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ST. PATRICK'S BOY'S SCHOOL.

Very High Standing a Tribute to Christian Brothers.

The closing exercises of St. Patrick's Boys' School were held at Stanley Hall at 9.30 Tuesday morning, Rev. Gerald J. McShane, P.P., presiding. The chancel choir strengthened by the school choir, under the direction of Professor P. J. Shea, sang two very pretty selections and the "Tots"—forty little lads, the oldest not yet eight years of age, gave an exhibition of sight reading in music that would do honor to boys in their teens. The effort made in this school to cultivate a love of music among Irish Canadians is meeting with success and is a commendable feature. The contest in elocution was decided by His Worship Mayor Guerin, Rev. Gerald McShane, P.P., and Rev. J. Donnelly, P.P., St. Anthony's. The first prize was awarded to Master Eric Ryan, the second to Master James Hammill. At the close of the exercises the Rev. Pastor gave the boys some wise counsel, and then introduced His Worship the Mayor, who expressed the pleasure he felt in being present. He congratulated the boys on their manly bearing and encouraged them to remain in school as long as possible. He told them the highest positions in the land were open to them if they only wished to qualify themselves to fill them. He, too, was once a little Irish-Canadian boy, but he took advantage of the opportunities given him, and to-day enjoys the highest honors the city can bestow upon him. Rev. Father Donnelly, in his own happy way, complimented the boys on their sweet singing and excellent speaking, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so many of his own parish carrying away prizes from St. Patrick's.

COMMERCIAL CLASS.

Seniors.—Francis McDonald, Chas. Burns, Joseph Farney, Leo Phalen. Juniors.—Harry Farney, Gerald McLaughlin, John Cooney, Thomas McDonald, Felix Cassidy, Francis Harney, Eddie Casey, Willie Shea, Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Gordon Aitchison.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Religious instruction, donated by Rev. Father McShane, won by Master Chas. Burns. The A.O.H. gold medal for Irish History, won by Master Francis McDonald. The A.O.H. silver medal for Irish History, won by Master Chas. Burns. Bronze medal, donated by Mr. L. Gravel for Mathematics, won by Master Chas. Burns.

SECOND CLASS.

Seniors.—William Ryan, Arthur Casey, James Hammill, James Doran, Alfred Snel, Stephen Primeau, Francis Callaghan, Patrick Boyle, Alex. Cooney, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, John Mignault, William Sullivan, Gerald Grace, John Myles, Gerald Phelan, Richard Barbeau, Gordon Gould Harold Prendergast. Juniors.—Clarence Honey, Maurice Barbe, James Feeney, Clarence McDonald, Euclide Fournier, Willie Maguire, Percy Elliott, John Blackhall, Francis McIver, Jos. Power.

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MONTREAL JOURNALIST ORDAINED.

Law Graduate, Subsequently He Entered Newspaper Field.

On the same day and hour that Booker T. Washington, the distinguished negro educator, was addressing the graduates of the Presbyterian College of Macalister, in St. Paul, a full-blooded negro, Rev. Stephen Louis Theobald, was being ordained a Catholic priest in St. Paul's Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. These facts, taken separately or conjointly, are deeply significant. While it may be that Dr. Washington is doing the part of "Martha," Father Theobald has chosen the part of "Mary," which may mean much to the whole colored race. While the former is ministering to the temporal advancement, education and civilization of the negro, the latter will minister to their spiritual needs, thus supplying a necessary requisite without which true education and civilization are impossible. At any rate the ordination of a negro priest in the United States is an occurrence sufficiently rare to warrant extensive comment and attract wide attention. There is something startling in the statement that this is only the second event of its kind in this great country, the home of 10,000,000 of negroes! Has the Almighty forgotten the colored people? Did not Christ die for all men, white or black? Has the Catholic Church neglected her all embracing mission in this country? These questions arise involuntarily in the mind of him who contemplates the situation—10,000,000 colored people, only two colored priests! "What are these among so many?" True, Christ fed 5000 persons with five barley loaves and two fishes, and He commissioned twelve Apostles to convert the world! May not this latter ordination signify the dawn of a new era that may culminate in the solution of the negro problem in the United States and the rescue of the negro from the depths of degradation?

Father Theobald was born in British Guiana thirty-five years ago, and educated in the Cathedral common school of Georgetown, and afterwards in St. Stanislaus College, conducted by the Jesuit fathers, where he studied classics and philosophy. He graduated from the college in 1890, taking the junior diploma of the University of Cambridge, in England, and, after a post-graduate course in classics at Queen's College of British Guiana, he took the senior diploma of Cambridge. Having studied law for several years, Rev. Theobald went to Canada in 1904 for the purpose of embracing in the profession. The field in Montreal proving undesirable, he turned his attention to journalism, and for sixteen months was attached to the editorial staff of the Montreal Daily Star.

In December, 1905, Rev. Theobald left the Canadian city for St. Paul, where he entered the St. Paul seminary as an ecclesiastical student under the patronage of Archbishop John Ireland. As a theological student, Rev. Theobald headed his class with three first prizes and two second prizes to his credit. Save for the single accident of color, in what does this young levite differ from his white brethren? He is a coadjutor to Christ, the continuation of Christ's personality, and Christ's ambassador to his people. So, too, while waiting for Mass to begin, listening to the soft strains of the pipe organ, watching the congregation of whites and blacks kneeling side by side, making the same genuflections, saying the same prayers and signing themselves with the same sign of the cross, I asked myself again in what essential feature the races differed. When the Mass began and a negro choir, a negro choir-master, and a negro organist began to render one of Gounod's masterpieces, I asked myself in what the blacks were inferior to the whites. The voices of the sopranos and tenors rang out as silvery and clear, and the rich contraltos and basses rolled forth as solemnly, the chorus was as well balanced and the voices blended as beautifully, and the different figures were rendered as accurately and faultlessly as in any white choir. Indeed, critics are not wanting who maintain that there is a peculiar timbre in the negro voice and a mysterious note of spirituality in the ensemble that is often lacking in the white choir.

What, then, is the reason of the intolerable race prejudice that exists in the "land of the free" and nowhere else? It is related that the bishop who ordained Father Theobald, the first American negro priest, after witnessing the shameful indignities to which he was subjected, declared he would never ordain another. While this is probably a calumny or an exaggeration, since no bishop would stand in the way of a true vocation to the sublime dignity of the priesthood, and no priest could hope to escape persecution since the servant is not greater than the master, yet the appalling fact remains that the number of American negro Catholic priests can be counted on less than the fingers of one hand. The Catholic Church alone can fully emancipate the colored people, and only within her pale is equality found and the color line obliterated. This was manifest at St. Peter Claver's church the other day, where not only in the congregation, but in the sanctuary white and colored altar boys walked side by side, and in the procession of clergy the negro celebrant held the place of honor and was served by his white brethren. Nay, on last Good Friday, when the Church prays for all classes of men, not excluding schismatics, heretics, and "the perfidious Jews," Father Theobald, then only a deacon, was brought by his office into great prominence. This was especially true when he sang the gospel of the day in the rich musical voice characteristic of his race, when he presented the image of the Crucified to Archbishop Ireland at the "adoration of the Cross," and again when he alone of all that multitude of ecclesiastics walked under the eucharistic canopy assisting His Grace to carry the sacred Host. Truly, in the Church there is no distinction of persons and her highest offices are open to her worthy children regardless of color. When the colored people of the United States fully realize this fact there is no reason to doubt that they will turn to her as their true mother and enter the Catholic fold by hundreds of thousands. Father Theobald goes forth with the same authority and in the same mission as the Apostles. The preacher declared the occasion "redolent of the supernatural." The gospel related how the Apostles, after "laboring all the night had taken nothing." Father Theobald may well exclaim with St. Peter, "At Thy word, Lord, I will let down the net." Let us hope that it may be filled with as wonderful a draft of fish as was the Apostles'.

Memorials to Champlain.

Two memorials to Samuel de Champlain, the explorer, the tercentenary of whose discovery of the lake that bears his name was celebrated last summer, will be erected in New York State, the commissions appointed by the Vermont and New York legislatures to consider the matter having so decided at a meeting this week. The memorial to be erected at Crown Point will be the joint offering of both States. The Vermont commission, after seeking to use the State's appropriation of \$15,000 for a memorial in Vermont, has decided to make the Crown Point structure a joint one. New York State will pay \$35,000 toward the building of this memorial and \$30,000 for the erection of one at Bluff Point. The Crown Point memorial shaft will cost about \$75,000 and will be surmounted by a beacon light to replace the present lighthouse now maintained by the Government. Crown Point is a beautiful peninsula jutting out into the lake and is included in the tract of land recently accepted by Gov. Hughes for a State Park. Fort Amherst and Fort Frederick, worth a cost the British Government \$10,000,000 to construct over 200 years ago, and other points of historic interest are within the boundaries of the new park. The fortifications, which are in a fair state of preservation, will be restored on the completion of the monument.

Spanish Clerical Active.

The Clerical party has opened its campaign against the Ministry of Premier Canalejas. Cardinal Aguirre y Garcia, Archbishop of Toledo, the head of the Spanish episcopate has instructed his clergy to inspire meetings of protest against the government policy concerning the church and non-Catholic religious orders. The women of the aristocracy, under the leadership of the Marquisa Comillas, have joined the movement.

Passion Players Refuse.

Gustav Amberg, representing the Schubert interests, has been at Oberammergau trying to induce the Passion Play artists to consider a tour of the United States in some of their Biblical productions. Anton Lang, the famous portrayer of Christ, is emphatic in saying that the Passion players are not to be moved from their determination never to act outside Oberammergau.

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Sisters of St. Joseph's Academy, Toronto, Win High Honors.

The following list of sisters and pupils who have passed examinations at Toronto University, and which we take from Register-Extension Toronto, is excellent proof of the efficiency and deep intellectuality of our Catholic sisterhood. Sister M. Austin won the George Brown Scholarship in 2nd Year Moderns (Romance and Teutonic), she also carried off the Italian prize (2nd year), the gift of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Kingdom of Italy. Last year Sister Austin won the Edward Blake Scholarship in the same department. Sister M. Perpetua, honors in Third Year English and History. Sister M. Xaveria, graduation certificate in Pedagogy, Faculty of Education. Miss Genevieve McGooey, honors in Third Year English and History. The Misses Mary Ryan, Aileen Halford and Isabel Mace passed in 2nd year General Course. The Misses Clara Murphy, Alma McLennan, 1st Year General Course. All the above named are graduates of St. Joseph's.