

house in which 58 boys are now receiving their education. On the other side of the cathedral, at an equal distance from it, is the "very spacious convent" mentioned by Mr. Hind in his report. I am sorry that the learned professor, in speaking of this convent, found nothing to speak of more interesting than the cultivation bestowed on the garden in front of it. The cabbages and other vegetables produced in it are no doubt very fine, nevertheless the interior of the house, and the extensive benefits dispensed by its inhabitants, are matters still more worthy of admiration and comment. This convent belongs to the 'Sisters of Charity, known in Canada as the Grey Nuns. These heroic followers of Christ, animated by a degree of courage and devotion which Catholicism alone can inspire, journeyed to this remote spot to dispense among the youth of their own sex and among the population in general, the blessings which they diffuse wherever they go. The amount of good effected by this establishment, the mild and salutary influence exercised by the sisters in the bosom of families, the thousands of good deeds which the eye of the world sees not, because the charity which prompts them seeks the veil of humility, can never be fully told. In this convent young ladies are boarded, and receive, not merely a passable education, but an education suitable for the middle classes of the most civilized countries. They are twenty in number. This school, in which the intellect is trained to a knowledge of the beautiful, the useful, and the agreeable, while the education of the heart is not neglected, is, I have not the least doubt, by far the best in the whole colony of Red River. Even those persons who are afraid to acknowledge it openly, are fully aware of it. Besides the boarders, the sisters maintain and educate (in a separate apartment unconnected with that of the boarders) fifteen poor orphan girls. This admirable work is achieved by sacrifices of all kinds, self imposed by the adopted mothers of these poor children; and what is here beheld will forcibly illustrate the triumphant working of charity even without extraneous aid. In addition to the education thus afforded to thirty-five inmates of their house, a day school is kept for all the little girls of the parish who are desirous of instruction. Moreover, besides the labor thus bestowed on education, the Sisters of Charity are unwearied in the services and attentions which they bestow on the suffering members of Jesus Christ. The following short note may give an idea of the good done by them in this behalf:

	Sick Persons Attended	Visited at their Homes
From Oct. 1856 to Oct. 1857	175	210
From Oct. 1857 to Oct. 1858	157	130
	Wounds Dressed	In Hospital
From Oct. 1856 to Oct. 1857	53	21
From Oct. 1857 to Oct. 1858	58	21

A knowledge of these facts should accompany Professor Hind's remarks, at page 366 of his report, in order to enable you to form an idea of the salubrity of the climate, in accordance with the rule laid down by that gentleman. To these numerous, important and nearly gratuitous services rendered to the population of the parish by the Sisters at St. Boniface, we must add the strong influence which they exercise over the community. To their lessons of industry, economy, etc., we must attribute the very perceptible change which has taken place in the population since the arrival of these generous nuns. The internal decorations of the church and other objects of art and taste, are the work of the inmates of this vast convent, around which certain persons can see nothing but well cultivated vegetables.

(To be Continued.)

LECTURE AND CONCERT AT SELKIRK.

Rev. Father G. Belanger, the new Parish priest of Selkirk, organized, in aid of the St. Michael's Church

there, a lecture and concert which filled Pearson's Hall in the evening of August 25. Mr. M. J. O'Donahoe, the local member for Kildonan, acted as chairman, announcing the various numbers in the long but interesting programme.

First, the orchestra, composed of Messrs. Couture, Beaudry, Talbot, Vezina, Bleau and Tremblay, with Father de Mangleere, S.J., as accompanist, gave two fine selections. Then, Mr. M. J. Tremblay, of St. Boniface College sang "Dreaming." A violin solo by Mr. P. Bleau, of the same college, followed. Father Drummond, S.J., next delivered the first part of his lecture on "Some Irish Orators," describing the special merits and demerits of Grattan, Edmund Burke and Sheridan. Miss Madge Barret, who had kindly consented to help in the good work and who is a great favorite in Selkirk, after singing her first song with great effect, was recalled for an equally brilliant performance. Mr. A. Betournay was accompanist. Mr. James Walsh, of St. Boniface College, then gave, with impassioned vigor and soul stirring voice, what the chairman said was most appropriate to the lecture, namely, "Robert Emmet's Defence." Mr. C. Couture followed with a violin solo. The second part of Father Drummond's lecture came next and dwelt on the humor and pathos of Curran, the sincerity of Shiel and his success in the English House of Commons, and the marvellous natural gifts and acquired virtues of Daniel O'Connell. The lecture in both parts, was frequently interrupted by applause, and was evidently greatly enjoyed by the distinguished and attentive audience. The evening being far advanced, several persons left the hall directly after the lecture, but the great majority sat out the whole concert. A song, "Sancta Maria" by Mr. A. Beaupre, with violin (Mr. Tremblay) and piano (Fr. de Mangleere) accompaniment, was the next pleasing feature. Then Miss Barret sang again most acceptably and was recalled, but, owing to the lateness of the hour, she merely bowed her acknowledgment. A cornet solo by Mr. Vezina, a French recitation by Mr. D. Collin, and a violin duet by Messrs. Couture and Talbot completed the entertainment, all the numbers being received with hearty applause. Mr. Betournay accompanied with his usual skill.

Dr. Grain, in proposing a vote of thanks to Father Drummond for his instructive and interesting lecture, reminded the audience that he had had the honor of being chairman when the Rev. Father had lectured in Selkirk on a previous occasion. Mr. Lewis, editor of the "Expositor," had much pleasure in seconding the motion. He assured the Rev. Father that his lectures were highly appreciated in Selkirk. Everyone present that evening would carry away a high estimate of Irish eloquence. The other day when the handbills, announcing the lecture were first circulated in their town he heard two citizens discussing the arguments propounded by Father Drummond several years ago, which showed what a lasting impression those arguments had produced. After the playing of God Save the King by the orchestra, the audience dispersed, at 11.10 p.m.

The net profits of the Lecture and Concert will be of material assistance to Father Belanger in making much needed improvements in St. Michael's Church. His parishioners are all eager to second his devotedness and zeal.

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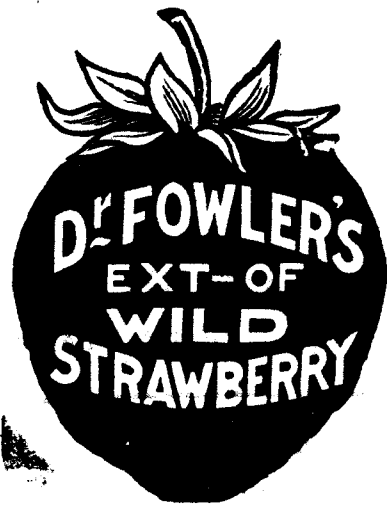
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