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## Convent School, Cobourg

### Opening of the New Building

Tuesday of last week was an auspicious day for the pupils of St. Joseph's Convent School, when the school building was blessed by Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough, and opened for the Fall term of school. The building is adjoining the Convent, and with the addition of the two new rooms makes a very pleasant, comfortable and convenient living place for the children and teachers during school hours. We had the pleasure of attending on the opening day, and must say that outside of the new Collegiate Institute the pupils of the Convent School have the most beautiful school building in town. The new building faces the west, and is entered by a large hall with an arched doorway. The school consists of four large rooms, each 35 feet by 35 feet, with ceilings 11 feet high. Each room averages in attendance from 40 to 50 pupils. The rooms are well lighted, and will be heated by two large furnaces. The ceilings and walls of the two south rooms, which are in the old building have been covered with metal from the Pedlar People Co., of Oshawa, and look very pretty. The two north, or new rooms, are finished in white plaster. The floors and stairs are all of maple. Water from the town waterworks is in the building.

The hallways are capacious, and the ventilation system in the building is as perfect as can be obtained. The two upstairs rooms are occupied by the senior pupils, and the two rooms downstairs are for the junior pupils. In the senior room the individual desks have been introduced, while in all the rooms new desks have been placed.

The opening took place on Tuesday morning, when Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough, blessed the school building. The attendance of pupils and parents was large, and the proceedings of a most satisfactory nature. The Bishop spoke in words of praise of the work done, expressed his admiration at the taste displayed in the arrangements of the hallways and rooms, the metal work and painting. He congratulated parents and pupils on having a school so thoroughly equipped at this time, with its four large, handsome rooms, and its two spacious halls. The trustees had displayed great zeal in the many efforts they had been making, in erecting a school fully up to all the required demands of the present day. He wished them every success and blessing, which they were sure to possess, as long as they had for their guide in all matters connected with parochial work one who has always been renowned for his tact, talent and ability, as the good and worthy priest, their pastor, Rev. Father Murray.

At the conclusion of his Lordship's remarks, the pastor thanked him for his too high encomiums of his ability and energy. He was very grateful to His Lordship for his presence on this occasion, when so many were present to witness the blessing of their new school. He was happy in the knowledge that with the new equipment school work would be made more pleasant for teacher and pupil.

Ven. Archbishop Casey, of Lindsay, expressed his pleasure at being present at the opening of this handsome new school in this parish, where seven years ago he had the honor of addressing the members of St. Michael's Congregation on the auspicious occasion of the blessing and dedication of their new church. He congratulated both pastor and parents on the new building, which was now to be used for the benefit of the future hope of this parish of Cobourg.

Dr. McNicholl, Superintendent of the Cobourg Asylum, being requested to address the audience, in a few pithy sentences expressed his surprise at what had been accomplished in the erection of the new wing, and the

modelling of the old school building. He was convinced from the outset that nothing would be left undone to make this work perfect, when he knew that Rev. Father Murray was directing the construction of it had for a long time engaged his attention, but he was more than astonished as the work neared completion how perfect it was in its outline, and in every detail. With a sense of gratification coupled with reverence and love, we profit on this new occasion to express our high appreciation of Father Murray's untiring efforts in behalf of his people, and I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of each member of St. Michael's congregation in the expression of our unbounded confidence in our worthy pastor. Our school has been for the last twenty years under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Every year in that period of time has added new proofs of their efficiency in the teaching and training of our children. The high order of that efficiency has been manifested annually by the large number of pupils who have successfully passed the Entrance Examination. He had not the slightest hesitation in saying that under the same competent teaching staff, the Cobourg Separate School would in the future, as in the past, rank among the very best in the land.

Mr. D. Rooney, chairman of the School Board, said that he felt on this occasion a secret pride at having held so long the position which called from him the few remarks he was about to make. Much had been said about the anxiety and time which he had given with his co-trustees in the pursuance of the work which was completed to-day. He would say that wherever it was in his power he exerted himself in lightening the heavy task that Father Murray had undertaken in the erection of the new school, but witnesses were around on every side to testify that the great burden was carried with a manly and joyful heart by that pastor, who is endeared to us for so many years and by so many ties. This is no new fact to members of St. Michael's congregation, with whom Father Murray has been identified in spiritual and temporal labors for the past twenty-five years. His has been a strenuous life in the midst of a faithful people, and it is our joy and happiness on this occasion to express our congratulations to him for this new work, in which he has displayed ability and energy, combined with the greatest economy, as we were more than surprised to learn that this work has been carried out for the sum of \$600.

We have always found courage, in any work connected with the education of our children, especially since the Sisters of St. Joseph came here to take charge of our school. Their teaching and discipline have been perfect, and not only have they by their ability as teachers imparted the highest education to our children, but they have endeared themselves to both parents and pupils.

In conclusion, the chairman expressed his good wishes for the future welfare of everything connected with church and school.

A chorus was then sung by the children, after which the assembly dispersed.

### The Pope for Peace

How vitally the Papacy lives while Popes die is again manifested in the message which Pope Pius X. has addressed to the Emperor of Austria in regard to the Macedonian massacres. True to the traditions of his exalted office and to his responsibility as the arbiter of nations, the Holy Father has spoken strongly to the Emperor upon the necessity of a union of the Powers to put an end to the atrocities, in so far as they are contrary to the principles of the Church which Pius stands for. The Pope urges that it is the opportunity of the Catholic powers of Europe to come to an agreement as to the best way to stop the massacre. It is the general opinion in Rome that the Pope is fully justified in publicly and unambiguously denouncing the brutality of the Turks and in calling upon all the nations of the civilized world, irrespective of religious differences, to make common cause against them in the name of humanity.

Meantime, the outrages seem to be unabated. The Autonomy publishes the names of 50 villages burned by the Turks in the following districts: Resen, 30 villages; Kostur, 14 villages; Krushevo, 6. The Turks also burned four villages in the district of Strushkopolis and murdered the priest. The population fled to the mountains.

The Turks have destroyed all the flour mills in the district of Resen and also every church. A light is reported to have taken place at the village of Vertso, between a body of insurgents and a Turkish battalion. It lasted four hours, and the Turks, it is said, lost heavily.

Reports have reached revolutionary headquarters here of atrocities by the Turks in the village of Velkosti. Regular troops and bashibazouks surrounded the villages. Part of them entered and began plundering the houses and assaulting the women. The other soldiers remained outside and killed those inhabitants who tried to escape. The Turks then set fire to the village in four places, burning 12 women and children. One child was hanged. Altogether 60 peasants were killed and their bodies were left in the streets.



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### Farewell to Walter Oster

A large number of the past pupils of the De La Salle Institute assembled on Monday evening to bid farewell to a former classmate, Walter Oster, who has lately been appointed private secretary to T. J. McLellan, of the John Charlton Co., Collingwood.

The chair was taken by Mr. Edward Brynes, of the class of '01. Mr. Brynes spoke in highest praise of his friend and classmate, and, on behalf of those present, assured Mr. Oster of the kindly feelings in which he is held by each and all of those who know him.

Many were the expressions of esteem and best wishes for continued success tendered by the several speakers of the evening. In view of the fact that Mr. Oster graduated from the Institute only last June, he was considered very fortunate indeed to have secured so promising a connection with one of the most progressive business interests of Ontario.

The Register joins with Mr. Oster's many friends in wishing him every success in his new home.

### High School Board Appointment

Miss Teresa Dunn has been appointed by the High School Board to the position of teacher in the Jarvis Street, Collegiate Institute. This is the second Catholic appointment and shows once more that the High School Board goes upon merit in the making of appointments.

### Distinguished American Visitors

Bishop Dunn, of Dallas, Texas, and Father Hayes, of Chicago, were the guests of Rev. Father Minahan, of St. Peter's, on Saturday.

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### The D'Youville Reading Circle

Editor of The Register:

The Reading Circle will resume its regular work on the first Tuesday of October. The chief studies will be historical and literary, the historical will embrace the discussion of those reformations which prevented revolutions, together with the ones that had to do with the development of constitutional governments. The literary part of the course will have for its particular centre the Oxford movement. The other great poets of the nineteenth century will also be studied, with a view to prove that this century was in a healthy sense reactionary. Our relations with the T. C. T. S. have continued very pleasant and practical. Dr. McGinnis, the society's president, has been very welcome visitor. The senior pupils had the pleasure of hearing a splendid talk from him last week. He intends returning to Canada, possibly in January, when he is booked for a lecture. The work of remaining Catholic literature to the poor in out-of-the-way districts still goes on. We are very glad to be able to place fifty more names on the list, bringing the number up to one hundred and fifty. The current events study will continue to be an important feature. In this connection we feel under heavy obligations to the I. C. T. S. for the reliable reports they have sent us during the past year through their regular correspondents in all the great centres of activity. The outlook for the lecture course is very certain. Beginning in October we shall have one each month. The great rally will take place on St. Theresa's day. His Grace the Archbishop has kindly promised to preside, and last year's report with the programme of this session's work will be submitted. Several new and valuable works have been added to the library collection, also a few new and interesting periodicals.

### Knights of St. John

At the last regular meeting of St. Leo and St. Anthony's Commandery No. 2, Knights of St. John, the following officers were elected for the uniformed ranks:

- John Heffernan, captain.
- Jos. Kloepfer, first lieutenant.
- Wm. Malloy, second lieutenant.
- Jas. Dillon, sergeant.
- Jos. Allen, paymaster.
- Jas. Kyle, orderly.
- M. Driscoll, standard bearer.
- Walter Belleau, bugler.

There are five more applications for membership. The record for the past year in the military ranks is good, which is evidence that this department is the centre of attraction for new members.

A special effort is being made by Leo Commandery to secure the prize offered by the Grand Commandery in the one showing the largest increase of members during the year commencing July 1st, 1903, ending March 31st, 1904.

## French Premier Hissed in Brittany

Treugier, France, Sept. 14.—As was expected, the unveiling of the statue to Ernest Renan, the noted writer, in this, his native town, led to some rioting, because of the feeling between the followers of Prime Minister Combes and the Catholics. M. Combes and his party left Pontreux, where they had spent the night, for this place, Sunday morning, in six carriages, escorted by four squadrons of dragoons and mounted gendarmes. The people who gathered along the route were mostly those curious to pass. The crowds were not demonstrative, but some few hisses were heard, chiefly from women, and some cries of "A bas Combes," and "Vive la Liberté." M. Combes on arriving here received a welcome, which, on the whole, was favorable. In the course of his speech, in reply to the Mayor's address of welcome the Premier said: "I have heard a few hisses. Let me compare these to the flute played behind the chariots of the conquerors of ancient times to remind them that, having been raised by the people, they must be governed by the people."

The ceremony of the unveiling of the statue was carried out during a downpour of rain. While the addresses were being delivered there was some hissing and blowing of whistles and anti-Combes cries, which the efforts of the police failed to quiet. Thereupon, a company of soldiers were drawn up in line and pressed the disturbers back.

Subsequently, while M. Combes was visiting the old home of M. Renan, there was a violent disturbance between rival parties of Catholics and Republicans. The soldiers charged the rioters and dispersed them by the use of the butts of their rifles. The Baron and Baroness de Kerperon were arrested. The Baroness had a loaded revolver in her pocket.

In his speech at the banquet at night, M. Combes defended the action taken by the Government against the religious congregations, declaring that the Cabinet had merely enforced laws that had been passed by the French Parliament. He expressed the belief that Brittany would soon throw off the yoke of squires and priests and would adopt the Republican principles of liberty of a Government that was not hostile to religion. Religion, he said, was entitled to liberty, but it must not leave its own sphere, which was spiritual, or interfere with the civil or political sphere. The Government was determined to enforce respect for the law, speaking of national affairs. M. Combes declared the French Government was flourishing at home and abroad. The alliance with Russia was becoming more confident and more intimate. The friendship with Italy was becoming stronger, while with Great Britain their only rivalry was in good methods of friendly demonstrations. On all the frontiers of France, he said, he saw only smiling faces. There was peace on the horizon and the Republic would try to maintain it.

### Ontario Member

### C.M.B.A. Audit

Editor Catholic Register:

Dear Register—My September Canadian came to hand to-day and in it I read the following editorial announcement:

"Mr. Edwards, Chartered Accountant, of the 'Providence' of Ontario, has, by order of the Grand Board of Trustees, made an audit of the books of the late Grand Secretary S. R. Brown. He is now making an audit of the books of the Association up to the time of the appointment of J. J. Behan as Grand Secretary next year an audit by 'chartered' accountant will be made, bringing the audit up to the time of the Convention."

"These audits in full will be presented to the Convention, in session at Toronto in August, 1904." I have taken the liberty to attach quotation marks to certain terms used in this announcement. It seems bewildering enough to be true to get our audit from Providence, aye, the special "Providence of Ontario." But who is Mr. Edwards? And is it implied by the "Providence of Ontario" that the audit may come from the Department of Public Works, of which Mr. Latchford, Grand Solicitor, is the "political head"? The membership may not consider such an audit pre-ventual at all. However, I would like to have the connection existing between this chartered accountant and the "Providence of Ontario" made a trifle more clear.

Reading down the paragraph you will notice that "chartered accountant" unnamed and undesignated, whether from Heaven or the Queen's Park, we know not, will bring the audit "up to the time of the convention." Does this mean that the delegates need not expect, as in the past, to see the financial statement before the afternoon session on the day set for the adjournment of the Convention? I notice that the Catholic Order of Foresters have passed a minute ordering that the financial statement shall be in the hands of delegates thirty days before the opening of their Convention, which audit called from a chartered accountant named by a special committee appointed independently of the governing Board. C. M. B. A. members are entitled to have their finances similarly laid before the Convention. We look to Brother Behan with confidence for business methods in office.

Yours truly,  
GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Sept. 13, '03.

## C.M.B.A. Grand Officers

To the Editor Catholic Register:

Dear Sir—I have no sympathy with the tone of a letter signed C. M. B. A. in a recent Register. It does not impress me as having been written by a member who feels a true and genuine interest in the welfare of the Association. It is frivolous and indefinite and peters out in a silly laugh at the expense of the Quebec Tories upon their acquisition of one Grand President for organizer of the Irish Catholic vote down there. I submit, sir, that a different attitude towards Brother Hackett and his associates upon the Grand Board is required of self-respecting members of the C. M. B. A. I will not attempt to discuss this matter here from the standpoint of an Irish Catholic who sees a political party reach out after the head of the C. M. B. A. as an instrument with which to round up the Irish-Catholic vote. I may return to this consideration another time and take it up without any reference to C. M. B. A. concerns, because it is my conviction that the C. M. B. A. and the Irish-Catholic vote should not be mixed together in one political pot for the brewing of a new Tory soup. I shall not exceed to-day the line of my text. I abhor unbecomingness in the face of Catholic questions and protest against the insincerity that finds something to laugh at in that sort of unbecomingness. I say it is unbecoming in Mr. Hackett to remain for one hour Grand President of the C. M. B. A. while he goes in among the Irish-Catholic people of Quebec in the capacity of paid agent to a political party. I say it was improper for the Grand Trustees, or any of them who attended the irregularly-called meetings in Montreal and Kingston, to countenance Mr. Hackett's contemplated course. I am given to understand that Dr. Ryan, of Kingston, and Mr. Latchford were aware of the whole plan beforehand. These gentlemen, chiefly, with Mr. Hackett, have constituted themselves an inner circle of the Grand Board to regulate Catholic political patronage. I submit that they have over-reached themselves at least. The C.M.B.A. is a noble organization. It cannot continue to retain its nobility and its political patronage board. I care not that Mr. Latchford differs in his public politics with Mr. Hackett and Dr. Ryan. As Mr. Hackett appears to have made up his mind to see the game through, let the group be bundled out of doors together at the next Convention. Others whose names will occur to many fellow-members should also go, and the sooner the better for the honor of the C. M. B. A. The organization was intended for other work than servitorship of a handful of political caterpillars who are destroying the fair foliage of that once promising bay tree, the C. M. B. A.

## Oath of Typographical Union

Condemned by an American Bishop—Catholic Members of the Union will meet to consider Situation

Orange, N. J., Sept. 11.—Bishop O'Connor, of the Catholic diocese of Newark, said at his home, in South Orange to-day regarding the oath of the typographical unions:

A man owes his allegiance first to God. That is equivalent to the allegiance he owes his church. If this oath or pledge requires the member of a union to do anything which the Catholic Church forbids, the church being a religious organization as described in the oath, no Catholic can conscientiously take the oath. The church requires allegiance first, while the oath might be interpreted as not interfering with a man's religious obligations, it would seem that according to the text of the oath allegiance to the union has priority. It would seem that in the event of the church commanding something to which the union might object, the oath might hinder a man from following the command of the church, and therefore no Catholic can belong to a union where such an obligation is demanded of him.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12.—The Catholic members of the Typographical Union in Omaha have called a meeting for to-morrow afternoon to discuss the attitude of the church toward the vote taken by the union members. The condemnation of this vow by Bishop Scenel has caused trouble. One-third of the union members here are Roman Catholics. Most of them express a determination to stand by the union.

### UPHOLDS UNION OATH

James W. Lynch, President of the International Typographical Union, which has its headquarters in Indianapolis, Ind., has sent a letter to Rev. P. A. Baart, of Marshall, Mich., who stated in a sermon that no Catholic could conscientiously take the oath of some labor unions, mentioning particularly the typographical organizations, "whose members must subscribe to an agreement that their fidelity to it must not be interfered with by any allegiance they may have with any religious, social or political body. Father Baart regards this as an oath that places the union above the Church and State. But Mr. Lynch says, he is mistaken in his views."

"He has placed the wrong construction on it," said Mr. Lynch. "Our members do not take an oath. They subscribe to an obligation not to permit their allegiance to a religious, political or social organization to interfere with their connection with the union. No renunciation of any religious beliefs is required, and we have never made any attempt to place the organization ahead of the Church, as he attempts to intimate. We do not try to bring religious matters into the organization at all."

Lynch says he will take the matter up with Father Baart in hopes of setting him right, but the latter's suggestion that the obligation be changed so the objectionable clause about religion be stricken out, Lynch says will not be heeded. He says a large per cent of the members of his organization are Catholics, and no question has ever been raised when they took the obligation. Most of the head officers, not only of the Typographical Union, but of the Mine workers, are Catholics.

### PERSONAL

Capt. Kelly, of Montreal, who has been on a visit to this city for ten days, returned to Montreal on Tuesday.

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