

THE CAT HOLIC RECORD.

LORETO CONVENT, HAMILTON.

The twenty fourth commanding exercises of Loreto Convent took place on Tuesday evening, 25th inst. Long before the hour for commencing, the beautiful grounds, embellished by art and nature combined, with the well-kept gravel walks beneath the large shady trees, the neatly-clipped hedges, verdant grass plots and beautiful flowers beds, making the air redolent with their perfume, was densely crowded by ladies and gentlemen. The general exclamation from all being "How beautiful!" His Lordship Bishop Dowling arrived at 4 o'clock. There were present the following priests: Very Rev. Vicar-General Keough, Very Rev. Cancellor Craven, Rev. Fathers Bardon, Cavanagh; Madigan, Dundas; McCrea, Smithville; Fleming, who is on visit at Dundas; McEvay, Brady, and Hincher, St. Mary's, Misses C. M. Connell, Edward Morris, Q. C., Major Moore, W. Kavanaugh, P. Hartie, H. Astor, E. A. Dapper, Grand Rapids, Mich.; J. F. Egan, J. H. Murphy, Dr. Baugh, Batterby, J. McKeon, J. Peacock and others. The paintings, fancy work and plain sewing exhibited, the work of the fair pupils, displayed great skill and proficiency, and rebound to the credit of the good ladies of Loreto, who imparted to their fair pupils such a chaste and refined culture.

The following are deserving of special notice:

PAINTING AND FANCY WORK.

Miss Ada Stevens, Galt, an oil painted mirror, a branch of apple blossoms, with birds and a fox peering out of the grass, a large oil painting, "Freemont's Peak"; another scene from Navajo Falls, a painting on glass mounted on garnet plush. Fancy work, a large panel of plush with snow balls and several beautiful tildies.

Kucken) (with violin obligato by Miss L. Littlehales), Miss Heffernan; operetta, "Voices of Nature" (N. B. Saenger); junior pupil; instrumental solo, "Danzins Mizukis," op. 54 (Godard); Misses Shaw, Slater, Stevens, Heffernan and Thomas; chorus, "Cheerfulness" (Gambert); recitation, "The Bell of Zora," Miss Herald; instrumental duet, "Nane Ungarsche Tanz," op. 515 (Lew); Misses Shaw, Casey, Thomson, Neilligan, Sauer, O'Brien, R. Heffernan, F. Heffernan, M. Roman and N. Rozen; semi-chorus, "Protect us Through the Coming Night" (Curschmann); "God Save the Queen."

The young lady performers acquitted themselves admirably, some good musicians who were present were loud in their praises of the great musical abilities displayed in the rendition of the various pieces. Miss Nelligan's masterly touch of the strings of her harp was highly spoken of. Miss Littlehales displayed great musical skill in her violin solo. Miss Herald's recitation, "The Bell of Zora," proved her to be an eloquentist whose talents can be rarely excelled. The gem of the entertainment was "Voices of Nature," by about fifty little children, in white. Miss Jessie Kilpatrick, Mrs. Buttercup, Miss Sophie Stewart, Cockoo, and Miss Alice O'Brien Crow, their parts well, Miss Catherine Kelly and Queen, Miss Katie Connell as Busy Bee, and Miss Annie McDonald as Dove, created a great deal of mirth, especially the Dove, which was as perfect a piece of acting as many professionals could not achieve.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

After the concert Miss Egan read out the names of the young ladies who were entitled to honors and prizes, which were distributed by His Lordship.

Honour List:

SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Gld medal, presented by His Lordship the Right Rev T J Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, for Christian Doctrine, obtained by Miss A. Walsh.

Honorable mention—Misses Thomson, Egan, Maggie Kavanaugh, M. Connell, Lohy and Holden.

Bronze medal, presented by His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Stanley, for general proficiency in 6th class, English, obtained by Miss Egan.

Gold medal, presented by the Very Rev. J. Keough, V. G., for good conduct—Equally merited by Misses Thomson, M. Connell, Dako, and Eddick in boarding school; and Misses Egan, Walsh, Kavanaugh, Porter and McGrath in day school; obtained by Miss Thompson.

Gold medal, presented by the Rev. Chanceller Craven, for vocal music, awarded to Misses Egan, Walsh, and Eddick.

Prize, presented by the Rev F. Twomey, for historical contest, obtained by Miss Anne O'Brien.

Honorable mention—Misses Maddigan, McConnell, Maggie Kavanaugh and Long.

Prix for literature, presented by the Rev F. Twomey—Merited by Misses M. Connell, Egan, Annie O'Brien, Dapper; and 1st prize in 2d class music to Ruby Shee.

FOURTH CLASS.

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