at the University granting the degree. The department has now two full time professors in the strictly technical subjects.

The total number of students has varied. At one time there were about seventy-five but during the depression years the number fell to about fifty. At the opening of the session just completed over thirty started on the course. This was an increase of nearly double the previous session. Only once during the past eighteen years was this number exceeded.

During the depression years many of the engineering graduates had difficulty in finding positions. As a general rule, however, graduates do not have much difficulty in this respect for the engineering education fits a man for a wide range of activity, and in fact has proved itself a broad educational value even for those who have not followed engineering as a profession.

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**NEW APPOINTMENTS****Chair of Commerce**

Dalhousie University announces that Mr. Stewart Bates has been appointed to the W. A. Black Chair of Commerce. Mr. Bates has been well known to Nova Scotians for the past two years, and, as a member of the research staff of the Rowell Commission, has this year had an opportunity of wider study of Canadian conditions in economic history and finance. For such studies, Mr. Bates has had an extraordinary preparation. Ten years ago he graduated, with the ordinary Arts degree, from Glasgow University. In the two years following he took the honours course in both political philosophy and economics, and graduated with first class honours. In 1930-31 he was attached to the investigation department of the Empire Marketing Board in London, and some of his reports were published by the Board. From 1931 to 1934 he was lecturer in political economy in Edinburgh University. At the same time he was engaged as Workmen's Educational Association lecturer in the Edinburgh district, and was furthermore, Scottish lecturer on railway economics for the combined railway companies. In 1932 he was secretary to the Commission on Agriculture for the Scottish National Development Council.

In 1934 he resigned from his Edinburgh position to hold the Commonwealth Fellowship for Research in Economics at Harvard. He devoted himself especially to the relationship between public finance and general economic conditions. The study has been published in part. In 1936-37, Mr. Bates was secretary to the Economic Council of Nova Scotia, and resigned this post last October. During the interval, in the Rowell Commission, he has studied the financial history of the Dominion and Provincial Governments.

**Department of Classics**

The appointment of R. E. D. Cattley, M.A. (Cantab.), as Associate Professor of Classics in Dalhousie University is announced. Mr. Cattley had his early education in the Llandaff Cathedral School and the Aldenham School, where he won many scholarships and distinctions, in Classics, in English and French, as well as in the O.T.C. and school games. Winning a scholarship in an Exhibition at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, he made a good standing in the Classical tripos, and was twice stroke of his college boat. After holding masterships in English schools, and having once declined a Classical post in a Canadian university, Mr. Cattley was appointed to the Chair of Classics in the University of New Brunswick—a post which he has held since 1929. During that time Professor Cattley has rendered valuable assistance, according to the New Brunswick Superintendent of Education, to the provincial schools.

**THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,**

**T**HE Department of Education is a vocational department like a Department of Engineering or of Dentistry. Its aim is simply that of turning out efficient teachers. An efficient teacher must first know as much about the subjects he is going to teach as possible. Since the Department of Education gives its course for post-graduates, this work should be well in hand before they begin. But some teachers have to teach all subjects to all grades. Most students forget much, as well as learn much, during their student years. It is necessary to give a sort of refresher course in the subjects taught in the school.

An efficient teacher should also possess certain definite skills not necessary to the ordinary citizen. The first is the skill of good speech. Therefore the course includes individual speech training, and particularly speech training through choral speech and dramatic work. The next is the skill of blackboard writing, printing, the drawing of diagrams, the making of models and what may be called classroom handicrafts. There are then the various techniques of class teaching, i.e. individual methods of teaching involving the use of assignments, study guide sheets, self-making tests, and special plans such as the Dalton and Winnetha Plans; group work of the project type, or with larger groups in lecture, skill or appreciation lessons. There are the skills necessary to make the best educational use of pictures, film-slides, gramophone, and particularly of the film projector and radio. There is the skill of using tests where tests are needed; intelligence, achievement, diagnostic and aptitude tests. There is a short course on vocational guidance.

The efficient teacher needs to take a course of child study. The theoretical part of this course is taken under the heading of psychology, the practical part in the schools of Halifax County or of the City and in a special short course in the principles of Scouting and Guiding. The efficient teacher needs to realise the nature of his task against the background of social life. He must therefore study the school as an institution with a long history. He needs to read some of the classics of educational writing, Plato, Milton, Comenius or Pestalozzi. He should know something of the system of school administration in Nova Scotia and elsewhere. He must know School Law. He should know something of the special needs and organization of the kindergarten, the Elementary School, the Junior High School and the High School. The teacher has to be more than a school teacher. He frequently is and always should be a community leader. He must therefore study the methods of Adult Education.

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# PERSONALS

## MARRIAGES

At Stewiacke East on May 7th. William F. Monovon, (Sci. 1930-33,) was married to Miss Lily Marion MacPhee. Mr. and Mrs. Monovon will live in Dartmouth.

On June 4, at Melville Presbyterian Church, Westmount, Montreal, Dr. Laurie Redmond Teasdale M.D., C.M., 1936, was married to Miss Pauline C. Mitchell of Montreal. Dr. Teasdale has been taking a post graduate course in ear, nose and throat work at the Montreal General Hospital for the past two years.

At the summer home of the bride, head of St. Margaret's Bay, Miss Betty Wood, (Arts 1933-34) was married to Arthur Lawrence Redden, B.Sc. 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Redden will live at Armdale.

On May 12th., at St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, Miss Margaret Dobson of the staff of the Pathological Laboratory was married to Evatt de Castro Bishop, B. Com. 1933, of Dartmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop will live in Dartmouth.

On May 3rd., at Honolulu, Dr. Donald R. Chisholm, M.D., C.M., 1927, was married to Miss Thelma Jane Grose of Honolulu. They will live in Honolulu, where Dr. Chisholm is on the staff of the Lehi Home.

Malcolm Stewart Leonard, LL.B., 1937, was married to Miss Lillian Aileen Watkins of Digby at Grace United Church in that town on May 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard will live in Digby where the groom has opened a law office.

Dr. Thomas B. Acker M.D., C.M., 1921, was married to Miss Eleanor Green, assistant superintendent of nurses at the Children's Hospital, Halifax, at the home of the bride in Ottawa, on May 26th. Dr. Acker is widely known throughout the Maritime Provinces for his devoted work among crippled children.

Mary Lee McCoubrey, B.A., 1933, was married at her home in Sydney, N. S. on June 8th. to Thomas George Megow of Toronto.

## DEATHS

Hon. Mr. Justice Hugh Ross, LL.B. 1896, Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia since 1929, died at Halifax on June 3rd. after a long period of ill health. He was a native of Mira, Cape Breton, and was educated in the schools of Sydney, later at Dalhousie. He practised for some years in Sydney. He was known to a large circle of friends and acquaintances both professional and private, by whom he will be deeply missed.

Dr. John Garth Toombs, M.D., C.M. 1928, died at his home in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, on May 20th, aged 39. He is survived by a wife and son.

1885. A recent visitor in Halifax and to his old home in Cornwallis, King's County, was Robie L. Reid, K.C., (A. and L. 1882-85, 87-88) who is head of a large legal firm in Vancouver, B.C., and who is also well known as an author. On his way to Nova Scotia, Mr. Reid attended the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, of which he is a member, in Ottawa.

1897. Dr. Donald MacOdrum, B.A. 1897, of Brockville, Ontario, formerly minister of St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the 64th. Annual General Assembly in Toronto on June 1st.

1904. At the Annual Meeting of the Halifax Women's University Club held in May, Miss E. Florence Blackwood, B.A. 1904, was elected president of the Club. Other officers elected included wives of three Dalhousie professors—Dr. Dixie Pelluet (Mrs. F. Ronald Hayes), Mrs. H.S. King, Mrs. R. A. MacKay.

1910. Rev. H. F. Kemp, B.A. 1910, Principal of the United Church Theological College at San Fernando, Trinidad, received the degree of D.D. at the annual Convocation of Pine Hill Divinity Hall on April 20th. The degree of B.D. was also conferred upon Rev. E. Melville Aitken, B.A. 1921, of Calgary; Rev. Douglas MacIntosh, B.A. 1930, M.A. 1931, of St. Croix, N. S.; Rev. Donald MacLeod, B.A. 1934, M.A. 1935, of Broughton, C. B.

1912. Kenneth Leslie, B.A. 1912, is gaining fame as a Nova Scotian poet. Much of his work appears in the *New York Times*.

1915. Rev. H. H. Blanchard, B.A. 1915, and Mrs. Blanchard, (Gladys Sibley) B.A. 1914, have received a call to the United Church at Bedford, N. S. to succeed Rev. M. A. MacIntosh. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard have been living in Chipman, N. B. for some years.

1921. Dr. W. J. McNally, B.A. 1921, M.D., C.M. 1922, oto-laryngologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, has been awarded the Dalby Prize for the best work in his field during the past five years. This award is made by the Royal Society of Medicine and is valued at 100 guineas.

1922. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Creighton of Lunenburg are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

1923. Rev. Dr. F. E. Archibald, B.A. 1923, who has been the incumbent of Trinity United Church, Windsor, N. S. for the past few years, has accepted a call to Stewiacke, N. S.

1925. Dr. Allan R. Morton, M.D., C.M. 1925 has been appointed Halifax City Medical officer to succeed Dr. W. B. Almon, M.D., C.M. 1899, who resigned after many years of service in that position.

1926. John H. Kent, (Arts 1925-26,) interim lecturer in classics at the University, has been awarded the Ryerson Fellowship by the University of Chicago for a year's study in Greece. He will specialize in Greek architecture and will take part in the work of excavation now in progress in Athens, as well as visit the more important archaeological excavations in Greece, Asia Minor, Italy, Palestine and Egypt.

1928. Dr. Murray MacKay, M.D., C.M. 1928, psychiatrist of the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth, has been appointed to the post of superintendent of that institution. Dr. E. A. Brassett, M.D., C.M. 1934, is also a member of the staff.

1933. John Flint Cahan, B.A. 1933, has been appointed secretary to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research in London. The aim of this new organization is to co-ordinate all research work in the British Isles and the League of Nations. Mr. Cahan, for the past three years, has been a lecturer in Banking at University College, London, and an external lecturer at Oxford. He received the B.Sc. degree from London University in 1935. Mr. Cahan is a "third generation" Dalhousian, his grandfather Hon. C. H. Cahan of Montreal, his father, the late Captain the Hon. J. F. Cahan and his mother (Beatrice Daviss, B. Mus. 1909), all being graduates of the University, whilst two younger sisters are undergraduates in the faculty of Arts.

1935. Dr. Douglas K. Murray, M.D., C.M. 1935, and Mrs. Murray (Ruth Skaling, Arts 1933-35) have left their home in Liverpool, N. S., for a sojourn in New York where Dr. Murray will undertake post graduate work.

1936. Robert W. Begg, B.Sc. 1936, now working in the University for a Master's degree, has been awarded a special research fellowship by the Banting Research Institute, his work to be carried on at the Pathological Institute, Halifax.

1937. Miss Catherine Conway, M.Sc. 1937, demonstrator in Bio-Chemistry, has been awarded a fellowship at Columbia University in immunological chemistry for the coming year.

Miss M. Charlotte Murphy, B.A. 1937, and Miss Katherine Spinney, B.A. 1936 received the degree of Bachelor of Library Science at the recent Convocation at McGill University in May.

Wilson Campbell MacKenzie, B.A. 1937 of Baddeck, has successfully completed the newly established post graduate course in Public Administration at the University, and also secured a high place in the recent Civil Service examinations.

Recent graduates who are school principals in various towns of Nova Scotia and who are making a success in the profession of teaching are—Ernest E. Robb, B.A. 1932, at Stewiacke; Eric B. Mercer, B.A. 1937, at Bass River; Harry E. Nelson, B.A. 1937, at Great Village; Conn H. Sutherland, B.Sc. 1933, at Maccan; J. Murdoch Fraser, B.A. 1932 at Dominion No. 6. Glace Bay.

## Through the Years

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- NICKERSON, J. L., 1925-26, M.A. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Princeton), Professor of Physics, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.
- BATESON, S., 1928-29, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Tor.), Demonstrator, University of Toronto, Toronto.
- CHISHOLM, A. F., 1928-29, Government Meteorologist, Tor.
- MACKAY, A. B., 1928-29, M.Sc. (Dal.), Actuary, Maritime Life Assurance Co.
- WEIR, H. A., 1929-30, M.A. (Dal.), Science Master, Halifax Academy.
- MUSHKAT, C. M., 1930-31, M.Sc. (Dal.), Government Meteorologist, Toronto.
- DOCKERTY, S. M., 1930-31, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Tor.), Physicist, Corning Glass Co., Corning, N. Y.
- LONGARD, J. R., 1930-31, M.Sc. (Dal.), Science Master, Bloomfield High School, Halifax.
- TURNBULL, L. G., 1931-32, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Tor.), Physicist, Battelle Foundation, Columbus, Ohio.
- WILSON, A. J. C., 1932-33, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (M.I.T.), 1851 Exhibition Scholar, Cambridge.
- HEWSON, E. W., 1932-33, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D., Graduate Student, Imperial College of Science, London.
- ARCHIBALD, W. J., 1933-34, M.Sc. (Dal.), Ph.D. (Univ. of Virginia), Stirling Fellow, Yale University.
- SPARKS, F. W., 1933-34, M.Sc. (Dal.), Science Master, New Glasgow High School.
- CRAWFORD, D. P., 1934-35, M.Sc. (Dal.), Graduate Student, University of Rochester.
- MACHATTIE, L. E., M.Sc., Graduate Student, University of Virginia.

## Department of Education

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The training of teachers is not only concerned with producing teachers who know their subject, how to teach it, and how to organise a school, but with producing a certain kind of person. The teacher has to mediate the external world to the child. He must therefore be free from remorse and repressions; with a healthy, objective outlook on life. The child is a mixture of egoist and idealist. Spiritual and regressive forces are in constant conflict within his mind. The teacher's task is to strengthen the spiritual forces and push the child gently forward to a fuller, more adult, more spiritual life. To do this he must not be baffled or confused by the modern world; he must have developed for himself a philosophy of life and of education for life. A Department of Education that is trying to do its job must always try to create the atmosphere and provide the materials in which and from which an individual can build up such a philosophy. This is its most difficult task. But unless it succeeds in some measure, those who take its courses will become teachers who purvey dead knowledge to the rising generation instead of breaking living bread.

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Dalhousie University.

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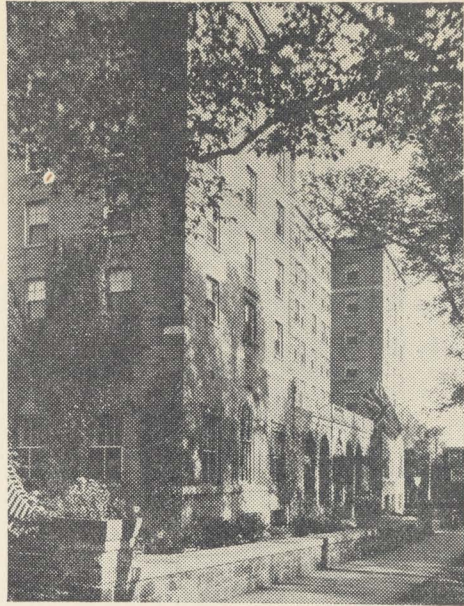
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