

ST. JOSEPH'S FORTIETH CLOSING.

The busy pleasing season of commencement is here, or perhaps we should say of the closings, and delighted students over our broad Dominion are hastening to their wished for homes after separation from loved ones for the year or half year as may be. Among those who shut up books and packed valises and gaily wended their way to wharf or station with many farewells and good wishes to parting friends, were the young lady pupils of St. Joseph's Academy, to enjoy their well earned vacation after laborious school work, whose brilliant results were in part given to the public at the reception tendered the Governor-General at the convent, December last, when Lord and Lady Aberdeen graciously distributed the University and Education Department awards won by St. Joseph's fair graduates at the examinations of 1897; what the pupils have accomplished from that period till the present the honor and prize lists will best tell, and the July examinations of 98 will probably confirm.

'Twas a bright and cultured closing, though private, the Fortieth Annual Distribution, and the programme which daintily made conspicuous the numerical, caused one to think of the rapid flight of time, and the many bright winsome maidens that appeared in other days on the pretty platform; many, also have crossed the dark river, all the better fitted however for the perilous voyage, for the spiritual guidance received within convent walls; and others of the erstwhile school girls now struggle fiercely perhaps on life's ocean, though with joy he said they have the compass of faith to guide them and the pole star of religion to lead them on.

But no such thoughts as these seemed to fill the minds of the happy pupils gathered together on the festive 21st; past and future for them were blended together in one blissful present and bright eyes shone merrily, and youthful voices sang blithely and cheerily and all the more musically as the prospect of home-going now at last became a pleasing reality.

The closing exercises opened with the crowning of Miss Mary Josephine Downey of Brockville, Ont., graduate of '98, who having passed Departmental Examinations some two years ago, receives St. Joseph's honor to enhance her past successes. Then followed one of Sofya's airy choruses beautifully rendered, its parts being admirably taken; one might well have imagined oneself in woodland scenes so blithely did the hunter's call fall upon the ear. An instrumental grand duo by Brahms was brilliantly executed by the Misses Clavet, Curtis, B. Curtis, Daly, Hughes and Powers who showed throughout their knowledge of technique and delicate skilful touches of light and shade. A pretty scene was the distribution of prizes to the little ones, who crowded the large stage, forming a numerous band of themselves and looking like rich clusters of bright-colored blossoms as thickly crowding the platform they sang their happy song to the "summer winds" like the gentle zephyrs they so ideally portrayed. A violin duo from Mascagni by the Misses Downey and Falconbridge was excellently rendered, one of the performers especially seeming to touch the bow with a master's hand; while Miss Clavet showed her faultless taste and perfect execution in her admirable solo "Rhapsodie Hongroise" No. 2.—List. Of the rendering and the skilful rendering too of other pieces on the programme, space does not permit us to speak. On their completion the honors were conferred and premiums presented by His Grace the Archbishop and the reverend clergy present among whom were noted Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., Rev. Dr. Teefy, LL.D., Rev. Fathers Hand, F. Ryan, McEntee, Minehan, McBrady, O'Donoghue, Miller, Stuhl, Fraehon, Robleider, Walsh, Reath, Maddigan, McDevry, Murray, Le Marche, Dollard, W. McCann.

Dr. May represented the Education Department, whose awards he distributed. When the fortunate prize winners had returned to their places His Grace in addressing the pupils pointed out in an emphatic manner the solidity of the training received at St. Joseph's; he was always deeply pleased, he said to see the academy filled with pupils for the excellent education imparted. He counselled the young ladies to remember the beautiful lesson of holiness taught, and to bear with them from the Convent those pure memories of happy days. He wished one and all a most happy vacation, and in a particular manner hoped that peace and joy be the portion of those whose last year at St. Joseph's had arrived.

The Reverend guests then retired to the Reception Hall, where fine specimens of painting and needlework designs too dainty and unique to enclose, were on exhibition. Among the beautiful ones being seen Miss Kari's beautiful china painting for which she received the Provincial Art Medal. As only one medal for China Painting is awarded by the Education Department, St. Joseph's is to be congratulated on her pupils' success. The

Misses Konny, Partridge, Willmott in this department also showed some good work, exhibiting rare delicacy of touch and finish. In needlework the Misses Rosar and Irwin showed some beautiful lake and forest scenes in delicately wrought, durable and carefully finished, and the latter in a most commendable way, particularly in the delicacy of the lace and drawn work of the Misses Downey, Curtis, Falconbridge, Burke and Power. The Misses Blanche Murphy and Marjorie Partridge displayed the best specimen of that most necessary of all needlework plain sewing; their exhibits were much admired.

Considering the school record of '97 '98, St. Joseph's scholastic results prove that Convent education is indeed keeping abreast of the times. What would strike a discriminating observer at this grand educational institution is the spirit and love of work displayed by the pupils; the academy teaching staff does so fully understand one of their principal duties as teachers, namely, not alone to conduct their pupils along the path of knowledge but to teach their disciples how to labor for themselves; by suggestion to set reason and imagination to work and thus make their pupils think; soon the will is educated and character developed, and if from their position in the universe women make or mar God-given character how much must the world owe, though it knows it not, to Convent training. Let us hope that St. Joseph's will continue to add to its laurels year by year and steadily retain its present foremost place among Canadian Educational Institutions.

LIST OF HONORS.

Bronze Medal—Presented by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., for Christian Doctrine and Church History. Competed for by the pupils of the First Course—obtained by Miss McGee.

Graduating Medal—Awarded to Miss Mary Josephine Downey, E. de M., Brookville, Ont., for lady-like deportment, superiority in English, Mathematics and Natural Science; excellence in English grade instrumental music, awarded a distinction in French, German and Latin; honorable mention in Eloquence, Violin and Needlework.

Gold Medal—Presented by the Most Rev. John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, for superiority in English, equally merited by the Misses Casseley and B. Curtis—obtained by Miss Isabelle Curtis.

Governor General's Medal—Presented by His Excellency, the Earl of Aberdeen, for excellence in English Literature—obtained by Miss Rose Casseley.

Gold Medal—Presented by the Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., for excellence in six grade instrumental music—awarded to Miss M. Daly.

Gold Medal—Presented by the Rev. F. Ryan, for excellence in French—awarded to Miss Falconbridge.

Gold Medal—Presented by the Rev. L. Minehan for superiority in Mathematics, awarded to Miss McCormack.

Bronze Medal and Teacher's Certificate—awarded by the Education Department at the Provincial Art Examinations, for china painting, to Miss Farr.

Gold Medal—Presented by Sir Frank Smith for superiority in Natural Science—awarded to Miss Carmel Sullivan.

Gold Medal—Presented by Hugh Ryan, Esq. for excellence in commercial department, obtained by Miss Rowena Reath.

Gold Medal—Presented by A. Elliott, Esq. for excellence in plain and fancy needlework, equally merited by the Misses B. Murphy and Partridge, obtained by Miss Partridge.

Gold Bracelet—Presented by Mrs. J. J. Kenny, for lady-like deportment, fidelity to duty and observance of rule, equally merited by the Misses Downey, Doran, Casseley, Hughes, Burke, Daly, Mulcahy, Rheaume, O'Keefe, Coyle, Partridge and Willmott—obtained by Miss Burke.

Gold Medal—Presented by a friend, for excellence in counterpoint, harmony and history of music—awarded to Miss Hughes.

Silver Medal—Presented by the Rev. F. R. Easby for Christian Doctrine in Junior department—awarded to Miss Maguire.

Gold Pin for the greatest improvement in Fennanship in senior department—awarded to Miss Patton.

Crown for Charity in conversation, awarded to Miss Hamilton.

Crown for Amiability in first course by vote of teachers and companions, awarded to Miss Patton.

Crown for Amiability in second course, Miss Werry.

Crown for Amiability in third course Miss Mary Ryan.

Crown for satisfaction in St. Cecilia's choir, equally merited by the Misses Downey, Doran, Curtis, B. Curtis, Casseley, McGee, Hughes, Patton, Daly, Rheaume, Reath, Meahan, K. O'Keefe, Partridge, Willmott, J. Murphy, Q. Murphy, Mulcahy, O'Connor, Powers, Kearns, Wilson, E. Wilson, Eringo, Kow, Maguire, Werry, Welch, Healy, obtained by Miss Kathleen Healy.

Crown for satisfaction in Holy Angela's choir, equally merited by Misses Murray, McCormack, Stowers, A. O'Connor, Murphy, Power, A. Power, Clark, Ryan, M. Ryan, K. Murray, J. Coyle, Fogg, B. Fogg,

Heinrich, obtained by Miss Beatrice Fogg.

Crown in day school for lady-like deportment and fidelity to duty, equally merited by the Misses Murphy, McCormack, Falconbridge, Lawrence, O'Byrne, L. Murphy, E. Gillies, Mc Mahon, obtained by Miss McMahon.

Crown for application in day school, equally merited by the Misses Falconbridge, Murphy, B. Murphy, McCormack, O'Byrne, Miller, Sedgewick, and A. Marner, obtained by Miss Falconbridge.

Prizes in senior department awarded to those pupils who obtained 60 per cent on the final examinations.

SENIOR "A" CLASS.

English—The Misses O'Meara, Murphy, Doran, Hamilton, McGee, McCormack, Sullivan, Meahan, Fitzgerald, Egan, Falconbridge, Wilson, Matheson.—The Misses McGee, O'Meara, Hamilton and B. Curtis.

Latin—Special prize, Miss McGee. First prize, the Misses Doran and McGee.

French—The Misses McCormack, Murphy, McGee, O'Meara and Doran. German—Special prize, Miss McCormack. First prize, the Misses Doran and McGee.

Natural Science—The Misses Murphy, O'Meara, McCormack, McGee, Doran, Hamilton and B. Curtis.

Eloquence—Merited by the Misses Downey, Doran, Falconbridge, Wilson, Casseley, Sullivan and B. Curtis, obtained by Miss Wilson.

Music—Second prize, fourth grade, instrumental music, awarded to Miss B. Curtis. First prize, fifth grade, awarded to Miss Casseley. Honorable mention for violin, first prize in fourth grade, Miss Wilson.

Prize for guitar, Miss Fitzgerald. Needlework—Special prize for lace work, Miss B. Curtis.

Prize for plain sewing, Miss Wilson.

JUNIOR "A" CLASS.

English—The Misses Reath, Mulcahy, Curtis, May Power, Adele Falconbridge, Miller, Lawrence, O'Keefe, K. O'Keefe, Partridge.

Mathematics—The Misses Reath, Mulcahy, Miller, A. O'Keefe, K. O'Keefe, Adele Falconbridge, May Power.

French—The Misses Irene Murphy and Egan.

Music—Special prize in instrumental music, awarded to Miss Powers.

First prize, seventh grade, Miss Curtis.

First prize, sixth grade, Miss Burke. First prize, fifth grade, Miss Mulcahy.

First prize, fourth grade, merited by the Misses Lawrence and May Power. First prize, third grade, merited by the Misses O'Keefe.

First prize, fourth grade theory, Miss Partridge.

First prize, fifth grade theory, Miss May Power.

ART CERTIFICATES.

Awarded by the Education Department for model memory, freeland and perspective drawing to the Misses O'Keefe, K. O'Keefe, Reath, Willmott, Miller, Partridge, Lawrence, Mulcahy, Fitzgerald and Somers.

Prize for water color painting, Miss Partridge.

Second prize for Drawing, the Misses O'Keefe and Lawrence, obtained by Miss Lawrence.

Photography—Prize equally merited by the Misses J. Murphy and M. O'Byrne—obtained by Miss O'Byrne.

PROMOTED.

To Junior "A," Senior Division.—The Misses Power, Adele Falconbridge, Whalen and Partridge.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Prizes in Junior Department awarded to the pupils who obtained the highest marks in English and Mathematics.

First prize in Senior "B," Class awarded to Miss Sedgewick.

Second prize awarded to Miss Werry.

First prize in Junior Division awarded to Miss H. McMahon.

Second prize awarded to Miss Kathleen Healy.

Prize for Christian Doctrine in Day School, awarded to Miss Pauline Foy.

Music—First prize, fifth grade instrumental music, merited by the Misses Patton and Q. Murphy.

First prize in fourth grade, merited by the Misses O'Connor, O. Murphy, Pringle and Rosar.

Second prize, awarded to Miss A. O'Connor.

Prize for French, awarded to Miss Sedgewick.

Music—First prize in fourth grade instrumental music, merited by the Misses E. Wilson, M. Kow and A. Fogg.

First prize in third grade, merited by the Misses G. Fox, L. Alberti and K. Clark, obtained by Miss Fox.

Honorable mention, violin, Miss E. Wilson.

Honorable mention, guitar, Miss J. Coyle.

Prize for observance of rule, Miss A. O'Connor.

PROMOTED. To Senior "B," Junior Division.—The Misses F. Crooker, E. B. Crooker, A. O'Connor, E. Wilson, M. Foy, M. Kearns, A. Fogg and Rheaume.

To Senior "C," Senior Division.—The Misses Chamberlain, A. Power, and Marner.

SENIOR SECOND. Prizes awarded to the Misses Mary Ryan, B. Fogg, Hazel Dean, L. Alberti, M. Lee, G. Fox, K. Clark, H. Leonard and N. O'Sullivan.

JUNIOR SECOND. Prizes awarded to the Misses Vera Bolton, N. Ward, F. O'Connor, V. Oulliton, M. Barnes, Gladys O'Leigh.

PREPARATORY CLASS. Prizes awarded to the Misses Myrnam Elmsley, J. O'Sullivan, K. Foy and B. Kelly.

Prizes for improvement in the Kindergarten class, awarded to Marguerite Clark, Marjorie O'Leigh, Clara Murphy and Violet Edwards.

Prizes for being good little girls, awarded to Mario McIntosh, Gladys Foy, Florry Foy, A. Mason, Madeline Oulliton, Isabel Alberti and Marie Curtis.

Prize for observance of rule, awarded to Miss Marguerite Clark.

Prize for sewing obtained by Nano Ward.

PROMOTED. To Senior "Q," Junior Division.—The Misses M. Ryan, Lee, Fogg, Alberti, O'Sullivan, Leonard, Dean, Clark and Fox.

To Senior second—V. Bolton, N. Ward, M. Barnes, V. Oulliton.

ST ALOYSIUS' SCHOOL. Prizes in third class awarded to the Masters Norman Zaninera and Allan Crooker.

Prizes in second class, awarded to Masters E. Foy, Miller, Kelly, Higgins and O'Sullivan.

Prizes in part second class, awarded to Masters W. Falby, F. Leonard, Newman, McIntosh, Ernest Moncrief, Howard Moncrief, George Madden, John Napolitano and Fred. Foy.

Prizes in part first class, awarded to Masters Joseph Muto, J. Fox, Frank O'hanna and Edmund Clark.

Prizes for observance of rule merited by Masters O'Sullivan, Leonard, Miller and Madden—obtained by Frank Leonard.

Hon. John Costigan as an Explorer.

OTTAWA, JUNE 15.—Hon. John Costigan leaves on Saturday on an extended exploratory tour to the Canadian North West. Mr. Costigan will travel by canoe principally and expects to be absent until October and may not get back until January or February, 1899. Mr. Costigan will go first to Edmonton and will there hire three men. They will travel across country to the Athabaska river and go thence to the Lesser Slave river and afterwards to the Lesser Slave lake. From there he will travel up the Peace river to the junction of the Finlay and Parsnip rivers. He expects to reach the Oménica district by the time winter sets in, and returning he will come by way of Smoky river. Mr. Costigan goes prepared to stand a hard winter, but if caught he will come out by the Smoky river trail to Edmonton. Mr. Costigan and a number of friends which he proposes to travel. While away he will prospect and examine the country. The timber, mineral and agricultural resources and available water powers will be noted and upon his return Mr. Costigan will report to his friends. He is taking two specially constructed canoes.

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To Senior "B," Senior Division.—The Misses Healy, H. McMahon, Q. Murphy, Willmott, Maguire, Clark, Walsh, Murray and O'Connor.

First prize in Senior "C," Senior Division. Awarded to Miss Florence Crooker.

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