

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS AND DIPLOMAS.

The Countess of Aberdeen Compliments Pupils 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.

OTTAWA, June 29.

On Monday, 13th inst., the Feast of St. Anthony was observed at the church of the Capuchin Fathers, Hintonburg, immediately outside the city of Ottawa.

The Catholic young ladies who have 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.

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 Countess of Aberdeen had appointed in view of her other many engagements.

The contractor is now busy with the alterations and improvements in St. Patrick's Church. These involve the removal of the present unsightly creosote 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 beautiful marble altar and the reconstruction of the tower to a height of one hundred and ninety-five feet, etc.

The pupils of the Rideau street convent were favored on Saturday afternoon, 15th inst., with a visit from Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen and Lady Marjorie Gordon. The convocation hall presented a most attractive appearance, being handsomely decorated with roses, palms and daisies, and here, after Her Excellency had been welcomed by the Mother Superior and Sisters, the pupils of the convent, daintily attired in white, carried out a programme fully up to the standard of excellence of similar entertainments at the institution.

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.

A class of little ones dressed in pink very cleverly performed a paraisol drill to an orchestral accompaniment, and a chorus, "Fairies of the Bowers," was rendered with Miss Etta Van Hattam and Miss Berna Dostigny 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 hoping for the continued success of the institution, the work of which had been so singularly successful in the past.

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 best standing in the department of domestic economy was awarded to Miss Amelida Laurandean, 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.

Gold medal and diploma—Miss S. Laframboise, of Ottawa; Miss L. La Rue, Ottawa; Miss M. A. Britton, of New York; Miss J. Clarke, of New York; Miss A. M. Major, Papineauville.

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

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

Medal for general proficiency, presented by Lord Aberdeen, Miss Laframboise.

Special prize for piano, Miss Dorothy Robillard, of Ottawa; harp, Miss Stella Egan.

Proficiency in the under-graduating course, Miss Kate McCarthy, of Ottawa.

Domestic economy, Miss Theresa McMillan, Alexandria.

Rewards were also given for assiduity 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 Ottawa University has come to an end. The examinations were concluded on Saturday last and the commencement exercises were held on Wednesday evening.

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

Intermediate examination—Jno. Brennan, Patrick Kelly, John A. Meenan, W. S. McCullough, P. Galvin.

Final examination—Ferdinand Lappe, Ed. P. Gleeson, Thos. E. Clancy, John T. Hanley and Raymond McDonald.

Commercial Graduates (in order of merit)—J. J. Hughes, Ottawa; William Kealy, Ottawa; Oscar Lemay, Ottawa; Toussaint Aumont, Eau Claire, Ont.; Arthur McInnis, Ottawa; 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 Times Witness, that the Lady Marjorie was unavoidably absent, consequently the little Jeanne Tetreau, 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 Jeanne being presented to her, she asked the child if she still could repeat the intended speech, which she did in very nice style.

Her Ladyship 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.

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. L. A. for St. Ann's Division.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Quinlivan. Mr. P. Flannery, Supreme Deputy of the Province of Quebec C. M. B. A., escorted the bride to the altar, and Mr. G. A. Carpenter accompanied the groom.

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 Gazette: Mr. McDonnell being the first president of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club and still an active member of that organization, 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 came from the warehouse of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., and the inscription, very artistically cut on a gold plate, read as follows: Presented to C. A. McDonnell, Esq., by the Sir John A. Macdonald Club, on the occasion of his marriage, June 27th, 1898.

Amongst those who subscribed to this testimonial and those present when the presentation took place were:—Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, Hon. Sir William Hingston, Hon. Jas. O'Brien, Hon. L. J. Forget, Ald. Ames, Jas. Crutcher, D. Morris, D. A. McCaskill, Donald Macmaster, G. C. F. S. Macleannan, W. W. Ogilvie, Richard White, A. W. Atwater, G. C. D. McCord, Q. C., Robert Meighen, R. Wilson-Smith, Dr. Proudfoot, 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 date of presentation devolved upon Mr. F. S. Macleannan, president of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club, and that gentleman performed the task in a most eloquent manner, extending to Mr. McDonnell the best wishes of the club and the members and friends assembled. The happy recipient replied in a fluent

address of several minutes, during which he extolled the devotion of his fellow-members and thanked them for their great kindness and good wishes for the future.

Congratulatory speeches were also delivered by Ald. Ames, ex-Ald. Cresse, Dr. Proudfoot, Mr. Henry J. Kavanagh, Mr. Jas. Crankshaw, Mr. Henry Hogan and Mr. D. Sinclair, after which the gathering dispersed, having given three cheers for Mr. McDonnell and his future bride.

An hour after the interesting function at the Hall a second presentation took place in Mr. McDonnell's office, St. James street, where a large representation of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association had gathered for the purpose of honoring their ex-secretary treasurer.

Amongst those present were: Messrs. P. J. Carroll, W. Snow, T. Butler, E. Quinn, Jas. Cochrane, Alderman Kinells, W. J. McKenna, H. J. McLaughlin, T. O'Donnell, D. Hayes, W. Kavanagh, P. Donovan, W. E. Durack, E. Mansfield, P. F. McCaffrey, W. P. Lunney, Wm. Stafford, H. Trihey, W. Wall, T. F. Crowe, Alderman Gallry, T. Wall, Geo. A. Carpenter, J. P. Whelan, M. P. McGoldrick, P. H. Bartley, J. P. Jackson, R. J. Cooke, Mr. Caddily, A. Thompson, J. J. Herbert, P. K. Mahan, N. J. Wall, T. McGoldrick, J. E. Manning, Jas. C. Connor, John Gallry, Wm. O'Brien, W. H. O'Brien, P. Meenan, Th. S. Love, T. H. Collins, and others.

The present to Mr. McDonnell from his friends of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association consisted of a magnificent revolving library or office desk 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 taste 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 always characterized the management of our association in your hands, and in some small way recognize the fact that your services were invaluable when most needed."

For nearly a decade you have been intimately connected with the interests of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, since its formation, the Shamrock Athletic Association owes you more than can be fully said in words, were they ever so eloquent.

It would be superfluous to enter into the details of the good work you have done for us; but let us congratulate you on the happy occasion of your marriage; let us call down blessings, and good fortune on yourself and the estimable lady who is to be your future partner in all joys and sorrows—very few of the latter.

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 and appreciation.

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

Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell having breakfasted at the residence of the bride's mother on Park avenue, left for New York, their honeymoon on trip extending over about ten days, and going without saying that a host of friends will wish them bon voyage and a hearty welcome back.

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 eloquent 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'Donoghue 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, S.J., whose death recently occurred at Philadelphia, was well known in Boston, where he was stationed at the Immaculate Conception Church for a number of years. Father Bickley, while in Boston, 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 45 years of age at the time of his death. At different periods of his career he was connected with the Jesuit 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 the fourteenth century it was brought from Cyprus to the West by Godfrey, Count of Charney, in Bourgogne, who de-

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