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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

in the different institutions, the distribution of prizes, with the accompanying entertainments will take It may not be entirely out of place, since others have dwelt upon the subject, to occupy a brief space in dealing with this matter. We were rather amused on reading some comments which appeared in one of our American Catholic contemporaries in regard to the closing exercises in the schools. We do not know exactly how our readers will view the question. Here are the comments:---"Our esteemed contemporary, "The

Catholic Columbian,' offers a timely suggestion on a matter of common interest, that will not come amlss even beyond the immediate field so ably cultivated by the 'Columbian.' The Ohio journals appeals to the fa-culties of schools and colleges and those charged with the arrangement of programmes of 'closing exercises for such institutions, to consider also the comfort and powers of endurance of patrons of this form of en tertainment. It reminds whom it may concern, that grown folk do not care for tiresome plays produced by children. They get weary of essays that reach the empyrean and of

musical pieces that only a Paderew ski could properly play "Give us a simple propramme few songs, some class work that will show what the pupils have learned, a piece of declamation or two, and a little good music by some expert performers. Then choose for speakers men who have sense enough to 'cut it short' on a hot night in June, when the prize medal is more than a master's oration and when the audience are out of temper for a sermon disguised as an address.

"To all of which a fervent and heartfelt 'Amen!' will ascend from thousands of responsive hearts of 'grown up,' throughout the length and breadth of this blessed land."

From the standpoint of the aged, the infirm, the hurried business man. and the generally disinterested, or rather uninterested, this is very fine. If it is such a fatigue to attend the closing exercises of the school, why not refrain from going? If parents have no more ambition for or pride in their children than to wish to get away as soon as possible, they should let it be understood in a less public manner. There are a h

SCHOOL EXERCISES.—The sea-son is rapidly approaching when the school term will be over, and when, but we cannot sympathize with the people who advocate the abolition of prizes, and who would reduce the school's closing exercises to a merclass review on an extended scale We do not believe in placing the slightest damper upon the legitimate aspirations, ambitions, or enjoy ments of the young, and especially when such would merely be for the gratification of the whims or conveniences of those who should have at heart the success and the mappi ness of the younger generations, We hope the day will not come in this

country when children will no longer work with eyes fixed hopefully upo the prize distribution of closing exercises.

> TO PROLONG LIFE.-Here com another of these dreamers who wants to prolong human life to about double its present "allotted span, ' and who claims that the one hundred and fortieth year will bring with it a welcoming of death. We are not going to enter into the details of a subject, that, like many of a kindred nature, are merely of a semisensational class. They are claims to depth, scientific knowledge, and medical research, based upon wild theories that invariably spring from an anti-Christian source. Here is the startling announcement:-

Paris, April 30.-At last the Pas-teur Institute has spoken definitely of its cytotozic serums, the best known of which is that against "old age"-that is to say, senile decay At last Professor Elie Metchnikoff has fixed the minimum limit of man's natural life as promised by it. At last the fear and agony of death is promised to be done away with for those willing to live by the rules of

a scientific hygiene. In an epoch-making book of what Professor Metchnikoff describes as "optimistic philosophy" and entitles "Studies in Man's Natural History," fear of death is promised to becom

eys and so forth-to obtain, a few

ing his one hundred and fortieth into the blue empyrean-disappearing year shall begin to feel himself "full in the glory that human eye hath not seen and amidst angelic hymns of days." This is refreshing as a theory; but of welcome that human ear hath not when it comes down to practical inever heard. It was on a mountain-top that the ark rested aftee the devestigation we find that the great inventor, or discoverer, as the case may be, falls back upon the privi-leges of professional secrecy. He has luge; on a mountain-top that the thundered by the Allaws were mighty to Moses; on a mountain-top not yet fully developed his scheme, uration took place or he has jusr come within sight o on a mountain-top that the Son of God defeated the tempter; on a mountain-top that the crucifixion the solution, or, at some later pe-riod he will be in a position to tell excuses why they could not attend but not one excuse for impatienc once they have gone there. All this the world just exactly how he is go took place; and it was meet that is purely from the worldly standing to obtain the much-vaunted refrom a mountain-top the Savior of point; the matter is simply considerthe world should ascend to His Faed in the light of the rush and tum-ble methods of affairs at present. Some one has asked this particular ther in Heaven. professor to hurry and prepare the And now that He has ascended, we But the closing exercises are espe-cially intended for the pupils. and no person seems to look at it from serums for practical use. In order that we may all live to attain the are to look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the fires of Pentecost, and to the fulfilment of every promise that Christ made concerning the perpetuity of His Church.

of murder, if he could procure heart, est, he stepped respectfully brain, or any other organ from a hu- though his bare feet must tread amman being. But when even the re- ong thorns or in the gutter. "I do sult is simply a theoretical one, we that," he said, "to render homage cannot possibly conceive how he is to our holy Lady, the Virgin Mary." going to get the material needed in his speculative operation.

this, as well as all such theories and lics. There are we know not how experiments, are simply so much many children of the Church, who, numbug and are so many precestined failures. It is absolutely useless for any man, no matter what may be his scientific attainments, to attempt to wrestle with the order of nature. If one man could possibly overcome death, could prolong even his life into the hundreds, it might be accepted as a commencement of proof that the story of Eden, 85 vell as that of the Redemption and Resurrection, might be fiction. But until some one can, by actual performance, establish that death has not been made a general law that of the most unfortunate tendencies can bear of no exception-save that of God's own death and resurrection -we have no need of running counter of the entire and unbroken experience of ages, which establishes the great truth that it is written "that every man shall die." All these puny efforts, which amount to nothing, save the confusion of their perpetrators, simply go to show ho w vainly man seeks to escape from the consequences of a Divine Law, which he would gladly efface, but which remains to his eternal confusion.

THE ASCENSION, -On Thurs day last the Church celebrated, with usual pomp and ceremony, the great east of the Ascension. It was on that day that Our Divine Lord com-pleted his earthly career. In fact, hood.

from the Christmas night at Bethlehem, till the Sunday morning of the Resurrection, curing all those thir-ty-three years, the Son of God performed to the letter the prophetic announcements of the Old Testament. And after that arising from the grave, He deemed it well to establish the fact of His triumph, by remaining for forty days on earth, appearing at intervals to various peo ple, and giving His Apostles and

other followers tangible proof of His divinity. But finally the time came; and after those forty days, He deided to return in glory to His Father, to await the coming of others, to watch over His Church, to send the Holy Ghost to enlighten and guide Her, and to leave the bark of Peter to breast the waves of succeeding centuries, until such time as it would please Him to return to judge the living and the dead.

Therefore on that memorable Thursday He went up to the mountain top, and there, while surrounded by His friends, His Apostles, His Disciples, and the Holy Women, He said farewell to them, gave them parting admonitions, and slowly adesire for death when man on reach rose, before their eyes, and ascended

This simple practice of the holy monk, is one that, in another sphere The fact of the matter is that is carried out by countless Cathothrough their devotion to the Bless ed Virgin, and the teachings they have received in that direction, have an admiration, a respect, a ceal veneration for womanhood. They love their mothers, siste!s, wives, or daughters, as the tase may be; but they see in all good woman the type of the one whose name is called Blessed by every generation. It is a holy sentiment that sways them; and they owe it to the grand dogmas concerning Mary that have been taught by the Church of Christ. One

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of Protestantism is that whereby its adherents disregasd the claims of the Mother of God. The result of this unholv sentiment is to be noted in all the ramifications of society, and in the very homes of the people. That regard for the heart and feelings of woman that should mark the Christian are not to be found. The result is that divorce walks in and shatters the domestic hearth, that infidelity makes its appearance and effaces all idea of happiness, that sin leaves the heritage of shame to the offspring and that the whole social fabric has become rotten to the core. How different the case with those who love and venerate the Mother of God, and see the reflection of her glories in the form of less perfect woman

THE SWAY OF VANITY .- In the Scripture we are told of the severe account that the unfaithful steward had to render for the talents con fided to him and which he had squandered. It would seem, if we judge the world to-day, by the millions of dollars that are wasted or vanities, that there are not a few unfaithful stewards aliroad, and that the reckoning will be terrible when that day comes. In a report cor cerning the importation of diamonds and other jewels into the United States, in which it is sought to show, how very much the trade has been revolutionized by new methods, we find the following statement:-"In 1897 the importations were \$6,276,729; \$10,162,941; 1899, \$17,-208,531; 1900, \$113,561,588. These values were further enhanced by the setting of these stones when they were put on the market here and the work necessary to make them thus

wearable." This means that in four years, \$147,209,789 worth of diamonds and other precious stones was imported into the United States. This does not include, by any means, the vast amounts of less pure and less costly jewels that are sold year. Now the question that flashes on our mind is this: how many people in that country invest in these stones? There is no doubt that a far greater sum than that above mentioned is spent in this ornament-ation luxury. We are not finding

men have become so contented with this life that they fear the possibility of being taken away from its en joyments, or else they are becoming morally degenerate that - they

dread death on account of its cons quences. In another column we refer to the fad of a scien-tist. Be it the one of the other case, it is a positive fact that th world has gone mad seeking for some artificial means of prolonging mortal life. People grasp at every straw The moment a quack appears with some new-fangled theory of prolong ation of life, men seize on it as if it were a promise of salvation, and cling to it as the drawing man would to a piece of timber.

Then every imaginable being tried to augment the physical powers of endurance, to build up constitutions, to prepare the system to meet and to conquer death- or rather to keep it off as long as it is possible. Very different the thoughts

aims of the religious of other days and even of to-day. While they do not court death, they have no ho: ror of its ultimate consequences They accept the inevitable, they bow willingly to the will and plan of God, and they occupy their time ra ther in preparing for the next life and thus in drawing the only great sting from Death.

But the man of the hour looks up on them as dreamers, fanatics, fools and in his wisdom he goes on hunt ing for the means of attaining the unattainable, and when comes th end-as it must come to him, soone or later-he is absolutely unprepared for the change, unready to enter in-to the new existence, unfit to face the ordeal of eternity. It is then that he learns that he it is that was

the real dreamer, the actual fanatic the positive fool.

Happenings in

Sherbrooke In the diocese of Sherbrooke, with the approval of Mgr. Falconio, for-Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. La mer rocque has establish a most unique museum. In English the institution might be called the Blessed Virgin's Museum; or some other such term to indicate that it is a place pre-

pared for the reception, collection and exposition of all manner of objects that in any way tend to the glory of Mary, or the propagation of a devotion to her as the Mother of God.

It is a regular museum, containing ever species of object calculated to show the extent to which the devotion to the Blessed Virgin has been practised since the time of Christ From the most tiny medal to the largest masterpiece of painting, from the minute statuette to the facsimilies of the Bulls promulgating dogmas concerning Her, this museum will contain a veritable testimony to the glories of Mary.

tries have taken an interest in the

institution and have forwarded contributions and exhibits. From Bel-

gium alone have come statuettes of

Our Lady of Courtrai, and about

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Catholic Sailors' Club,

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Branch No. 54, C.M.B.A., assisted by their friends, and a number of the eamen of ships in port, furnished a most enjoyable program for the weekly concert of the Catholic Sailrs' Club on Wednesday evening last, The chair was occupied by Mr. Cornelius O'Brien, Chancellor the Branch and a stalwart worker in Catholic fraternal and Irish national organizations of this city.



MR. CORNELIUS O'BRIEN. **.....**

In opening the proceedings, Mr. O'Brien made a very enthusiastic speech, during the course of which he eulogized the management of the Sailors' Club for their admirable work in aid of visiting seamen.

The following ladies and gentlenen contributed to the programme: Miss M. Dineen, accompanieó Miss Brunet; Messrs. Jos. Maiden, Thos. F. Cudehy, Johnson, D. Allen, Holland, Master Riddle, sailor's hornpipe; the enthusiastic and talented veteran, P. Morning. The following seamen also assisted: Wm. Ferris, Glenarm Head; Wm. Wittang, J. Woodworth, Clem Fith, steamship Monteagle; John Carey, steamship Dominion; Wm. Sweeney, steamship Jacona; J. Davis, steamship Roman; Miss Orton, accompanist. The concert next Wednesday will be under the management of St. Ann's Church choir, directed Ly Prof. P. J. Shea.



Mr. John P. Roche, well known in athletic and musical circles of Montreal and for nearly two decades associated with the editorial department of the "Gazette," of this city, died on Wednesday last, after an illness of two months.

Mr. Roche was born in Dublin, Ire., forty-three years ago, but spent a good deal of his boyhood in Fngland, where he received his education. In 1876, the year of the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia. he took up his residence at the Qu ker City. After residing several years in Philadelphia and Boston he came to Montreal. He will be lamented by a wide c'rcle of friends. As a newspaper writer he wielded a clever pen. While he devoted his career to the inviting field of athletics, he was well versed in literature, art and music. Mr. Roche made the Lenten sion, conducted by the Passionist Fathers in St. Patrick's Church, a few months ago, and during his was attended by Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, of St. Patrick's and Rev. Father Reilly, of the Hotel Dieu. As we go to press, the funeral is being held to St. Patrick's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass will be chant-ed, after which the remains are to be transferred to Cote des Neiges etery for interment. May his soul rest in peace.

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no person seems to look at it from their standpoint. It must not be forgotten that this sevent takes place only once in each year, and that the children look for-ward, during long months, for the enjoyment and triumph that it will afford them. Each one of them, from the oldest to the most tiny lad, has his personal ambitions, and is any low to have his turn in the dis-play. It may not be of much im-portance to the reporter, or the business man, or the politician; but it is of paramount importance to the boy, or girl. And wa are of the opinion that the young people should be allowed this their own field-day in full. They have served by their work during the past hime or ten months; and they should be afforded be encouragement that they be ichyl deserve. It is thus that we consider the subject.

their standpoint.

iorses (or other proper animals) cer-ain human organs finely mashed — uch as the brain, heart, liver, kid-A TRIBUTE TO MARY .-- It has been repeatedly stated that the Church, in honoring, as she does, neys and so forth-to obtain, a few weeks later, serums acting on those organs in man. In reality, how-ever, the task is difficult. Where are we to get the human organs?" That is exactly the question. At first the Professor cried out that it was vary easy to do what he had been asked to do; but when if comes to a practical test he fails behind the trenches of the difficulties in ex-eution. Where is he going to get the man who will consent to be ne-wifned even for the procuring of such a boon for the rest of the hu-man race? Even were the result a horegoine certainty we doubt, short been repeatedly stated that the Church, ih honoring, as she does, the Bleessed Virgin Mary, has done more, than all other influences com-bined, for the elevation of woman-hood and the happiness, honor, and glory of the mothers of the human race. We could not find a more de-lightful illustration of this great truth than in a certain trait referred to by Charles Wagner, in one of his adm;rable pages. He said:--Buso, the great monk and mystic, one of the simplest and best men that ever lived, had a couching cus-tom. Whenever he encountered a wo-man, were she the poorent and old-

fault exactly with the trade, nor do we say that people possessed of great wealth should not devote a portion of it to such objects. But we are struck with the absurd vanity of the whole matter. Vanity, we mean in the sense of practical use

photographs of the Madonnas of Imagine one hundred and fifty mil-Rubens, Van Dyck and other Flem lion dollars given to the cause of education, or to works of mercy, or to the eleviating of poventy, the ish painters. Also an original painting that was used as a model building up of homes for the indig-ent, the protection of the orphan, the the making of the superb banner of Our Lady of Lourdes. There are also a vast number of monographes that give a fine idea of the faith of care of the sick, infirm, or aged. See to what a length such would go. It the Belgian people in the Immaculate would actually change the lives Virgin Mary. thousands. But it is spent stones that sparkle, that adorn the Rev. Abbe Lavallee leaves on Jun the person, that can neither feed body nor clothe it, that can neither instruct the mind nor elevate the

20th for Europe, and especially in Italy will be seek out material for the decorations of this unique muse-um. It will take years to complete instruct the mind nor elevate the soul. This may be a peculiar way of considering the subject. but we could not help being struck with the enormous figures that tell the story of the vanitles of life in the great world's social domain. How man-of these dollars will be marked down as squandered talents in the great book of the Recording Angel? um. It will take years to complete the work: If ever it can be said to be completed, for there will always be soniething new, in books, pam-phlets, prayers, pictures, etc. that tend to glorify the Mother of God. It will, we trust, become a real monument of devotion for Canada, and will certainly be the means of drawing down upon our country the blessings of God through the inter-cession at His Holy Mother.

A NEW CHURCH.

A handsome church is being erect-ed in Kilcoe, Co. Cork, in the centre of the parish and near the public read. Its site was given by Lieut.-Col. Townsheed.

THE CRAZE FOR LIFE .- Either