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THIRTY SEVENTH CONVOCATION 2 June 2nd, 1933.

RECTOR'S REPORT (Rev. T. J. MacMahon, S. J.)

Loyola cordially welcomes its faithful alumni and loyal friends to its thirty-seventh annual Convocation.

All things considered the past year has been, I think, a fairly successful one. Despite the fact that the economic depression is still with us, there was a diminution of only 14 in our total registration this year. On the other hand the enrollment in the Arts Course was higher than ever before.

By the Providence of God the health of all, students and teachers alike, has been uniformly good.

As for scholastic achievements, we must remember that immediate results are rather difficult to gauge. However, the examinations results are satisfactory on the whole. The spirit of study and real interest shown by the majority of our students give solid ground for hope that the classical training which we provide is gradually moulding their minds and hearts and developing those qualities which make for individual success and leadership of others.

We are happy to announce and all friends of Loyola will rejoice to hear that the Board of Regents of the Education Department of New York State has formally accepted the Loyola B.A. degree for admission to all approved schools of Medicine and Law in the State of New York.

~~Mr. Jacques~~

Mr. Jacques Laflamme, B.A. of Senior Year has been admitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with advanced standing, i.e., he enters second year in the Faculty of Science for the course of Chemical Engineering.

For the second year in succession our College Debaters, - this time William Daly, Frank Fleury, Eric Kierans and William McTeague, - won the Dominion Championship in the Inter-University Debating League. In the Senior Division of the Montreal Debating League we got into the semi-finals, while in the Junior Division of the same League Harry Trihey and Joseph Hart of the High School won the Championship for Loyola.

The Sodality of Our Lady, - an organization centuries old in all Jesuit colleges, has been unusually flourishing and active this year in spiritual stimulation, missionary effort and social work. I wish to take this opportunity of heartily thanking the Sodality for their gift of Our Lady's statue for the new Chapel.

In the realm of sport, - for Jack must play as well as work, our College team won the Provincial Intercollegiate Intermediate Football Championship and the hockey team got into the finals but lost out to McGill. Our Senior High School football team won the Championship of their division. We cannot afford to employ professional coaches for our various teams, nor is it necessary so long as we have alumni like Paul Haynes and William Tigh who are able and willing to do for our students what few professionals could do. We are much beholden to these two Old Boys and thank them sincerely.

This time last year I announced that we were finally in a position to proceed with the building of our College Chapel and Academic Hall, and now, thank God, I am able to say that the Chapel is an accomplished fact, although the Hall is not quite finished but will be ready for our next and future convocations. I desire to express here and now in a public manner my own deep gratitude and that of the whole College Community to those who under God have enabled us to realize the dream of many years, - to Father Francis Smith, S.J., to whose generosity we owe the Chapel, to Mr. T.C. Gorman, who contributed \$1000 towards furnishing the same, to the Altar Society of St. Ignatius Parish, who gave \$1275 for new vestments; to the Business Women's Sacred Heart Retreat Association, who contributed \$1000 for the main altar, tester, tabernacle and crucifix as a memorial to the late Father Raymond Cloran, S.J., their founder and first chaplain; to Mrs B.A. Collins of Copper Cliff, Ont, who gave the pulpit and statue of the Sacred Heart; to Miss Mary Murphy and Miss Margaret Casey, who gave the chancel window; to Mrs Leo McKenna, who gave the Sanctuary lamp; to Mrs Noah Timmins, Mrs L.G. Gagnon and Mr. Augustine Downes, who gave Stations of the Cross, and to *Miss T. Connolly* and Mrs *DOMVILLE*, who donated beautiful albs and other accessories of divine service. We thank them one and all and shall daily pray God to bless and prosper them in all their works.

The Loyola Old Boys' Association has been exceptionally active this year, due in large measure to the energy and whole-hearted devotedness of the retiring President, Mr John King, '16. We congratulate Dr. Brannen on his unanimous election as President of the Association, and found great hopes on the splendid

executive with which he is surrounded.

Within a few days Loyola will see four of her graduates raised to the Holy Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Montreal. This will raise the number of Loyola men among the English-speaking priests of the city to 19. To these young levites: Gerald Britt, Edgar Seely, George Foley and Michael Healy, Loyola offers her maternal congratulations and heart-felt wishes "ad multos annos."

We are happy to say that our graduates at the universities continue to give a good account of themselves, to mention only the most outstanding: at McGill, Timothy Slattery, '31, this year received the Alexander Morris Exhibition for highest standing in Second Year Law and the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver medal for Roman law. He also took first honours in Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Civil Law and Municipal Law. In First Year in the same faculty Brendan O'Connor '32, took First Honours in Civil Law and Second Honours in all other subjects. Henry Memens, '32 First Honours in Criminal Law and Procedure and Second Honours in other subjects. Raymond Boyer received the degree of Ph.D. in Chemistry.

These hurried references to our Old Boys would be incomplete without mention of Pilot Officer Robert Vincent Rolf, R.A.F. '33 who was killed last February in an aeroplane collision in England. On his graduation from the R.A.F. College he was presented with the Sword of Honour awarded each year to the best all-round cadet in the Senior term, this being the first time the honour was ever conferred upon a Canadian. To his bereaved parents we extend our heart-felt condolences.

And now a final word to these young men whose College work is being crowned this evening. Our sincerest good wishes and prayers

accompany them as they go forth to fresh fields of endeavor.
May they be ever faithful to the high ideals with which we have
sought to inspire them, and stand forth before the world as
Christian gentlemen of whom their Alma Mater may ever be proud.