THE DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS AND DIPLOMAS.

The Counters of Aberdeen Compliments Papils and Receives an Address.

The Position Lady Graduates Should Take in Society-Encomium of La Congregation de Notre Dame - Prizes Awarded at Rideau Street Convent.

CTTAWA, June 29.

On Monday, 13th inst., the Feast of St. Anthony was observed at the church of the Capuchin Fathers, Hintonburg, immediately cutside the city of Ottawa. The statue of the "Wonder worker" placed on a temporary altar, was embedded in red roses-his favorite flower. As the festival carries an Octave in all the branches of the Order of St. Francis. the status remained in the same position during that period.

On Wednesday the Forty Hours devotion commenced in the same church. The Sacred Host remained exposed Province of Quebec.

been attending the Normal School during the past year were, on the invitation of Rev Mother Superior, in the habit of assembling in the Convent of la Congregation de Notre Dame, Gloucester street, every Friday afternoon, for the purpose of devotion, religious instruction and spiritual reading. Last week on the eve of their departure for home they gave the reverend lady a genuine surprise by presenting to her a beautiful Benediction Veil. The presentation was made in a few appropriats remarks on hehalf of the young ladies by Doctor John A. MacCabe, the Principal of the school. The names of the Principal and of the donors are worked on the veil a beautiful conception.

The contractor is now busy with the alterations and improvements in St. Patrick's Church. These involve the removal of the present unsightly cross beams in the aisles, the construction of two small lateral chapels-of the Sacred Heart and of Our Lady-the increase of pew accommodation, the erection of a struction of the tower to a height of one

vent were lavored on Saturday after- to give the same satisfaction to their noon, 18th inst., with a visit from Her parents and friends during the vacation Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen and season. Addressing herself more par-Lady Marjorie Gordon. The convocation ticularly to the young lady graduates, hall presented a most attractive appearance, being handsomely decorated with the Mother Superior and Sisters, the could be must useful to her kind. In pupils of the convent, daintily at ired in | conclusion Her Excellency thanked the to the standard of excellence of similar the privilege of being present to address entertainments at the institution. A 'Song of Welcome' was rendered by a chorus with Miss Adele Sylvain as soloist. Miss Tessie O'Reilly, one of the brightest pupils of the convent, beautiful cellency to Miss Clarke, of New York. fully recited a poem appropriate to the occasion, and the following young ladies took part in an instrumental concerto: piano, Miss Rosamunde Desisadins, Miss Rose Alva Desjardins, Miss Amilda Laurandeau; organ, Miss Alexina Fraser; violine, Misses Katie Ryan, Mabel Chenev. Joan Sculter; 'cello, Miss Ger trude Havev.

A class of little ones dressed in pink very cleverly performed a parasol drill to an orchestral accompaniment, and a chorus, "Fairies of the Bowers." was rendered with Miss Etta Van Hattan and Miss Berna Dontigny as soloists.

To the felicitous addresses of welcome in English and French, the former read by Miss Anna Rigney and the latter by Miss Yvonne Desaulniers, Her Excellency made a very happy but informal reply, relating to some of the many interesting experiences in her life, and noping for the continued success remonstrated the Professor, why do you of the institution, the work of say France! France! You should rewhich had been so singularly successful in the past. Referring to the old country, Her Excellency said, some of the sweetest memories she would carry would be those of the young with whom she had come in contact in institutions such as Rideau street convent. Her Excellency counselled the pupils to diligently aspire to the achievements of the nure and noble in life, and by so doing to Dame! aid, as far as lay in their power, the improvement of the moral conditions of the country and the cultivation of high and lofty ideals.

His Excellency's prize for highest class standing was presented to Miss Alice McGrady, of Hull, and Her Excellency's prize of a gold brooch for the to the junior clars's having been prebest standing in the department of domestic economy was awarded to Miss Amilda Laurandeau, of Montreal.

On Sunday afternoon, preparatory to the distribution of prizes, which took place on Monday and Tuesday. Convocation Hall of the Convent of la Congregation de Notre Dame, Gloucester Street, was the scene of great attraction to the friends and relatives of the pupils. All around the large apartment were laid out the results of the handiwork of the young ladies - needle work, oil paintings, crayons, etc. The first mentioned comprised fancy and plain sewing, em broidery and lace work of the most delicate texture. The oil paintings, some of them, at least, would do credit to artists of repute, whereas they were only the products of amatturs. In water

Gold medals for se colors there was also a great and very praiseworthy display, and the same may be said of the crayons and free-hand drawings. In sketches from nature, one could not help being struck with the efforts of the Gold medal for elecution, presented by little ones of the junior class in their copying of the plants and flowers on the parterre in front of the convent,

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attraction to the passers by. Of hand painting on porcelain and chinaware, the exhibits were of a character which it would be difficult to excel in any inatitution in the Dominion. Right in the centre of the hall was a table laid out with jellies, creams, meats, fancy cakes, etc., all the preparations of the culinary class. On every article exhibited was a card bearing the name of the pupil whose handiwork it was, and great was the pleasure of the father, mother or friend when they happened to come across the name of their own dear one. But, indeed, all present admired, and every article exhibited deserved admiration, which they received without stint.
At the usual Sunday afternoon service

in the chapel, Rev. Father Antoine, O.M.I., the chaplain, delivered a short but very impressive address to the as-sembled pupils, in view of the approaching vacation season. He said that at the commencement of the scholastic year he had exhorted them to fervor Mr. John T. Hunley delivered the vale in their studies and in their dictory address. There was no French spiritual exercises. On ei her score he had nothing but praise to offer, and, while not desiring to make comparisons, he believed that the pupils of la Congregation de Notre Dame Convent fully deserved it, and that the well-deserved fame in both respects of their Alma Mater had been well sustained. At the same time, he would remird then that the recreation of vacation time did not mean idleness, nor did the greater liberty they would enjoy cutside "in the world" mean license. He finally exhorted them night and day, as is the custom in the to a careful watch over their conduct, and especially to keep up the practice The Catholic young ladies who have of piety which they had followed in their "Convent home," so that they might return to him and to their teachers in the same spiritual condition in which they were about to take their temporary departure.

The prizes awarded in this institution to the junior classes were presented to them on Monday afternoon, those to the senior class on Tuesday morning, such being the time which Her Excellency the Counters of Aberdeen had appointed in view of her other many engagements. It will be remembered that Her Excel lency had hersel! expressed the desire to be present on this occasion. Precisely at nine o'clock Her Excellency, accompanied by her daughter the Lady Mar jorie Gordon and party from Government House, entered convocation hall, where the young lady pupils were assembled with a number of their parents and friends, and which was very chastely de corated. After the rendition of a piece of instrumental music an address was read to Her Excellency, thanking her for her condescension on this as on fermer occasions. Her Excellency replied, thankbeautiful marble altar and the reconding the young ladies on the successful termination of their scholastic year, and hundred and ninety-five feet, etc. The on the rewards which so elequently inwork will extend over some four months | dicated their teachers' satisfaction at and the cost will be in the neighborhood their conduct and efforts. which they of forty thousand dollars. impressed on the young people how de-The pupils of the Rideau street con- sirable it was that they should continue she pointed out to them that, as they were about to take a position in society, roses, palms and daisies, and here, after | in the world, they should ever remember Her Excellency had been welcomed by that woman's mission was where she white, carried out a programme fully up | Rev. Mother Superior for allowing her

> Right Rev. Monsignor Routhier, who represented His Grace the Archbishop, then, in the name of the religious authorities and of the Congregation de Notre Dame, thanked Her Excellency for her great courtesy and condescension. He cordially agreed with the kind words spoken by Her Excellency, and said that her own life was an example which his young friends should try to emulate. He impressed upon them that they should ever remember the honor of their Alma Mater. It should be with them as with a certain young student in a college in France, who, when asked by his teacher, which is the greatest country in the world, his reply was, France! To the questions: 'What country produced the greatest statesmen, the most elcquent orators and the best soldiers,' the reply in each case was, France! 'But' member that there are other countries besides France.' 'Yes,' replied the young man, 'but,' placing his hand on his heart, 'France is here!' And so it should be, said the reverend gentleman, with the pupils of that institution when like questions were put to them with regard to education; their reply should invariably be, La Congregation de Notre

> In addition to the parents and friends of the pupils, there were present Rev. Father Tetreau, of St. John the Baptist Church, New York; Rev. Fathers Poli, Antoine, O.M I., and others.

Following are the prizes presented to the senior class yesterday, those awarded sented on Monday by the reverend chap-

Gold medal and diploma-Miss S. Laframbroise, of Ottawa; Miss L. La Rue, Ottawa: Mins M. A. Britton, of New York; Miss J Clarke, of New York; Miss A. M. Major, Papineauville.

Silver medal for proficiency in the culinary art, presented by Mr. P. I. Bazin won by Miss Major.

Gold medal for domestic economy. presented by Mayor Bingham, won by Fortunie Syneck, Gracefield. Gold medal for mathematics, present-

ed by Rev. Mother Provincial, won by Miss Stella Street, of Ottawa. Silver medal for mathematics, pre-

sented by Rev. Father Constantineau, Rector of Ottawa University, won by Gold medals for sacred music, Miss Clark. Miss Britton, Miss La Rue.

Medals for religious instruction, donated by Mgr. Merry Del Val, Miss Clara Houle, of Ottawa, Miss R. Wills,

a friend of the institution, Miss Brit-

which, by the way, is in itself quite an Archbishop Duhamez, Miss La Rue.

Gold brooch presented by Lady Aber deen for lady-like deportment and neatness in the care of her wardrobe, Miss Clarke.

Medal for general proficiency, presented by Lord Aberdeen, Miss Lafram-Special prize for piano, Miss Doroth;

Robillard, of Ottawa; harp, Miss Stella

Proficiency in the under graduating course, Miss Kate McCarthy, of Ottawa. Domestic economy, Miss Theresa Mc-Millan, Alexandris.

Rewards were also given for assidulty and deportment to a large number of pupils, and floral wreaths to many for constant application to study.

The scholastic year of 1897-98 at Otawa University has come to an end. The examinations were concluded on Saturday last and the commencement exercises were held on Wednesday evening. valedictor; this year, owing to the fact that the graduating class is composed wholly of English speaking students. The successful students in the examinations are as follows:

Matriculation examinations-Joseph Warnock, George J. Hall W. A. Martin, Achille Pinard, W. P. Harty, Arthur Morin, Emmett Gallagher, Fred Sima, Michael Murphy, Stephen Murphy, P. J. McGuire, A. Vironneau, A. Bourassa, N. Dubois.

Intermediate examination-Ino Breen, Patrick Kelly, John A. Meehan, W. S. McCultcugh, P. Galvin.

Final examination—Ferdinand Lappe Ed. P. Gleeson, Thos. F. Clancy, John T. Hanley and Raymond McDonald. Commercial Graduates (in o der of

merit)-J. J. Hughes, Ottawa; William Kealy, Ottawa : Oscar Lemay, Ottawa ; Tonesaint Aussant, Ean Claire, Ont ; Arthur McGnigan, Oltawa; Albert Benoit, Ottawa; Cyrille Pothier, Ottawa.

Thoughtfulness a Family Trait.

It will be remembered that on the occasion of the reception of His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen at the Gloucester Street Convent of la Congregation de Notre Dame, Ottawa, a couple of weeks ago, as mentioned in the TRUE WITNESS. that the Lady Marjorie was unavoidably ibsent, consequently the little Jeanne Tetresu, of Laconia, N.Y., who had her little speech prepared in presenting Her Ladyship with a beautiful bouquet, thrown upon her own resources, was obliged to forego the speech and say in her own childish way, "I am very sorry that the Lady Marjorie is not present; will Your Excellency please give her this." On her visit to the convent on Tuesday, the Lady Marjorie was mindful of the fact, and on little Jeannie being presented to her, she asked the child if she still could repeat the intended speech, which she did in very nice style Her Ludyship subsequently presented her little admirer with a souvenir in the shape of a handsome little gold medal. Kind thoughtfulness seems to be an inheritance in the Aberdeen family.

A NOTABLE WEDDING,

Mr. C. A. McDonnell United to Miss Ellen Kennedy.

On Monday morning an interesting event occurred at St. Patrick's Church, when Mr. C. A. McDonnell, well known in political and Shamrock athletic circles in this city, was united in matrimony to Miss Ellen Kennedy, daughter of the late Alderman Kennedy, M. I., A. for St. Ann's Division. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father () ninlivan, Mr. P. Flannery, Supreme Deputy of the Province of Quehec C. M. B. A., escorted the bride to the altar, and Mr. G. A. Carpenter accompanied the groom. Professor Fowler presided at the organ. Mr. J. J. Rowan sang Dubois' "Ave Maria," and Mr. G. A. Carpenter sang the baritone solo from Professor Fowler's Jubilee Mass. The following is taken from Monday's

Mr. McDonnell being the first president of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club and still an active member of that or

ganization, his political friends considered that the happy event of this morning should not be allowed to pass without a practical expression of esteem and good fellowship coming from the club and its supporters. This idea being liberally seconded, resulted in a very valuable case of silver cutlery being presented to the prospective groom at the St. Lawrence Hall on Saturday afternoon.

The beautiful present cam: from the warehouse of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co, and the inacription, very artistically cut on a gold plate, read as follows: 'Presented to C. A. McDonnell, Eq., by the Sir John A. Macdenald Club, on the occasion of his marriage, June 27th,

Amongst those who subscribed to this presentation took place were:—Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, Hon. Sir William Hingston, Hon. Jas. O'Brien, Hon. L. J. Forget, Ald. Ames. Jas. Crathern, D. Morrice, D. A. McCaskill, Donald Macmaster, QC, F. S. Maclennan, W. W. Ogilvie, Richard White, A. W. Atwater, Q.C. D. McCord, Q.C., Robert Meighen R. Wilson-Smith, Dr. Preudfoot, M. C. Foley, Jas. Crankshaw, Hy. J. Kavanagh, Geo. G. Foster, W. J. White, James Baxter, Henry Hogan, L J. Cresse, A. J. Whimby, A. Mosher. J. H. Walker, Walter Kavanagh, Rodolphe Forget, Th s. J. Drummond, Lieut. Col. Henshaw, J. P. Bramford, Harry Brophy, Frank J. Hart. Victor Roy, J. H. Garth, D. Sinclair, D. W. McLaren, J. P. Whelan, J. P. Roche, W. A. Ritchie, J. Donald Morrison and T. Furness.

The daty of presentation devolved upon Mr. F. S. Maclennan, president of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club, and that gentleman performed the task in a most eloquent manner, extending to Mr. address of several minutes, during which he extolled the devotion of his fellowmembers and thanked them for their great kindness and good wishes for the future.

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Congratulatory speeches were also delivered by Ald. Ames, ex-Ald. Creese, Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. Henry J Kavanagu, Mr. Jas Crankshaw, Mr. Henry Hogan and Mr. D. Sinclair, after which the gathering dispersed, having given three creers for Mr. McD muell and his luture bride.

An hour after the interesting function at the Hall a second presentation took place in Mr. McDonnell's offices, St James street, where a large representa-tion of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association had gathered for the purpose of honoring their ex secretary treasurer. Amongst those present were: Messre. P. J. Carrell, W. Snow, T. Butler. E. Quinn Jas Cochrane. Alderman Kinsells, W. J. McKenna, H. J. McLaughiip, T. O'Connell, D. Hayes, W. Kearney, F. Donovan, W. E. Durack, E. Manafield P. F. McCaffrey, W. P. Lunney, Wr. Statford, H. Tribey, W. Wall, T. P. Crowe, Alderman Gallery, T Wall Geo A. Carpenter, J. P. Whelap, M. P. M.-Goldrick, P. H. Bartley, J. P. Jackson, R. J. Caske, Mr. Caddiny, A. Thompsor J. J. Herbert, P. Kembau, N. J. Wall, 1 McGoldrick, J. E. Menning, Jas. C Conner, John Gallery, Wm. O'Brien, W. H. O Brien, P. Mecoan, To s. Love, T. H. Colling, and others.

The present to Mr. McDonnell from his friends of the Shamrock Amsteur Athletic Association consisted of a mag nificent revolving library or office deak of black walnut, with chair, also a book case of the same material, with a beautiful parlor chair, the four pieces giving evidence of the best possible thate in make as well as selection.

When the deputation had entered, Mr. William Snow, the president of the association, read the following address: "On the eve of your approaching marriage, the members of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association desire to place on record their appreciation of the integrity and enthusiasm which has al ways characterized the management of

some small way recognize the fact that your services were invaluable when most needed For nearly a decade you have been imimately connected with the interests of the Shamrock L. crosse Club, since its formation, the Snamrock Athletic A-so ciation owes you more to an ean be fully

said in words, were they ever so the

our association in your hands, and in

quent. 'It would be superfluous to enter into the details of the good work you have done for us; but let us congratulate you or the happy occasion of your marriage let us call down blessings, and good for tune on yourself and the estimable lady who is to be your future partner in all jovs and sorrows - very few of the latter. O'er roses may your footsteps move, Your smiles be ever smiles of love,

Your tears be tears of joy. ' In the meantime we ask your acceptance of a remembrance of our admiration in lappreciation.'

Mr. McDonnell was greatly touched at this second manifestation of good will which had reached him within the same hour, and, although deeply moved, ne delivered a spirited speech in reply. This was followed by stirring addresses from Messre. E. Quinn, president of the Snamrock Lacrosse Cinb; W. Stafford, R. J. Cooke, W. J. McKenna, J. H. Garth, Captain O'Connell, of the Shamrocks; E. Manstield, P. H. Bartley, J. P. Jackson, W. Wall, T. Dimovan and W. P. Lunney. Cheers for the bride and groom-elect and the hearty rendering of For He's a July Good Fellow' brought the function to an end.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell having break. fasted at the residence of the bride's mother on Park avenue, left for New York, their honeym on trip extending over about ten days, and it goes without saying that a host of triends will wish them bon voyage and a hearty welcome

NOTES ON CATHOLIC NEWS.

What a wonderful organization is the League of the Sacred Heart, with its Apostleship of Prayer! It is said to have a membership of 20,000 000 in the Catholic world, and is thus the strongest individual religious association in existence. Its works may not be paraded as publicly as are the doings of certain other societies that call themselves religious bodies; but they are none the less real and beneficial to humanity.

Boston is sure to have an elequent Fourth of July oration this year, says The Republic, for Mayor Quincy has chosen the worthy pastor of St. Augustine's Church. South Boston, to deliver it. Father O'Cillaghan has long been recognized as one of our most effective public speakers, and he is as patriotic as he is popular and eloquent.

The late Rev. John A. Bickley, SJ, whose death recently occurred at Phil adelphia, was well known in Boston. where he was stationed at the Immacu-Lite Conception Church for a number of testimonial and those present when the | years. Father Buckley, while in Biston, organized the League of the Sacred Heart in many of the diocesan parishes, and that work made him known to the Catholic community in general. He was a comparatively young man being but 46 years of age at the time of his death. At different periods of his career he was connected with the Jesuis houses in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and other cities; and at one time he was located at Holy Cross College.

Turin has just been the scene of a great pilgrimage to pay reverence to the Holy Winding Sheet of Our Lord, which is being presented to the veneration of the public for the first time in thirty years. The exposition lasted for twelve days, and it is calculated that more than a million persons visited it during this time. It was during this time that the photograph was taken. For the first thirteen centuries of the Christian era this, the greatest of all relics, was venerated in the East; towards the middle of McDonnell the best wishes of the club the fourteenth century it was brought and the members and friends assembled.

Archbishop Duhamez, Miss La Rue.

McDonnell the best wishes of the club the fourteenth century it was brought from Cyprus to the West by Godfrey, Count of Charney, in Bourgogne, who de



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posited it in his castle of S revineur Trove. and founded a canonical enapter to guard. it. At Sirey it remained until 1488 when Champagne being barrass d by war and the precious relic in danger of profanation, the canons requested Hun pert della Rocca, vassal of Amodes VIII. the first duke of savoy, to teke it into his custody in the castle of Montfort, in Bourgogne, together with some other relies. Inirty-four years afterward Ham bert's widow bestowed it on the Heuse of

The name and fame of the heroic Father Damien, the Apostle of the lepers, are still green in the memory of all Christians, but as the Cevlen Cathelic Messenger remarks, "Molokat has many rivals nowadays." In the Marp puesas Islands the members of the society to which Father Pamies belonged have established several leper hospitals. In Madagascar the zealous sons of St. Ignation have been entrusted with two hospitals for lepars. In the Vicariate Abestelie of Nocthern Zu 25 bar (East Africa) the Fathers of the Hely Ghest have opened a large leper hospital, and for many years the same missionaries have been in charge of the Government I spor Hospital in the Isla of Rennion." So also the Island Belep, north of New Caledonia, were transferm ed into an immense hospital for lepers, utended to by the Mariet Futhers and the Sisters of the Third Orler of Mary. I mere are leper heapitals under the care of various Catholic Sisterhoods in Frinidad, in China, on the Mussissippi, in l'otquin, at Gotemba, in Japan, and in Iceland. The her ic virtues of Father Damien were allowed by God to become known to the world at large, only to call more attention to the number of Catholic missionaries and nums who are elsewhere, east and west north and self sacrificing charity.

Baldness of Musicians.

An English statistician has recently been engaged in an original task that of studying the influence of music on the hair. The investigator establishes. in the first place, that the proportion of hald persons a 11 per cent for the liberal In Roofing professions in general, with the excep-tions of physicians, who appear to noid the record for baldness, which is 30 per cent. Musical composers do not form an exception to the rule and buildness is as frequent among them as in the other professions. The cornet a piston and the French horn act with surprising surety and rapidity; but the trompone is the depilatory instrument par excellence. It will clear the bair from one's head in tive years. This is what the author calls 'baldness of the fartares,' which rages with special violence among regimental

The first Viscount Guillamore, when City and District Savings Bank, Chief Beron O'Grady, was remarkable for his dry humor and biting wit. The latter was so fine that its sercesm was often unperceived by the object against whom the shalt was directed.

A legal friend, extremely studious, but in conversation notoriously dull, was once showing off to him his newly-built house. The book-worm prided himself especially on a sanctu or he had contrived for his own use, so secluded from the rest of the building that he could pere over his books in private quite secure from disturbance.

'Capital!' exclaimed the Chief Baron You surely could, my dear fellow, read and study here from morning till night, and no human being be one bit the w ser.

In those days before competitive examinations were known, non with more interest than brains got good appoint ments, for the duties of which they were wholly incompetent. O such was the H-mourable ----ing Lord Caillamore of the summary way in which he disposed of matters in nis court.

'I say to the fellows that are bothering about foolish arguments, that there's no me in wasting my time and their breath : for that all their talk only just go a in at one ear and cut at the other' No great wonder in that,' said O'Grady, ' seeing that there's so little PRAYER BOOKS. between to stop it.'

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