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Brilliant Honors for the American College

Rome, Dec. 21.—Just a year ago Vox Urbis wrote about the results obtained by the students of the American College in Rome in the competitive examinations at the Propaganda. They were brilliant indeed. They formed, in fact, a record never before attained by this college, and hardly by any other. Yet they have been surpassed this year, and the prize list of Propaganda which is before Vox Urbis, as he writes this evening, is well calculated to fill the Catholics of America, bishops, priests, and people, with pride. There is nothing in Rome more interesting or more suggestive than these Propaganda examinations. If you visit the great hall of the University while one of them is in progress, you will see an immense array of young men in clerical garb writing away for dear life during the five or six hours allotted them for answering the questions proposed; they represent almost every nationality under the sun, and they are in most cases the picked men of their respective dioceses sent here to Rome to complete their studies. The Urban College of Propaganda itself, with its one hundred and thirty students, represents in miniature the universality of the Catholic Church; but besides these the lectures are attended by the students of the Irish, Bohemian, American, Greek, Ruthenian, Maronite, Canadian and other colleges, and the numbers are further swelled by the students of several religious congregations, such as the Servites, the Order of Mercy, etc.

To have some idea of the "concorsi," or competitive examinations which take place at the end of every scholastic year, in the different branches of sacred knowledge—philosophy, theology, church history, canon law, liturgy, sacred archeology, ethics, etc., it must be remembered that only such students enter as have some chance of distinguishing themselves. The results are classified in four divisions: those who have done well are placed in the class of "laudati"—"praised"; those who have distinguished themselves more brilliantly are ranged under the sign "Laudati verbis amplissimis"—"praised in the highest terms"; above these is the elect body which stands next the prize winners, "proxime accesserunt," while in the highest class of all are those who have won outright the first and second medals, or who have been bracketed for one or the other. On the first page of the prize list this year the American College begins its course of distinction with the name of the Rev. James Supple, who is bracketed for the second medal in Sacred Scripture, while among the "proxime" in the same subject are Andrew Brennan, John Cooper, Joseph Kassmann, John Wolf, John Eckenrode, and Joseph Kennedy. The second subject is Dogmatic Theology, and here the American College is again to the fore with the names of John Cooper and Martin Ryan bracketed for the second medal and represented in the list of "proxime" by the names of John Wolf, James Supple, Raymond Noll, Andrew Brennan, Patrick Doyle, Edward Ryan, Joseph Kennedy, John Kelliher, John Hartie and James McGinnis. In the other branch of Dogmatic Theology, "Re Sacramentaria," the American College claims the first medalist in James Boylan, and a second in James Hartie, and has among the "proxime" John Cooper, James Supple and Raymond Noll. In "Locis Theologicis" there are three names down for the first medal—two of them are of the American College: Joseph Ratto and David Toomey; for the second medal there are four—and of these three are again Americans: Leo MacGinley, John Kiernan and Augustine Hickey, followed in the "proxime" list by Joseph Fisch, James Moynihan, John Shields and Edward MacGinley. In Moral Theology John Wolf, of the American College, stands alone for the first medal, and for the second the following colleagues of his are bracketed: Patrick Doyle, Andrew Brennan, John Kelliher and Raymond Noll, and in the proxime are Edward Ryan, Joseph Creden, Martin Ryan, Ambrose Bore and John Cooper. In Church History Martin

Ryan of the American College, wins the first medal absolutely, Patrick Doyle is bracketed for the second, and there is again a long list of American names among the "proxime": Augustine Hickey, Paul Schaeff, Joseph MacGinley, John Kelliher, Leonard Balluta, David Toomey, Edward Hoar, Edward Ryan, John Kiernan, Augustine Asfalz, John Quigley, Leo McGinley, William Farrell and John Curran. For Canon Law two American College names are bracketed for the first medal: David Toomey and Edward MacGinley and two others for the second medal: William Sheehan and Charles Borneman; there are only two names among the "proxime" and one of these is Leo MacGinley. The first medal in Liturgy is won outright by Augustine Hickey—and nearly all the students mentioned in the "proxime" are Americans: Leo MacGinley, David Toomey, Edward O'Connor, Charles O'Hearn, William Sheehan, James Moynihan, Edward MacGinley and Leonard Balluta.

To be really up-to-date in sacred science ecclesiastical students must have a good knowledge of sacred archeology. In the Propaganda examinations on this important subject five students are bracketed for the two medals, and three of them are Americans: Augustine Hickey, Edward Hoar and Joseph MacGinley, and once more nearly all the names in the list of "proxime" are Americans: Charles O'Hearn, Edward O'Connor, John Kiernan, William Sheehan, Leo MacGinley and John Curran. In Higher Metaphysics two American names are registered among the medalists: George Dequoy and Mark Driscoll, and there are two others among the "proxime": Thos. Coakley and Edward Kramer. In Ethics Thomas Coakley is put down for the second medal, and he is followed among the proxime by Francis Bradley, Mark Driscoll, John Powers, Edward Kramer and Edward Baxter. In each of the two branches of physics William Scullen takes the medal and Edward Kramer is among the five students who were mentioned as "proxime." In Logic the second medal goes to Thomas Coakley and Francis Bradley. And thus ends this extraordinary list of distinctions. Vox Urbis is not in the habit of filling his letters with names, but he has no apology to make for doing so this week. The young men who have brought so much honor on their college in Rome will in a few years be laboring on the mission in America, and their career in the Eternal City is a sure indication of their activity and zeal on the mission. Last year the Holy Father, who scans the university prize lists with great care, warmly congratulated the rector on the magnificent showing of his students—he will certainly be more pleased than ever this year when he studies these latest results. The American College has also to its credit an imposing array of academic degrees; four doctors, ten licentiates, and sixteen bachelors of theology; three doctors, three licentiates and eleven bachelors of philosophy.

But there is a still more striking feature of this Propaganda prize list which will surely be interesting to the readers of the Freeman. It will

be noted that nearly all the names above quoted with honor are Irish names, but they by no means exhaust the list of distinctions gained by Irish students this year. If the printer omitted all the Irish names contained in the lists of doctors, licentiates, bachelors, medal lists, and those contained among the proxime, the laudati amplissimis verbis, and laudati, his column of forty-four pages might easily be reduced to twelve. It is surely a strange but wonderful coincidence that while the population of misgoverned Ireland is diminishing year by year, the name of Ireland shines with increasing brilliancy in Rome, the very focus of sacred knowledge, and especially in the Propaganda which is the very heart of the Apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

STRATFORD CORRESPONDENCE

Miss Kathleen A. Sullivan of this city is the authoress of a new book just published entitled "Memories." It is handsomely gotten up of new antique binding, very fashionable at present in the United States, is a good print and on an excellent quality of paper. The book, no doubt, will find a ready sale, and is cheap at one dollar, to be had at J. H. Kenner's book-store.

Below we publish the poem on the death of Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D.D., for over thirty years pastor of St. Joseph's church, this city:

"THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE."
To the memory of Very Rev. Dean Kilroy, who died at Stratford Jan. 12, 1904:

The calm and gentle angel Death,
Has folded in his strong embrace
One whom we loved—has born him hence
To fill on high some special place.

We call him dead, and mourn his loss,
But yonder in the Home of Rest
No more he bears his earthly cross,
He lives in Heaven with the blessed.

How oft we'll miss the words of cheer,
The pleasant smile, the loving voice,
That drew all hearts when he was here,
And made our saddened souls rejoice!

How oft, as years roll swiftly by,
Our lips will move in silent prayer,
To our dear pastor, who on high
Still holds for us his fondest care!

His flock have lost their dearest friend,
But why make murmur or complaint?
For when that noble life did end,
God's kingdom gained another saint.

The poem "A Little Girl I Know," from Miss Sullivan's book of "Memories," refers to one of the daughters of Mr. E. J. Kneit.

A LITTLE GIRL I KNOW.

I know a little girl with azure eyes,
The tint that makes most dear the summer skies,
And golden curls by sunbeams tossed
Like rays of light on banks embossed.

She minds me of the merry month of May,
So gentle, mild, is she the life-long day;
She passes like a dream of grace,
Like rhythmic form and angel face.

She seems the sort of fairy sent to chase
Life's storms away, and scatter gleams of gladness like
The joyous sunny May.

The first enemy to be conquered must be within; the work for souls will be of little avail unless the victory over self within be gained. Prayer is very good, but it has little force without mortification. Hence the Apostleship of Prayer is really Jesus, make us such true Apostles of Thy Heart that reparation to Thee may be our best reward.

Concert at Ennismore

Ennismore, Dec. 29.—Last Thursday the five schools of Ennismore held their annual closing in the new T. A. S. Hall, where upwards of seven hundred people were present, to listen to the varied talents of the future hope of the township. The large commodious hall was taxed to its utmost to supply even standing room for those present, and the stage proved small enough to accommodate the two hundred children who took part in the opening chorus. Rev. Father Galvin, of St. Peter's Cathedral, presided as chairman and opened the evening's entertainment with an excellent address in which he touched on various important topics, the necessity of a good education, the interest parents should display in the work of their children, the educational advantages of the new hall, the good work of the teachers, etc., all of which was highly appreciated by the large audience. The programme consisted of dialogues, farces, drills, declamations, speeches, debates together with a liberal supply of vocal and instrumental music. The perfect manner in which the children acquitted themselves reflects great credit on the careful training received from the hands of their teachers, and was favorably commented upon by the parents and friends.

The distribution of the prizes was another enjoyable feature of the programme, and as the pupils came forward to receive their well won reward, they were loudly applauded by their less fortunate playmates. At the close of the entertainment Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, who takes a lively and active interest in the work of the schools, was presented by the pupils with a short but very expressive address, accompanied by a beautiful office chair and a berry dish, mounted on a silver pedestal.

This is the first time the different schools were able to hold a joint concert, and judging from the enthusiastic applause accorded the little ones, it would be safe to predict, that they will favor us each year with a similar treat. The teachers for the coming year are Miss Lizzie Scollard, S.S. No. 4; Miss Maggie Sullivan, S.S. No. 1; Miss Lottie Galvin, S.S. No. 7; Mr. Steve McDonald, S.S. No. 2, and Mr. Perdue, S.S. No. 3, the latter being the only new member of the teaching staff. The contest closed by singing the National Anthem, and with three rousing cheers for the Rev. chairman.

Chosin' Weather

El th' weather man 'ud ast me what I wanted, rain er shine,
I 'ud say: "O, mostly sunny; let me have my weather fine;
"But," I'd add, "don't cut the rain out, mix a little rain in mine,
And jest splash the world with dew drops in the mornin'."

I 'ud say: "Let's have some cloud-lets trailin' shadows cros't the green,
Let me hear the thunder grumble an' the rain drops in between,
Then a rosy-posy rainbow overarchin' all the scene!
And jest splash the world with dew drops in the mornin'."

"Let me hear the children laughin', see 'em weaving daisy chains,
Let me hear 'em squeal and huddle gittin' in before the rains,
Let me see their funny noses flattened 'gainst the window-panes!
And jest splash the world with dew drops in the mornin'."

"Let us have the yellow sunshine in big patches 'cros't our ways,
Let us have the splashin' raindrops, let us have our rainbow days;
Make of life a splash of sunshine Where a little towhead plays!
And jest splash the world with dew drops in the mornin'."

—J. M. Lewis in Houston Post.

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LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Capital Stock paid up.....	\$1,000,000.00	Specie and Dominion notes.....	\$ 404,595.85
Reserve Fund.....	\$1,000,000.00	Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation.....	28,464.62
Rebate on Bills Discounted.....	11,365.44	Notes of and cheques on other banks.....	329,235.33
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, carried forward.....	103,047.79	Balances due from other banks in Canada.....	322,375.41
	1,114,413.23	Balances due from agents in United Kingdom.....	9,756.90
Notes of Bank in circulation.....	892,777.50	Balances due from agents in foreign countries.....	105,797.74
Deposits not bearing interest.....	549,875.55	Railway and other bonds, debentures and securities.....	505,828.13
Deposits bearing interest (including interest accrued to date).....	1,525,742.74	Call loans secured by bonds, debentures and stocks.....	508,042.42
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....	113,008.22		\$2,272,146.40
	3,081,404.01	Current loans and discounts.....	2,834,352.00
		Notes and bills overdue (estimated loss provided for).....	5,847.93
		Bank premises, safes and office furniture.....	82,889.98
		Stationery, etc.....	580.33
			2,923,670.84
			\$5,195,817.24

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dec. 31, 1904. Balance carried forward.....	\$103,047.79	Dec. 31, 1903. Balance at credit of account.....	\$18,232.31
		" 31, 1904. Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management, interest due depositors, rebate on unmatured bills, and after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.....	84,815.48
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And take notice further that after the said 16th day of January, A.D. 1905, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice shall not have been received by the said Executors or their solicitors at the time of such distribution.

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