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RECTOR'S REPORT

May it please Your Eminence, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Loyola is honoured and happy to welcome, this evening, His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec. To any Prince of the Church, the faith by which we all endeavour to live would prompt us to extend greetings both warm and sincere. But to Your Eminence, honoured by the confidence of Mother Church in being raised to the Canadian Hierarchy and to the College of Cardinals at so early an age, occupant of Canada's oldest See, our sole Cardinal at home, our religious ambassador abroad, may I express our warm appreciation for your presence, our sincere thanks for your gracious acceptance of our invitation to speak.

And in our welcome we include all of you, our loyal friends and distinguished guests, who are assembled here this evening to do honour to both His Eminence the Cardinal and to our Class of 1945.

Enrollment: At the end of Loyola's forty-ninth year, it is gratifying to report a total enrollment of 727 full time students. Of these, 201 are in the College, 526 in the High School. 202 are resident students. To this total of 727 might be added more than one hundred ^{others,} more, registered as special students or following courses in the Extension Department

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and Summer School. This total of 727 for the academic year 1944-1945 includes an increase of 127, more than 20%, over the previous year's peak enrollment of 620.

We are happy to record this growth, indicative as it is of a continuing faith in an educational ideal and system fashioned through four hundred years of teaching on every continent of the globe. But we unfailingly remind ourselves of the ever present danger of sacrificing quality to quantity. Education does not lend itself to the assembly-line technique nor to the speed-up methods of modern industry. The moulding of mind and judgment and character can never become a mere mechanical process, for man is much more than force and matter.

Studies: Both examination results and that personal faculty-student relationship, which we hold to be of capital importance, testify to the satisfactory condition of studies in the College.

Arts: Our traditional faith in the formative value of the liberal arts remains unshaken. The opportunity they afford for cultural growth and for the harmonious development of the complete man, we rank high in the heritage of history. Access to the greatest thinking of all time is opened to our 141 college students in the department of Arts, while their faculties are being sharpened through a judicious blending of the humanities and modern science.

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Science: The pioneering class of our Science Department has completed its second year. In addition to all subjects required for a fully accredited Bachelor of Science degree, for the next two years they will follow a complete course in scholastic philosophy. 63 college students were registered in this course during the past year.

Extensive alterations and improvements are at present being made in all the laboratories and several of the lecture rooms of the Science Department. Expansion in staff, space and equipment keeps pace with the increase in students.

Extension Course and Summer School: Saturday lectures of the Extension Course, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, were held regularly throughout the year in Philosophy, English and Latin. The 1945 session of the Loyola Summer school is scheduled from July 2nd to July 30th and offers a variety of courses of both college and pre-college standing. Rev. William X. Bryan, S.J. is the Dean of Summer School.

Tribute to teaching staff: For the generous and loyal cooperation of the entire teaching staff, under its Dean, the Rev. Hugh McCarthy, S.J., and his Assistant, the Rev. James Dyer, S.J., I would like to place on record our sincere gratitude and admiration. The exceptionally crowded condition of the classes during the First Semester, prior to the opening of the Central Building, and the growing demands of the enlarged student body, were accepted cheerfully and dealt with efficiently.

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Debating: In the Inter-University Debating League, an error in collating the judges' decisions had given the 1944 trophy to Western University of London, Ontario. At the Annual Meeting of the League last autumn, this mistake was rectified and the championship awarded to Loyola. In the 1945 debates, our team again won the championship, receiving decisions over McGill University and Ottawa University in our own section, and over St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, in the finals. In Loyola's twenty-three years of membership in the League, our debaters have been 17 times finalists and 9 times winners of the trophy. Our traditional high standard of interest and performance continues in both intra-mural debating and public speaking contests.

Dramatics: In pursuance of its policy of attempting all phases of drama, to give its members the widest possible stage experience and knowledge, the Loyola Dramatic Society concentrated this year on the Catholic Theatre. Its two major offerings, "Career Angel", a Broadway success written by Father Murray of Brooklyn and "Sevonnarola", written by Father Urban Magle, O.P., Director of Blackfriars Guild of New York, were well received by both critics and the public. It is not too much to say that both production and acting of these plays were of an order rarely reached on the amateur stage.

Publications: The 1944 publication of our annual, The Loyola Review, was unfortunately delayed in the press a few months. It served nonetheless its admirable purpose of providing a permanent record of the

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year's activities. Our bi-monthly student newspaper, the Loyola News, appeared regularly and was sent to all Loyola men in the Armed Forces whose addresses we were able to learn.

Spiritual Organizations: The flourishing condition of their many spiritual organizations, the Sodality of Our Lady, the League of the Sacred Heart, St. John Berchmans Society and the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament, bears ready testimony to the healthy religious life of Loyola students. The Montreal demonstration on "World Sodality Day", May 13th, was held at the College.

Father Lord's Summer School: For the past 14 years, Father Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Director of the Sodality of Our Lady in the United States, has organized summer schools of Catholic Action in several of the larger American cities. He has come twice to Montreal. Since 1931 the summer attendance has grown from 407 to 9735. At his summer school held at the College last year there were 2200 registered students. Father Lord will return to Loyola for the last week in June with his staff of 18 Jesuits and 7 or 8 lay people, to offer 51 different courses bearing on various aspects of religious, social and parochial life. The school will be held this year in Montreal, New York and Chicago.

C.O.T.C. Under the command of Lt.-Col. Thomas Guerin, O.B.E., M.L.A., assisted by Major Dennis Inwood as Second in Command and Captain G. Herbert Cook as Adjutant and Training Officer, the Loyola Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps, successfully completed its camp period

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at Farnham last summer and the training and examinations for the current year. During camp the unit received a special visit and entertained at lunch the Director General of the Reserve Army, Major-General F. R. Phelan, D.S.O., M.C., and members of his staff. The Annual Inspection was made during the month of February by Major-General George Tremblay, Inspector General of the Canadian Army for the Eastern Region. The unit was twice visited during the year by Major-General E. J. Renaud, C.B.E., Officer Commanding Military District No. 4. General A. G. L. McNaughton has become the first Honorary Member of the Officers' mess. The present strength of the unit is 283 officers and other ranks.

Air Cadets: The Training syllabus of the 64 (Loyola) Squadron of the Air Cadets of Canada, under the command of Squadron Leader W. H. Loucks, included drill, precision work, meteorology and plane identification. The officers of the Squadron followed an intensive summer course at Arranmore, Ontario. Air Vice-Marshal Victor Walsh, C.B.E., Canadian Representative for Air on the Joint Staff at Washington, and Old Loyola '14, made the Annual Inspection on May the 23rd and the Loyola Precision Squad was one of five chosen from the many squadrons of this Command to compete for the Walsh Trophy in the Forum on June the 1st.

War Record: Loyola Alumni and students have established a record in the different branches of the Armed Forces during the present war, worthy of their forebears of 1914-1918, of the College and of themselves. We grieve for the loss of 48 Loyola men killed in Action and for 9 others still reported Missing Overseas. Two solemn Requiem masses were sung

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on November the 9th and November the 10th for Loyola's dead. On November the 10th, the Loyola Contingent C.O.T.C. attended as a unit and a special detachment acted as a Guard of Honour at the catafalque. A large number of relatives and friends were on hand. Every Friday morning, a mass is still offered at the College that God will guard Loyola men in the Services, wherever they be, on land or sea or in the air.

We feel safe in saying that some 1500 Loyola past and present students have served during this war in the Armed Forces. Among these we list 2 Major-Generals, 1 Air Vice-Marshal, at least 11 Colonels and Lt.-Colonels, 2 Naval Commanders, 3 R.C.A.F. Wing Commanders and a large number of Majors, Squadron Leaders, Captains, Lieutenants and others.

Among the decorations they have been awarded we have been able to verify the following: 1 Commander of the British Empire; 5, Order of the British Empire; 1, Member of the British Empire; 1 Distinguished Service Order; 4 Military Crosses; 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses; 1 Distinguished Flying Medal; 1 George Medal; and among the American decorations: 1 Bronze Medal for gallantry, 1 purple heart and 2 oak clusters.

Death of Father Bartlett: In the course of the year death claimed Father Erle G. Bartlett, S.J., Loyola Professor of Philosophy during the year 1915-1916, Professor of Rhetoric during the year 1916-1917, Dean of Studies and Prefect of Discipline from 1917 to 1919, Dean of Studies and Professor of Philosophy again in 1923-1924 and Rector from 1925 to 1930. During Father Bartlett's rectorate the Administration

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Building was finished and the Tower built. For the last ten years his hold on life was very tenuous. Father Bartlett died in Toronto on January the 10th, 1945.

Ordinations: We are happy to record the ordination to the priesthood of seven Loyola alumni: Fathers Royden Thoms and George Robitaille for the Archdiocese of Montreal; Father Walter Wacey for the Archdiocese of Regina; Father John Galvin of the Order of Friars Minor; and Fathers John Belair, Kevin Scott and Edward Sheridan of the Society of Jesus.

Alumni: Among the other alumni, Mr. John T. Hackett, K.C., Old Loyola '06 and Legal Adviser of the College, was elected Batonnier of the Bar of Montreal; Mr. Brendan O'Connor, Old Loyola '32 and Professor of Fundamental Law at the College was elected President of the Junior Bar Association of Montreal with Mr. Harry Hemens of the same Loyola class as its secretary.

Finance: As a matter for the record it seems only fair to note that the College has not raised its fees for either tuition or board for many years, despite an overall rise in the cost of living of 19% and in food costs of between 30% to 40% since the beginning of the war. This increase was entirely absorbed by the College.

Central Building: On February the 8th, the first storey of a new unit, fitting into the Loyola plan between the Administration and Refectory buildings and matching the Elizabethan architecture of the existing buildings, was officially opened and blessed by His Excellency the

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Archbishop of Montreal in the presence of Very Reverend Thomas J. Mulla ly, S.J., Jesuit Provincial, of the English-speaking Pastors of the city and of the members of the College Club. A full description both of the structure already completed and of the future building together with photographs appeared in the daily press at that time. The transfer of seven High School class-rooms to the Central Building has made considerable space available for our recently enlarged scientific department.

Affiliated Associations: In the course of the year the Loyola Mothers' Guild, under the presidency of Mrs. J. M. Doyle, held several meetings for the purpose of fostering better understanding between teachers and parents.

Loyola Lectures for 1944-1945 were well attended and highly appreciated. This was the seventh annual series held under the auspices of the Loyola Ladies' Auxiliary. Miss Margaret Dupuis was its president for the current year. Ten lectures and one concert recital made up the year's program. The Ladies' Auxiliary brought to Montreal this year the Rt. Reverend Monsignor Fulton Sheen of Washington, D.C.; Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., National Director of the Sodality of Our Lady in the United States; Rev. Leonard Feeney, S.J., poet and author of Boston, Mass.; Rev. Gerald Walsh, S.J., of Fordham University, New York; Rev. James M. Gillis, Paulist Father of New York; Dr. E. J. Pratt, Canadian poet and professor at the University of Toronto; Dr. Mortimer Adler, Professor at the University of Chicago; Mr. Edward Doherty, American

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Journalist of Chicago; and Dr. Francisco del Rio Y Canedo, Mexican Ambassador to Canada. They also sponsored a recital by Joseph Victor Laderoute, young Canadian opera and concert tenor. Loyola Lectures, which we hope will expand with the years, forms an integral part of Loyola's cultural programme.

Benefactors: Among our many benefactors, great and small, allow me to signal two organizations: the Loyola Mothers' Guild, whose year's activities assisted in many ways in making the college atmosphere more home-like; and the Loyola Ladies' Auxiliary who donated a Public Address System for the Auditorium, a new college scholarship in addition to the High School Scholarship they have already carried for 4 years, a notable contribution towards the decoration of the students' refectories and several lesser gifts.

Marianopolis: On this occasion we would like to express publicly our sympathy and genuine concern to the Faculty, Board of Governors and students of Marianopolis College for the great loss they suffered from fire during the past winter. We feel the loss all the more intimately since Marianopolis students have followed our science lectures and carried out their experimental work in our laboratories for the past two years.

Word to the Graduates: And now a word to you, my dear Graduates of 1945. Through years of patient effort and anxious watching, we have done what we could to assist you develop both what is divine and what is human

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within you - the life of the Christian and the life of the cultured gentleman. We have seen you mature slowly to what your degree parchment testifies you have become - graduates, the end product of a long and carefully elaborated process. Many persons have contributed to the polishing of this product: your family, friends, teachers and the accumulated wisdom of the centuries. But the use you, in your freedom, choose to make of what you are and what you have acquired, can alone determine the ultimate success of the process. The responsibility, in the last analysis, is your own, and can be carried by no one else. In presenting you this evening to receive one of her degrees, Loyola bears witness to her faith and her confidence in you. Face the future with resolution and high courage. Keep clear and fresh the Christian ideals you have learned to value. To all of life's problems apply fearlessly the sound principles you have been taught, and you will walk among men, and before God, with honour and dignity and love.