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The Two Crowns. Successful Drama by St. Anthony's Young Men's Society at Monument National.

St. Anthony's Young Men's Club scored a decided success at the Monument National Thursday afternoon and evening, when, on both occasions, the spacious hall was crowded.

In the afternoon the children of St. Anthony's and other parishes enjoyed the play immensely. Several of the Christian Brothers and their pupils also attended.

The President, Mr. P. T. Hoobin, in his opening address, said: Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: Your presence here this evening in such large numbers shows the confidence you have in St. Anthony's Young Men.

The drama, entitled "The Two Crowns," is a religious one. The scene of the play is laid in Seville, Spain, between the sixth and seventh centuries, and recalls the times when the Visigoths, with the doctrine of Arius, attempted to change the people's faith.

The scenery was excellent, the costumes gorgeous, and the acting good. Mr. P. C. Collins as Leovig, King of the Visigoths; Mr. Fred. J. Hogan as Hermigild, Governor of Seville; Mr. P. A. Flood as Ricard, brother of Hermigild, and Mr. W. M. Liston as Goewin, High Chancellor to the King, interpreted their parts in a manner which stamped them as artists.

November 28th will be a red-letter day in the annals of St. Anthony's Young Men's Society. It will form, we hope, a bright link in an endless chain of successes for the club, not only in the drama line but in other works as well.

ORGAN RECITAL AT NOTRE DAME. Mr. J. D. Dussault, organist of Notre Dame, gave an organ recital on Sunday afternoon last in the church.

The Poet of the Habitant. Rev. Gerald McShane

Gives Lecture Recital Before Appreciative and Cultured Audience in Toronto.

It was before a large and cultured audience that the Rev. Gerald McShane delivered a lecture on Monday evening in Temple Building, Toronto, upon the "Poet of the Habitant," given under the joint auspices of the Canadian Catholic Union and the Loretta Alumnae Association.

Father McShane enlarged upon the characteristic of the habitant—the deep sense of religion; how he loves his priest, his faith, his village chapel, and said that "Drummond had understood this and his pictures, far from savoring of religious prejudice, form the most suitable refutation of those silly tales and stories of ignorant priests and superstitious people indulged in by certain caricaturists.

"No artist has ever drawn a more delicately faithful picture of the home life sanctified and ennobled by the influences of Roman Catholic religion. "No poet, even of our own belief, has sung so sweetly the beauties of our church, the impressiveness of our religious practices; none have eulogized more eloquently the mission of devotedness and self-sacrifice of the Catholic clergy."

The Habitant was delightfully portrayed throughout in his relations to faith and home, and as one who lived on his land and tilled it. The lecture was brightened by many stories showing the peculiar humor of the people portrayed. A unique ending was given it by Father McShane in inviting the audience to rise and join him in the chorus of "The Wreck of the Julie Plante."

At the end of the first part of the lecture Mrs. Fred. Woods sang Tosti's "Good-Bye." Miss George sang two numbers in a highly artistic manner and Mr. Leutensier, one of Toronto's favorites, added two popular numbers.

While refreshments were being served Rev. Father McShane held an informal reception. He was a very welcome guest in Toronto, and his return, he was assured, will be received with a cordial welcome by the new friends he made there.

St. Patrick's Social. The social being held this week in Nazareth Hall from Tuesday until Friday inclusive, under the auspices of the ladies of the parish to aid in paying off the debt upon St. Patrick's Boys' School, has been splendidly patronized.

The flower booth, whose sweet odors permeated every corner, was the favorite resort of the gentlemen, as displayed by the omnipresent bouquetiere, but they did not stop at that, for selfishness not being their predominant failing, they indeed loosened their purse strings to an alarming extent, helping to lessen the stock of many pretty things to be found no matter which way one turned.

was a display worthy of the Christmas stores, and so tastefully arranged were all these things. Bright, smiling faces, too, lent a charm which in many cases forced an otherwise reluctant sale.

Each afternoon and evening a reception was held in the prettily arranged and inviting tea room, which attracted the eye immediately upon entering the hall. The committee is as follows:—Mrs. E. S. Monk, convener, Mrs. P. S. Doyle, Mrs. M. Burke, Mrs. B. McNally, Mrs. D. Barry and Mrs. J. G. McCarthy.

Flower Booth.—Mrs. M. Stack, Mrs. T. Cowan, Mrs. A. McGarr, Mrs. B. Emerson, the Misses Jones, Misses L. and F. McCabe, Miss McKenna, Miss Kelly, the Misses Maloney, Miss Furlong and Miss Conroy.

St. Mary's Fair of Nations. The festivities included within the scope of the above heading opened on the evening of Monday, the 25th instant, and lasted until Thursday, 28th, inclusive.

Monday evening the formal opening took place. Tuesday evening saw a well-filled hall, when a grand concert took place, the following talent furnishing the pleasing incidents so much sought after on such occasions.

Wednesday evening again witnessed a well-filled hall to enjoy the pleasure of one of those hardy-contested, friendly games of euchre, so conducive to the amusement of the many pleasure-seekers.

On the whole the evening was an ideal one, partaking of such a character as to give those who attended a feeling of pleasure regarding the accomplishment of the year's work just ended and a solid reminder of the never-ceasing events in the same direction in the future.

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OBITUARY MISS EILEEN O'CONNOR. The death of Miss Eileen O'Connor occurred under particularly sad circumstances at the Hotel Dieu on Friday last.

Parish News of the Week ST. GABRIEL'S. Last Friday, feast of St. Cecilia, witnessed a scene of surpassing grandeur in the new St. Gabriel Academy, Centre street, when over five hundred people, ex-pupils, friends and parents of present pupils, assembled to do honor to the day.

ST. ANN'S. The dramatic section of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society gave a fine dramatic and musical entertainment entitled "The Exile's Return, on last Thursday evening.

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