

ness College; Misses E. Plaxton, A. Cameron, V. Poitras, B. Robb, M. Tennant, J. Lander, A. Courtney, G. Fawcett, C. Dorvall, and F. Baril.

The programme of the evening was of the high merit and standard which St. Mary's has long since maintained. The piano solo and duets were given in splendid time, and with good expression, the rendering of the "Storm King" Paull, being especially fine. The vocal choruses were sweet and in good tune, and the soloists, especially Miss Mona Tobin, revealed rich, quiet girlish voices. Miss Rhoda Simpson's violin selections were charming and brilliant, in exquisite tone shading and surprising technique, and the recitations by Misses Riberta Cass and Agnes Barry were given with clear enunciation, strong voice and very appropriate gesture.

Father Drummond, S.J., in his parting words to the girl graduates impressed the thought of the importance of the days just following commencement, when the steps taken may mould the life of the graduate pioneer in the trials and temptations of the world. The speaker warned the misses who would leave the academy that they should always be modest in the advantages they had received, and should remember that these days might only begin a life of study. The course of the academy had been well spent if the pupils had learned to study, better still, to think, and best of all, to shape and control one's character. "Quiet, self-mastery," Father Drummond characterized as the great achievement after all, and the students of St. Mary's had been well trained to this by the noble examples in the daily lives of the good Sisters of the Holy Names, who have devoted their lives to the education of the young.

(Sir Daniel, who followed, voiced the sentiments of Father Drummond, and expressed his congratulations, and those of Lady McMillan, on the excellence of the entertainment and also the work of the students as shown in the exhibit held yesterday and Sunday of fine needlework and painting.

The programme: Piano duet, "Le Postillon d'Amour," Behr, Misses M. Tait, M. Ducker, M. Bernhardt, A. Lauzon, K. McKusker, W. Green, G. Lindback, A. Caswell; greetings to His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, M. Bernhardt; chorus, "Come, where the Lillies bloom," "En toute chose il faut consider le fin," Yvonne Cauchon; piano solo, "Polonaise," Chopin, M. Tait, M. Bernhardt, A. Hauzan; graduating honors conferred on Miss Yvonne Cauchon; gold medal for proficiency in music, presented by Mason & Risch Co., awarded to Misses M. Bernhardt and M. Tait, recitation, "A Thought," Father Rujan, Miss Riberta Cass; vocal duet, "Juive et Chretienne," Concone, Misses E. Plaxton and M. Beauchamp; piano duet, "The Storm King," Paull, Misses M. Tait, M. Bernhardt, G. Lindback, R. Tait, J. Lauder, A. Caswell, Y. Prince, M. Ducker; recitation, "Jephthah's Daughter," Willis, Agnes Barry; violin solo, selected, R. Simpson.

Home Column.

COME UNTO ME.

Jesus is waiting to welcome the weary
Worn with the world's fruitless striving for peace,
Tired with a night watch that knoweth no morning,
Sick with a headache that earth cannot ease.

Jesus is waiting—He standeth and knocketh
Calling in love upon each one oppressed,
"Come unto Me sinner, weary and laden
I will refresh you and give you my rest."

"Long have you striven to find it without me,
Sought it in feelings emotional, vain,
These have all failed you, and still you are restless,
Striving to purchase what naught can obtain.

Will you not come? You need no preparation
Stay not to think, but come just as you are;
Bring nothing with you, for love giveth freely,
Peace, perfect peace, that no sorrow can mar.

Doubting and troubled one, can you not trust me?
Able to save you from every ill
Able to say to life's storm,
"Peace be still."

Oh, I am yearning to see you unburdened
Death did I suffer that you might be free;
Will you not come and by life consecration
Try to win others and bring them to Me!

—Charlotte Murray.

THE HAPPY HOME.

What a striking contrast presents itself when we compare the character of the thousands of homes which exist in our vast Dominion! Here is one overflowing with happiness and mirth, where beauty lingers in all its fairy forms. Beside it is another drenched with tears and haunted with the sobs and moans of broken hearts, where the angels of misery and want stalk hand in hand. The one is sought and admired as though the sunshine that lingers there was a life-giving value, while the other is loathed and avoided as though the pall that enshrouds it were contagious. Why the difference? In some instances the difference is explained in characters where all may read, while in others the secret is hid forever from mortal eyes. There are hundreds of palaces like mansions, furnished and surrounded by all the elegance and state that bespeak wealth and ease, but for all that bear an aspect anything but inviting. They are heartless, loveless and cheerless. Their occupants are fortune makers rather than home makers. There are thousands of others which hardly serve as shelters from the weather, where every day is its own provider, and yet one would hardly think that each of these contain an almost priceless treasure, happiness. The wretchedness of the place is dispersed and the rude hovel and its surroundings assume the nature of an earthly paradise, becoming the centre of attraction to its occupants. For them to live is to love, and to each the happiness of the other is the height of his or her ambition. To such it is home anywhere. Of course, this is not the only and unalterable line between the happy and unhappy home—only the extremes. Happiness lodges wherever it is welcomed and entertained. There is, therefore no just cause for wretchedness; the gems of happiness exist in every home and every life.

The one prime requisite of happiness in the home is love; not a blind, selfish passion, that glories only in some personal attraction, but that which owes its existence to the tie of kin, and includes all in its embrace. Where this exists all else is subordinated to its supreme reign, and all family regulations are engulfed in this one supreme law. The recognized heads of the family in business matters are also considered as the guardians of the social pleasures of the home. The father who is negligent in supplying the demands of the table and wardrobe, or who regards his wife as simply a house-keeper or servant instead of the companion of his bosom, or who looks upon his children as nuisances and burdens instead of heaven-sent flowers to brighten his path, can only hope to find his home constantly growing more dismal and uninviting. Again, the wife who fails to serve up the bounties provided, who disregards her high mission and duty, to



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study and try to gratify the desires of her husband, or who finds her chief pleasure in outside society, while the tranquil joys of home go begging for recognition, will soon find that a home neglected is a home destroyed.

One of the most admirable aids in securing happiness to the home is the ability to sacrifice. No other trait bears such a powerful influence, and there is none so sure to beget its like in others. There are many little pleasures and privileges falling to your lot for the enjoyment of which you would be no wiser or better, and the loss of which you would never feel, which might be more highly appreciated, and a source of greater happiness to others. Then, by all means let those have the pleasure who find most in it. This course followed soon brings a pleasure in seeing others revelling in pleasures that might have been yours but for your willingness to make others happy at the expense of a little selfish gratification.

Contentment is an indispensable essential to happiness. Happy are the persons who can adapt themselves to surrounding circumstances and who can see in their lot whatever and wherever it be, the kindness and wisdom of Providence. Discontent has a whole train of fatal consequences. Ill nature, discouragement, neglect of business, and finally despair, are all children of discontent. Without justice, also there can be neither love, confidence nor respect, on which all true domestic rule is founded. Erasmus speaks of Sir Thomas More's home as a "school and exercise of the Christian religion. No wrangling, no angry word was heard in it; no one was idle; every one did his duty with alacrity, and not without cheerfulness." The home is the woman's kingdom, her state, her world, where she governs by affection, by kindness, by the power of gentleness. There is nothing which so settles the turbulence of a man's nature as his union in life with a high-minded woman. In the home cheered by her presence, he finds rest, contentment and happiness, rest of brain and peace of spirit. He will also find in her, his best councillor, in youth a comfort and an ornament, and in maturer years, when life has ceased to be in anticipation, and we live in its realities—a faithful helpmate. What a happy man must Edward Burke have been when he could say of his home "every care vanishes the moment I enter under my own roof." The wife and mother gives refreshment by her sympathies rather than by her intellect. "The brain-women" says Oliver Wendell Holmes, never interest us like the heart-women. It is this characteristic sympathy of women which gives to home its charm, and to home and childhood reminiscences

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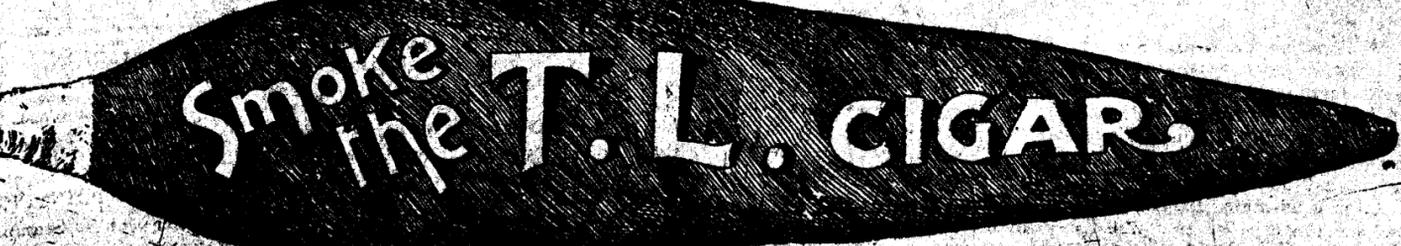
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