

Archbishop Walsh.

From the Evening Star.

Venerable man, endeared to all
By gentle ways, as gentle as a child
The thousands who acknowledge and revere
Your rule, to all concordate and mild.
Know your great worthiness as man and priest,
Know the great heart which beats within your
breast,
Know the strong mind still unimpaired by age,
And knowing all, to you are fully wised.

THE CHURCH ABROAD.

A young immigrant landing here finds himself at once deprived of all his Catholic props and surroundings—a mere atom cast on the dark corrupting mass of infidelity; within him, indeed, is a wondrous power of leavening and transforming those surroundings, but they are charged with grave danger. Perhaps he is thrown amongst workmen who are well primed in all the ordinary objections against the Church and her most sacred truths; for everyone here is a reader and inquirer. His first feelings are of pain and confused shame at his own ignorance. They return to the charge again and again. The acuteness of his first feelings are blunted. Oftentimes this is followed by a negligence in the practices of a church whose teachings he is unable to defend, and whose usages he fails to explain. Then *facilis descensus Averni*. The first shock but opens the conflict; it is his baptism on fire. For the same bitter conflict he must be prepared, no matter in what sphere of life his lot may be cast. His infidel or Protestant friends are not satisfied with quiescence. The genius of error is activity; restlessness is the off-spring of doubt. This restless activity is ministered to from every quarter. The pulpit, whose entire stock-in-trade consists in negation and objection; the scientific infidelity of the novel and review; the social club; the free thought lecture-hall, with its attractive accessories of rich music and star singers; speakers, brilliant and polished, whose sparkling declamations and power of repartee and jest is well calculated to catch unthinking applause. These are so many agencies of unrest, till the social atmosphere becomes charged with doubt, objection, and denial. The most sacred truths are canvassed, and every workshop and railway camp is converted into a debating society.

In such an atmosphere the simple, believing, but poorly-instructed Catholic feels himself overwhelmed and crushed. He was never armed for a contest like this. His Protestant friends may, and frequently do, attend Mass; they return and inquire the meaning of, to them, many striking practices—the lighted candles at mid-day, the vestments and ceremonies, the strange dead tongue of the sacred liturgy, and perhaps the doctrine preached. He is dumb. Were it not for the great preserving grace of God, and his loyal, though blind devotion, to his Irish faith, his case would be perilous. Such seals are open targets for every anti-Catholic engine. But in all earnestness it may be asked: Is it right, or is it just, that they should be left to those protective aids alone? Though the great majority preserve the faith, yet even Irish Catholics are not all saints, and the exceptions form a considerable leakage.

Till an Irishman leaves his own land he cannot be fully impressed with the wondrous extent and power of the apostolic mission of his race. The English language is daily becoming the world's vespugnum. Into whatever lands its sounds are spreading, on Irish tongues it is the vehicle of faith. All over the new worlds, wherever civilization pierces, as invariably as the church spire is lifted to the heavens, one or many of the thirty-two dialects may be heard around its base. Corrosive infidelity is crumbling, and bringing to ruin every Christian structure around us. A large portion of

the broken fragments the Church is absorbing and assimilating; the remainder is slowly but definitely shaping itself into a compact anti-Christian power; and the day is fast approaching when sects shall have melted away, and the two great hostile forces—the Church and unmasked infidelity—shall glare at each other from opposing trenches. In her march of constant warfare and progressive conquest, not only the vanguard, but the rank and file of her army, are almost exclusively Irish. Across the wreckage of Christian systems, and under the gathering clouds of infidelity—harbingers of fierce struggles in the future—they alone uphold her banners and announce her mission.

If Ireland, then, would prove herself worthy of, and rise to the dignity of her glorious destiny, she will send forth her children well equipped, not for the land they are leaving, but the world they are going into: not with their hands tied by ignorance, but armed *cap-a-pie* to meet the cool scorching spirit of an age that worships intellect: and by intellect alone, with the grace of God, must he overcome. Where the opportunities for good are so marvellously abundant, the sin of neglect is deep and accountable. Should she sink below the level of so glorious an occasion, perhaps the prayers of her saints and her constancy in the past may scarcely preserve to her the high destiny of being the world's enlightener and preserver in the future; her candlestick may be removed.

Far different is the energy and preparation insisted on by those under whose eyes the desperate struggle is going on, who witness the fierceness of the fight, and know the issues at stake. A priest looks upon the catechism class of his school as one of his most important cares. He either teaches it personally, or has it well taught under his supervision. He knows that the Church of the future is dependent on the school of to-day. Not only is the primary catechism, but the ceremonies, practices, and principal teachings of the Church are explained, and embedded on the young plastic mind. When he holds stations in the bush, he teaches the catechism as regularly as he says Mass. If the young native is once well instructed, there is little fear of apostasy; he is a wary bird, suspicious, cautious, and by no means easily trapped. The standard for confirmation is high, and the examination searching. The sermons must be essentially instructive; the proofs of Catholic dogma in all their convincing splendour, the tearing to pieces of the flimsy shreds of sophistries in vogue in literature and social life. The explanation of the Church's practices, usages, and liturgy, with all their beautiful histories and mystic significance; these generally take the place of pious exhortations, the people are pleased and comforted, their faith strengthened and confirmed by every new accession to their knowledge; but their hearts must be reached through their reason; and that priest knows little of the genius of his people who appeals to the emotional side of their natures before their intellects are well instructed. Every effort is made to surround the parish church with auxiliary institutions—literary societies, clubs, lecture rooms, guilds, &c. With all these the most zealous priest finds enough to do to make headway against the overpressing current. The thousand and one agencies for infidelity are so powerful—the literature, cast of thought, the social tone and organizations. On the other hand, the scattered Catholic elements, wanting in all the power that comes from cohesiveness, social influence, and great wealth. Yet the Grace of God, aided by human energy and a splendid spirit of self-sacrifice, is working wonders, and promises a future for the Church in these lands, even beyond the dreams of the visionary.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.

The studies of the scholastic year closed at this institution on Wednesday of last week. The following is the

LIST OF HONORS.

Bronze Medal, presented by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., for Christian Doctrine, competed for by the pupils in First Course; obtained by Miss Sullivan.
Graduating Medals awarded to Miss M. J. Sullivan of St. Catharines, Ont.; Miss E. Johnston of Bradford, Pa.; Miss E. Kennedy of Warkworth, Ont.
Gold Medal, presented by Most Rev. John Walsh, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto, for Christian Doctrine and Sacred History, competed for by the pupils of the First Course; obtained by Miss N. Kennedy. Accessit, Miss Foy.
Gold Medal, presented by Very Rev. W. Bergin, for excellence in English Literature, obtained by Miss Frances Sullivan.
Gold Medal presented by J. J. Kenny, Esq., for superiority in English, competed for in the higher classes; obtained in Senior "A" by Miss Mary Kormann. Accessit, Miss Doran.
Gold Medal for Music not awarded.
Gold Medal, presented by J. B. Reed, Esq., for excellence in Oil Painting, awarded to Miss Emma Kormann.
Gold Medal, presented by J. A. Rafter, Esq., for superiority in Mathematics, competed for in the higher classes; obtained in Senior "A" by Miss Hamilton.
Gold Medal, presented by a Friend, for excellence in Art Needle-work, awarded to Miss Coughlan.
Gold Medal, presented by A. Elliott, Esq., for excellence in Plain Sewing, awarded to Miss McCarron.
Gold Medal for French not awarded.
Gold Pencil for improvement in Penmanship, equally merited by the Misses O'Leary, Johnston, Lysaght and Cavanna; obtained by Miss Cavanna.
Gold Thimble for Point Lace, equally merited by the Misses Doyle, Rafter, N. Kennedy, Thompson, Ruth Jones, Milley, G. Coughlan, O'Leary, F. Small and Greene; obtained by Miss Doyle.
Silver Medal for Christian Doctrine, competed for by the pupils in the Second Course; obtained by Miss Tapscott. Accessit, Miss Ryan.
Silver Medal for Lady-like Deportment, Sacred History and Art Needle-work, awarded to Miss May Doyle.
Silver Medal for diction in Elocution, awarded to Miss K. Coffee.
Crowned for Charity in Conversation, Miss O'Leary.
Crowned for Amiability in First Course, by votes of her teachers and companions, Miss Farnan.
Crowned for Amiability in Second Course, Miss Tapscott.
Crowned for Amiability in Third Course, Miss May Schrader.
Crown for satisfaction in St. Cecilia's Choir, equally merited by the Misses Doran, Sevigny, Farnan, Tapscott, Healy, Gallagher, G. Coughlan, Coughlan, McCarron, O'Leary, Milley, F. Milley, Sullivan, obtained by Miss K. Sullivan.
Crowned for satisfaction in Holy Angela's Choir, equally merited by Misses K. Sullivan, N. Martin and M. Burke; obtained by Miss N. Martin.
Crown for application, equally merited by Misses McCarthy, Anderson, Healy, Sullivan, Thompson, Casserly, Coughlan, G. Coughlan, Rafter, F. Milley, Farnan, Doyle, O'Leary, K. Sullivan, E. Jones, Tapscott, McCarron, C. Sullivan, N. Schrader, M. Schrader; obtained by Miss Casserly.
Crown for application, Day-school, equally merited by Misses Kormann, Eichhorn, Boyle, F. Small, O'Connor, Hayes, Coffey, Crocker, Maud O'Connor, L. Rosar, M. Clarke; obtained by Miss N. O'Connor.

PRIZE LIST
Prizes in Senior Department awarded to the pupils who obtained 50 per cent. on the Final Examinations:
SIXTH CLASS.
English—Misses Kormann, Casserly, Hamilton, F. Sullivan, Thompson.
Mathematics—Misses Hamilton, Foy, Casserly, Healy, F. Sullivan.
French—1st prize equally merited by Misses Kormann, Rafter and Howlett; obtained by Miss Rafter. 2nd prize equally merited by Misses Healy, F. Sullivan, Casserly, Hamilton; obtained by Miss Healy.
Instrumental Music—2nd prize equally merited by Misses Kanny and Green; obtained by Miss Kanny.
Oil and Pastel Painting—1st prize, Miss Farr.
Oil Painting—2nd prize equally merited by Misses N. Kennedy, Lysaght, Doran, Kenny, G. Coughlan, M. Kormann; obtained by Miss N. Kennedy.
Pastel Painting—2nd prize equally merited by Misses K. Sullivan and Johnston; obtained by Miss K. Sullivan.
Perspective Drawing—1st prize equally merited by Misses Healy, Thompson, F. Sullivan, Foy, Anderson, Casserly and McCarthy; obtained by Miss Anderson.
Art Needle-work—1st prize, Miss Lysaght. Honorable Mention for Art Needle-work—Misses Cavanna, Doran, Monroe, Sevigny.

Fidelity in Practising Instrumental Music—prize equally merited by Misses Greene, Rafter, O'Leary, McCarron, McCarthy; obtained by Miss Greene.
Fidelity to Duty—prize equally merited by Misses Casserly, McCarthy, Coughlan, Sevigny, O'Leary, McCarron, Doyle, Anderson, Thompson; obtained by Miss Casserly.
Prize for Order equally merited by Misses Casserly, Cavanna, O'Leary, McCarron, Farnan, Thompson, McCarthy; obtained by Miss Thompson.

FIFTH CLASS.

English—Misses Doran, G. Coughlan, Millev, Johnston, Coughlan, Eichhorn, F. F. Small, N. Kennedy, O'Connor and Madden.
Mathematics—Miss Doran.
French—1st prize, Miss Boyle.
German—1st prize, Miss Foy, 2nd prize equally merited by Misses Johnston and Kormann; obtained by Miss Johnston.
Instrumental Music—1st prize, Misses Healy, O'Leary, Lysaght, Rafter, Coughlan, G. Coughlan; obtained by Miss Lysaght. 2nd prize equally merited by Misses Doran, N. Kennedy, L. Power, obtained by Miss Power. Honorable mention—Misses F. Sullivan, Howlett, F. Milley, F. Small, Monroe and Cavanna.
Prize for Improvement in Vocal Music equally merited by Misses Doran, Sevigny and McCarron; obtained by Miss Sevigny.
Prize for Stenography—Miss Farnan.
Prize for Christian Doctrine in Day School—Miss Eichhorn.
Prize for Fidelity in Essay-Writing equally merited by Misses Doran, Rafter, Howlett; obtained by Miss Howlett.
Prize for Plain Sewing in Jun. Div., awarded to Miss Howlett.

PROMOTED TO SIXTH CLASS.

In English—Misses Doran, Millev, Coughlan, G. Coughlan, Eichhorn, Kenny.
In Mathematics—Miss Doran.
In French—Misses Thompson, F. Small, F. Milley, Foy, Boyle, Doran.
Prizes in Junior Department awarded to the three pupils who obtained the highest number of marks at the Final Examinations.

FOURTH CLASS.

English and Mathematics—1st prize, Miss Hayes; 2nd prize, Miss Milley; 3rd prize, Miss Power.
French—Prize in Sen. Div. equally merited by Misses E. Doty and C. Jones; obtained by Miss Doty; in Junior Division merited by Miss O'Leary.
Prize for Christian Doctrine in Day School—Miss Alma Small.
Instrumental Music—1st prize equally merited by Misses Madden, Farnan, Beck, Farr, Duggan, Sevigny, Doty, Gallinger, Ryan; obtained by Miss Gullinger. 2nd prize, equally merited by Misses Hamilton, B. Killy, Johnston, Casserly, Jones, McCarthy; obtained by Miss C. Jones. Honorable Mention, Misses Allayne, Jones, Carmel Sullivan, Ida Perry.
Prize for improvement in Freehand Drawing, equally merited by Misses E. H. and Allayne Jones; obtained by Miss R. Jones. Honorable mention of Misses Quinn and O'Brien, who entered too late to compete for honors.

PROMOTED TO FIFTH CLASS.

In English—Misses Hayes, Doty, Milley, Ryan, K. Sullivan, McCandlish, Small, Beck, Power and Roach.
In Mathematics—Misses Hayes, Doty, Beck, Small, McCandlish, Roach.
In French—Misses C. Jones, Doty, Beck, Hayes and A. Jones.

THIRD CLASS.

English and Mathematics—1st prize, Miss Carmel Sullivan; 2nd prize, Miss Ida Perry; 3rd prize, Miss Nano Matthews.
Instrumental Music—Prize equally merited by Misses Edith Bonner and Tessie Bonner; obtained by Miss Tessie Bonner.
Improvement in Last Music—Prize equally merited by the Misses K. Coffee, R. Jones, Boyle, Hayes and Roach.

PROMOTED TO FOURTH CLASS.

In English and Mathematics—Misses Sullivan, Perry, Matthews, Harris, T. Bonner, Coffey and Dockery. Honorable mention of Miss Harris, who came too late to compete for honors.

PREPARATORY CLASS.

English and Arithmetic—1st prize, Miss N. Schrader; 2nd prize, Miss L. Rosar; 3rd prize, equally merited by Misses Irene Murphy and Gertrude Small; obtained by Miss Irene Murphy.
Prize for Catechism, awarded to Miss Maud O'Connor.
Improvement in Instrumental Music, Junior Division—Prize equally merited by Misses N. Schrader and K. McDonald; obtained by Miss K. McDonald.

PROMOTED TO THIRD CLASS.

English and Arithmetic—Misses Nellie Schrader, L. Rosar, Irene Murphy, Maud O'Connor and Gertrude Small.

RE-DEROGATE CLASS.

Prizes awarded to Annie O'Connor, K. McDonald, Gertrude Generoux, Alice Beck, Emily O'Sullivan, F. Crocker, Annie O'Hara, M. Starr, Stella Cunningham, Carrie Murphy, Florence Adamson, M. Coffey, M. Pratt, Alice Boncher, Cecelia Boncher, Loretta Kennedy, Eva Fenwick, L. Fenwick, W. O'Grady, T. Pratt, B. Matthews, L. Lee.