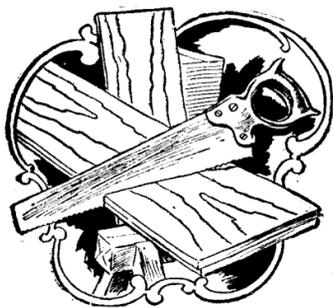


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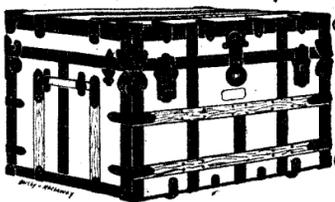
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A LECTURE BY FATHER DRUMMOND

The lecture in the opera house last night by Rev. Father Drummond, of St. Boniface College, was fairly well attended. The Subject: "Style and Oratory: or How to Write and Speak Correctly," may not make a popular poster heading, and combined with the universal conception of the term "lecture," can hardly be considered a drawing card. The strong personality of the lecturer must, therefore, have been the magnet which attracted the people to hear him. A subject to the average mind difficult to handle, was simply, yet masterfully presented.

Mayor Carmichael occupied the chair and in a brief address, introduced the speaker.

Father Drummond, on rising, entered at once upon his subject. The first portion of his address was devoted to writing, the lecturer maintaining that in order to speak well it is necessary first, to be able to write correctly. The young speaker should always write out his address first, prepare it thoroughly, and commit it to memory. After a period of such training, it may not be necessary to commit to memory the whole address, but in any event it is well to have the address carefully written out. Father Drummond pointed out the necessity of the careful reading of a few good books. He advised following the example of the master minds in their selection, but did not believe it advisable to make a selection altogether in this way. Each person should follow his best inclinations, and when a paragraph, sentence, or phrase appeals to him as a particularly strong, make note of it, or better still, commit to memory.

The second portion of Father Drummond's address was devoted to oratory. He referred to the necessity of voice culture, and the formation of a habit of speaking without strain. The sound should be formed in the mouth and he deprecated the habit of explosiveness in some speakers. He illustrated by saying that in some schools a lighted candle is placed in front of the mouth and the pupil required to repeat a sentence without disturbing the flame. Many speakers in their effort to make themselves heard will blow the candle out and not be heard as distinctly as another speaker who never raised a flutter on the flame of the candle.

He said that a "candid friend" was the most desirable acquisition of any public speaker. He believed "sincerity" was the great secret of oratory. Without sincerity it is impossible to move an audience or impress the individual. In proof of this he cited several instances. Oratory in its proper acceptance was not alone for the platform. In presenting this view he said that he had known women who in their sincerity and ease of expression were real orators. He closed an exceedingly interesting address by reading an extract from a magazine describing an interview with Mark Fagan, the mayor of Jersey City, which demonstrated the success which follows sincerity of purpose.

It is to be hoped that the people of Kenora will, at an early date, again have the pleasure of listening to Father Drummond.

During the evening solos were very acceptably rendered by Mrs. Fairfield, Miss Ross and Miss McRitchie. Miss Flossie Nash also added to the pleasure of the evening by giving a very nice piano solo.—Kenora Miner and News, April 20.

PROTESTANTS AND LENT

(Sacred Heart Review)

After a while our Protestant friends will imagine that they invented Lent, just as many of them now think that they invented the observance of Christmas. They are taking very kindly to Lent—not to the fasting or the abstinence—but to the idea of a special religious season. The New York "Evangelist" (Presbyterian) says apropos of this:

"There is no denying the fact that the Reformation parted with much that might have been helpful to the churches which would not admit the sovereignty of Rome or the superiority of the Church over the Book. But now we see much that was given up by the prevailing reaction from Catholicism, reappropriated, so that Christmas and the Lenten Season and Easter come to the Church as days of spiritual refreshment, days of commemoration which serve to bring anew to Christian hearts some phase of the Christ life in the midst of the ceaseless whirl and engrossing pursuits of business. And here it may be said that it is a notable as it is an encouraging fact, that the observance of the Lenten season is becoming more and more general as the years go by."

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