

## St. Bonaventure's Prize Day

The annual prize distribution of St. Bonaventure's College took place last night in the Casino, and the crowd which attended the function filled every available inch of floor space in the building. Among those present were His Grace the Archbishop, who was attended by the Most Rev. Michael McGroarty and Rev. Father Ryan; the priests of the various parishes; the Christian Brothers, the principals of the other colleges, and the Hon. Mr. Cook.

His Excellency the Governor was unavoidably absent owing to the fact that the period of mourning for the Queen Alexandra is at present being observed.

Following an overture by the Mount Carmel Band which was in charge of Mr. Arthur Butler, the curtain rose on the opening scene of the Shakespeare play "The Merchant of Venice" which was presented by the students. The undertaking was an ambitious one, and might well have proved an even more of long experience in the dramatic art, as the play throughout calls for talent of the highest order to impersonate the various characters, and rightly to interpret expression, look, or gesture of meaning and force of the words of England's greatest dramatist. The students, however, acquitted themselves in a manner which left little to be desired, and both in their stage presence and in their acting, as well as in their clear enunciation, they were deserving of the highest praise and reflected the greatest credit upon Rev. Bro. Perry, who, we understand, was responsible for their training. The costumes of the various players were splendid, and the stage settings provided an environment which added greatly to the general effect.

If particular reference is made to the principals in the drama, it is not because the others in their respective parts were not equally good, but because the former had greater opportunities to display their talent. Master F. W. Donnelly as Shylock gave a portrayal of that famous character which has seldom if ever been equaled on a local stage, and Bussano and Antonio which were impersonated by Masters W. Kendall and B. Kennedy respectively gave excellent performances. A special word of praise is due the "Ladies," all of whom in their various roles gave pleasing performances. Portia (Master F. McGroarty) gave a great success, and in her address on behalf of her client, Antonio, was most effective. Throughout the performance the hearty applause showed how thorough the acting was appreciated.

Between the acts selections were rendered by Mount Carmel Band, and recitations given by Master Jerry Smith were received with great applause and demands for more.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, His Grace the Archbishop, Mr. Michael McGroarty, and Rev. Father Ryan, the report of the college was presented by the President, Rev. Bro. J. Ryan. The report which follows deals with every phase of the College work and shows that the past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the institution.

### THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 1925.

Our Grace, Rt. Rev. Monsignor, Rev. Fathers, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

We regret exceedingly that because of mourning for the late most lamented Queen Alexandra, His Excellency and Lady Allardice are unable to honour our Distribution of Prizes by their distinguished presence, but even though absent, they can be assured that the staff and students of St. Bonaventure's fully appreciate the constant and courtesy they have always shown to us.

We are exceedingly pleased to have with us this evening, His Grace the Archbishop, who in coming back from the centre of Christendom has brought with him all the inspirations which a visit to the Eternal City gives to a priest of the Catholic Church. Throughout the length and breadth of the land very great rejoicing has been given in evidence over his return. The reverent reception and almost spontaneous demonstration given him on his arrival were merely the expression of joy his people felt at having His Grace once more among them, but there was more in the jubilation than apparent than at His Grace's old school, where tradition has handed down the story of the "ideal school boy" who the college halls thirty-seven years ago, of the talented student; who the six years he spent at All Hallows, Dublin, made a record which has not been broken, and where his contemporaries still speak of the brilliant Newfoundland "who out-distanced all his companions by taking first place in all his classes, of his energetic Pastor of 'Monsieur' who became noted for his zeal for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his people, as well as for his love for duty, which became the foundation of the great future of the Vice-Principal position gave scope to his extraordinary administrative ability; and lastly of the Archbishop who has

adorned everything to which he has put his hand. To him, our most reverent Primate, St. Bonaventure's bids a whole-souled and most cordial welcome.

### SPLENDID RESULTS.

You are anxious to know what the College has been able to say for itself since last Prize Day. Well, I am happy to be able to inform you that never in the history of the institution have our C.H.E. results been better, as may be seen by the fact that our names, viz. 144, exceed all previous records of the College by 15 in each of four classes we had the unique condition of having no failures.

St. Bon's had four of the thirteen successful candidates in the Senior Associate Grade. In Junior A.A. forty-six per cent. passed throughout the Dominion; our percentage was 70. This Grade had twenty-four honours, one-third of which came to St. Bonaventure's College. The percentage of passes for Intermediate was 60. Our Intermediate had to the credit of 60 per cent. They had, moreover, almost a third of the Honours obtained. Fifty-seven per cent. represented the Preliminary Grade passes, whilst the College Class had ninety-six per cent. Seventy-one per cent. passed Primary Grade; St. Bon's percentage was 97. These results, particularly among the Juniors, augurs well for the coming years.

Before leaving the question of exams I desire to avail of this opportunity of publicly congratulating the Mercy Academy and its clever young pupil—Miss Helena McGrath, on their winning the Jubilee Scholarship. May this fine old establishment of highest repute, see many returns of the day, and may the noontide and eve of Miss McGrath's career be as bright as the morning is promising.

### PROWESS IN THE ATHLETIC FIELD.

At St. Bon's, the proverbial sound mind in a sound body is secured by the close attention to proper physical development which games and gymnastic exercises produce. Sports Day each year furnishes abundant evidence of the daily care given in all the class-rooms to bodily exercise, as well as to the encouragement of athletics.

During the year no fewer than six cups have been added to our already formidable array of trophies. After the most hotly fought for games in the history of Inter-Collegiate hockey, our boys brought back the cup which they lost the previous season. In the past nine years this cup has come to the College eight times.

The S.B.C. Field Day proved to be one of the biggest city events of the year, there being present nearly 5,000 spectators, who watched with thrilling interest the various closely-contested items. The snappy exhibitions of drill under the direction of Captain O'Grady had on them the hall-mark of perfection, and received a generous medley of applause from the delighted onlookers. I desire to thank the lady friends of the College, who, with much self-sacrifice, took charge of the Refreshment and tea-tables, from the result of which they were able to hand over \$1,500 for College improvements. With that amount, we are able to pay for the beautiful steel fence, which has added much to the appearance of the grounds. When weather will permit, this will be finished, and a magnificent set of entrance gates will be erected to further adorn the much admired surroundings. Those promised bell-cours and a set of shower baths will soon claim our attention.

### THE OLD BOYS.

Very heartily do I compliment the Old Boys, who by the wonderful prowess shown by them at the Dominion Sports, were for the fourth consecutive year the Hayward Cup, on their coming first in the big Amateur Race at the Regatta, and on their capturing the third year the hockey T.C. Cup, now theirs, and on their taking premier place at the Fieldian Sports. In all cases it was loyalty to their College that proved the motive power that brought them victory. Our special thanks are due to Messrs. Stan. Cullen, Eric Robertson and P. Browne, who were responsible for the training of the teams.

We are fully cognisant of the necessity of having our pupils able to express thoughts on any occasion that may arise, hence we are careful, that to all our Senior class-room debates receive due attention. The Annual Prize Debates, in which the question, "Whether English or French scientists did more for the world's advancement," proved to be a very fascinating subject of study for these taking part, as well as of much interest for those present. Mr. Gordon Higgins won a gold medal for first place among the speakers.

### THE PLAY.

The fine entertainment which you have just witnessed speaks for itself and requires no words of mine to add to its praise. You are the jury and it is for you to give the verdict. Under the direction of Rev. Father McGroarty, the annual retreat for the students proved most successful. His eloquent discourses were well received in the responsive hearts of the hundreds who performed the exercises. The edifying demeanour of his youthful audience left little doubt as to the earnestness with which they listened to his exhortations.

We like to think that a most excellent spirit of study prevails throughout the College, particularly among the boarding students, who give unmistakable proofs of their love for books, which will furnish their minds from the limitless storehouses of knowledge. We also like to know that they may enjoy the priceless treasure of health, that they may have a reasonable share of necessary recreation, as well as a useful amount of safe guardian occupation, but what gives us infinitely greater pleasure than all these is the feeling that our boys are good boys, and that they live up to the highest ideals. At present over thirty of our ex-pupils are studying for the Clerical or Religious life, which speaks eloquently for the spirit prevailing, and which must be a source of consolation to His Grace, to Their Lordships of Harbor Grace and St. George's, to the Clergy and to the Brothers.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

We cordially welcome back Rev. Fathers Ryan, Power, Stoyles and Howard, who within the past year have received Holy Orders. They are the latest addition to a band of young Priests whose qualities of head and heart would make them an ornament in any Archdiocese. St. Bon's is particularly proud of its old pupils, who not only serve the Altar, but do so in a manner worthy of their sublime calling.

In the persons of Messrs. W. Skinner, J. Muir and H. Garland—all St. Bon's boys—the Bar recently received three young gentlemen who will surely do honour to the legal profession. Their Alma Mater wishes them much success.

We congratulate Dr. Sebastian Young, who in his final exams at Dalhousie was so far ahead of forty-two other competitors, that there was not any second place. Of the seven divisions of his work, he led five, came second in the sixth, and third in the seventh. Newfoundland has much reason to be proud of this intellectual marathon runner, who with many others, have made students from abroad actually enquire as to what "brain-making" food Newfoundland boys use. That Dr. Young will be most successful, is the earnest wish of his friends at St. Bon's.

### THANKS.

Right heartily do we thank Rev. Father Enright, and Mr. Allick Kelly for presenting to our already beautiful chapel, two very expensive and most artistic side-altars, which, like the main altar, presented some years ago by Rev. Father McGrath, will be lasting monuments to the generosity of the kind donors. We also thank the Alumni Association for a scholarship of \$50, won by Master James Howley, and the following for gold medals:—His Grace the Archbishop, Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, Rev. Fathers Pippy, McCarty, O'Sullivan, Enright, Dinn, P. Kennedy, R. Greene, and Thorne, Brother O'Hehir, Messrs. Howley, Fox, Kearney, Barron, and Rev. E. Rawlinson for three gold pieces. I am sure that to the winners the value will be enhanced by the fact that they have come from sincere well-wishers of the College.

### THE JUNIORS.

A report on an occasion like the present would be very incomplete, were I not to make special reference to the College Juniors, whom we regard as the "flower of the flock." Our primary class-rooms are filled with as fine a crowd of promising children as ever entered an educational establishment. The work done here is as thorough as that in any other part of the institution, as some of our most experienced teachers have charge of this most important section, and these make school a place of much attraction.

### IN CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to express my deepest gratitude to the parents of the students for their ever ready co-operation, and for the most enthusiastic interest which they have always manifested in the success of the College. Day pupils and boarders, be again assured that we are indeed thankful for your splendid work for the past year, for your excellent deportment, and for your loyalty to your teachers and to your school. May you, in the years to come, have that success which we wish you, may you never leave the paths you have trodden from your childhood, may you never slacken in the race, but that like St. Paul, may you finish the course and thus lay up for yourselves crowns of justice which the just Judge will render to you on that day.

### HIS GRACE ADDRESSES THE AUDIENCE.

Following the President's Report, His Grace the Archbishop delivered a brief address in which he expressed his pleasure at being present on such an occasion, and thanked the President for the welcome that had been extended to him. He was particularly gratified with the reception accorded him by the pupils of his old schools, St. Bon's and St. Patrick's, as it showed that training those under their care, the teachers had not overlooked the importance of impressing on the minds of the pupils the deference due to lawfully constituted authority. His Grace warmly congratulated the students on the splendid manner in which the Shakespeare drama had been presented, and while he did not wish to make any invidious distinction, he thought all would agree that

the outstanding manner in which the part of Shylock had been taken was deserving of special praise.

His Grace said that he had followed with great pleasure the excellent report read by the President, and while it was gratifying to learn of the remarkable success won in the various examinations, it was still more gratifying to find that the immediate results of the training imparted were not considered the main object of the training of the students, but was only regarded as preliminary to the greater test which they had to undergo in the more searching examinations of life, and as preparatory to the life hereafter. No education, His Grace added, was complete which did not aim at making the pupils loyal and patriotic citizens and true members of the Church, and he felt certain such were the lofty conceptions held by the Christian Brothers. In conclusion he wished both parents and students a Merry Christmas and the greatest blessing in the New Year.

### PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

His Grace's address concluded, the students filed from the back of the hall to the stage to receive their prizes from the Archbishop, and as each was presented the winner was heartily applauded by the audience. The function concluded with the National Anthem.

### PRIZE LIST.

#### SENIOR ASSOCIATE.

R. Greene, Gold Medal; J. Maher, Gold Medal; A. Chate, Gold Medal; W. St. John's, Senior Prize Debate Medal; G. Higgins.

#### JUNIOR ASSOCIATE.

C. Greene, Gold Medal; R. Conway, Gold Medal; A. Dunne, J. Dawson, W. Lhegar, E. Brown, G. Higgins, G. O'Toole, J. Mahon, W. Kendall, F. Kennedy, L. Miller, B. Walsh, T. Sutton.

#### INTERMEDIATE GRADE.

G. Jackman, Gold Medal; B. Murphy, Gold Medal; J. Houlihan, P. T. Hanley, Ed. Deane, J. Kelly, H. Kelly, B. Kavanagh, P. Maher, P. Phelan, J. Ellis, B. White, P. Thorburn, R. Jackman, J. Bradshaw, R. Taaffe, W. Jackman, C. Strang, C. Summers, G. Kennedy, R. Redmond, H. McGeehan, F. Wood, D. O'Reilly, R. Hogan, T. Strapp, T. Furlong, V. Farrell, A. O'Keefe, E. Kennedy, C. Kent, G. Power, B. Kennedy, E. English, L. Hynes, J. Lee, F. McNamara, M. Noah, T. Spillivan, D. Power, M. Stoyes, W. Fleming, N. McGuire, B. Lewis, G. Callahan, C. Strang, B. Murphy, Christian Doctrine Medals; R. Carroll, L. Cantwell, English Composition Medals; A. Jackman, Junior Prize Debate Medal.

#### PRELIMINARY GRADE.

J. Howley, St. Bonaventure's Alumni Scholarship; \$50; R. McGrath, Gold Medal; R. White, A. Cooper, A. Grant, A. Ross, F. Morris, P. Haggerty, L. Hawes, G. Hanley, A. Rossiter, G. Walsh, R. W. Strang, J. O'Rourke, A. Sullivan, K. McCarthy, T. Kavanagh, E. Summers, T. Grant, G. Dyer, F. O'Keefe, J. Callahan, W. Murphy, W. McLaach, E. Maher, A. Walsh, F. Sheehy, L. Larkin, R. Knight, J. Channing, B. Callahan, W. Earle, J. English, J. Walsh, T. Greene, W. Casey, H. Quigley, K. Walsh, A. J. McNamara, C. Lewis, J. A. McNamara, J. Casey, P. Redmond, J. F. McNamara, J. Collins, C. O'Neill, N. Kennedy, A. F. James, M. Frelich, G. Martin, A. Cooper, G. Walsh, Christian Doctrine Medals; R. McGrath, J. Kearney, English Composition Medals.

#### PRIMARY GRADE.

R. Power, T. Ryan, J. Higgins, R. Renout, H. Murphy, G. O'Mara, E. Kendall, L. O'Reilly, J. Trainor, J. Quigley, J. Barty, J. Coffey, J. Doyle, P. Brophy, H. Renout, F. P. Ryan, A. James, W. Furlong, M. Devine, J. Power, F. J. Ryan, N. Malone, G. Shortall, T. Henley, B. Brynildsen, A. Walsh, E. Hannon, E. Coffey, W. Keough, B. Callahan, W. Lawlor, A. Martin, J. McGeehan, Christian Doctrine Medals; J. Higgins.

#### STANDARD IV.

J. Ashley, P. Berrigan, R. Power, G. Phelan, T. McGrath, J. Curran, R. Cooper, T. Conroy, B. McGuire, S. O'Brien, J. Walsh, R. Wilson, Christian Doctrine Medals; F. Henley.

#### STANDARD III.

(B. Division.)  
F. Fitzpatrick, M. Connolly, C. Delaney, W. Walsh, J. Moakley, F. Carter, E. Burke, J. O'Dea, E. Marshall, E. Power, E. Brophy, R. Murphy, Christian Doctrine, E. Nurse.

#### STANDARD III.

(B. Division.)  
S. Cullen, C. Cooper, F. O'Dea, L. Power, M. Power, J. Congdon, G. Wilson, G. Walsh, F. Tooton, J. Edstrom, V. Quigley, P. Brownrigg, E. Harris.

#### STANDARD II.

W. Higgins, D. Howley, F. O'Dea, H. Knight, F. James, J. Kent, E. Henley, G. Kieley.

#### STANDARD I.

E. Fitzpatrick, F. Fitzgerald, L. Fallon, F. Smythe, T. Tooton, D. Daly, J. Carter, F. Murphy, (Jr.)

#### PRIMER.

W. Ryan, J. Dwyer, J. Murphy, A. Whalen, R. Quigley, A. Keane, L. Lee, L. Kearney.

### Springdale St. School Prize Distribution

This evening the annual Prize Distribution of Springdale Street School will be held in the Synod Hall. In addition to the various exercises demonstrating the work conducted in the school, the programme will include a short play called "The Key to Knowledge" by the Senior Pupils. The prizes will be distributed by His Lordship the Bishop.

### Hockey League Meets This Afternoon

The annual meeting of the N.B. Hockey League takes place this afternoon at five o'clock in the office of the President, Hon. W. J. Higgins, when arrangements will be made for the season's games. It is understood that the same teams which were in the League last year will again be represented, but whether anything can be done to bring in a visiting team has not yet been considered.

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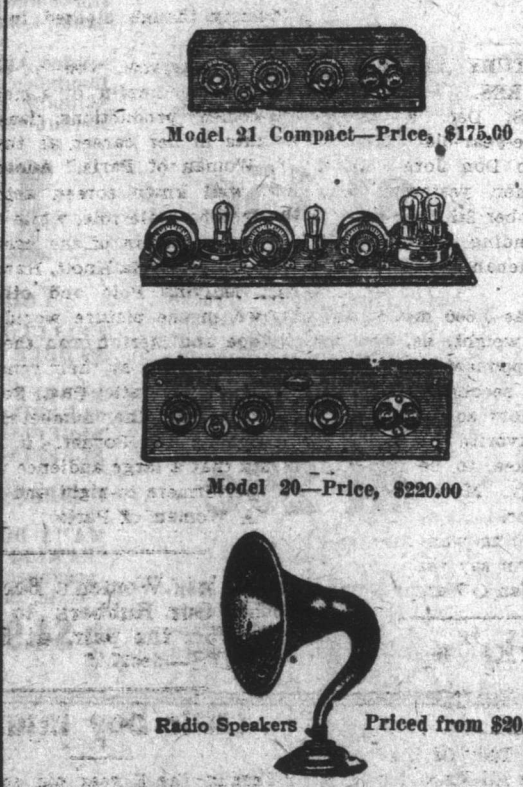
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