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HIS EXCELLENCY

Rev. Dime Falconio Tendered
a Brilliant Reception

At the Ursuline Academy—A Fine Program—Some Brief Addresses.

St. Cecilia's Hall, already associated with many revered and memorable incidents at the Ursuline Academy, was beautifully decorated in honor of the reception tendered to his excellency the Most Reverend Domede Falconio, apostolic delegate, yesterday afternoon. Delicate and tasteful streamers in white and yellow—the pastel colors—floated in pleasing arrangement from the high ceiling, while the hall and piazzas were gorgeously and artistically beautified by perfumed flowers and rich foliage.

The program rendered was an exceptionally brilliant one and was most warmly welcomed. It reflected great credit upon the capabilities of the young ladies who contributed and upon the painstaking and accomplished faculty of the celebrated institution. The introductory musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, were delightfully rendered with grace, expression and power. The address of welcome—so well delivered by Miss Murphy—was a feature of the occasion and was accompanied by the presentation to his excellency in a basket of beautiful flowers. The cantata, "The Angels' Welcome," was delightful, both in conception and presentation, and was devotedly heartily honored.

THE PROGRAM.

Thanksgivings and Welcomes, Solo—Miss Dunlop, Choral Class.
Address—Miss Murphy.
Inst. Duo, Prof. de Transiberina—1st Piano, Miss Sullivan; 2nd Piano, Miss Elmondson.
Vocal Solo, Selected—Miss Power.
Inst. Solo, Polonaise, Chopin—Miss Sullivan.
Vocal Quartette, Ave Maria, Mendelssohn—Misses Power, Dunlop, Sullivan and Goggins.
Cantata, "The Angels' Welcome"—Guardian Spirits of Rome, Misses Gavlin, Paddock and Reid. Guardian Spirits of the North and Seven Provinces, Misses Finn, McVey, Elliott, Deziel, Chevalier, Walsh and N. Massie. Guardian Spirit of the Pines, Miss G. Murphy. Attendants, Misses S. Post and K. Killen.

Little Earthlings, Angela Crotty, Henrietta Collins, K. L'Esperance, A. Pleasance, J. and M. O'Brien.
Guardian Spirit of the Diocese, Miss O'Leary.

At the conclusion of the presentation his excellency delivered a brief address, in which he paid tribute to the excellence of the reception accorded him and the love and affection exhibited as a representative of Leo XIII. He alluded to the high duties and possibilities of the consecrated life and bestowed his gracious benediction upon the holy institution.

His lordship the Bishop also spoke briefly and expressed his eulogy of the excellent program.
His worship Mayor Smith, on being asked by the Bishop to address the gathering, expressed his interest in the institution and enumerated much of the good being done there. He paid tribute to the efforts of the consecrated ladies in their wish to bring about continued prosperity and blessing.

AT THE CITY HALL.

His Excellency, the papal delegate, and the bishop of the diocese held a short and informal reception at the Judge's Chambers, Huron Hall, this morning. They were accompanied by the local superior, Rev. Father Sjaunus. The Mayor presided and introduced the Rev. Father Sjaunus, who presented them to the distinguished visitors. Among the callers were Ald. McVig, City Solicitor Wilson, Q. C., and the city and county officials.

ROBBED A PRIEST

How Two Slick Americans Secured \$50,000

Jesuit Superior Allowed Them at the Safe and Afterwards Missed the Money.

New York, Dec. 11. — Two clever confidence men, believed to be Americans, from descriptions furnished by a priest in Italy, whom they robbed of \$50,000, it is thought may be on their way to this country, and the police of all the large cities have been notified to watch for them. The story of the robbery, which reached here to-day, says they got from the safe of the Jesuit institute at Turin \$50,000 of the funds of the institution. Rev. Father M. Grosso, of the Society of Jesus, the superior of the institution, was the victim. Two well-groomed men, with polished manners, apparently Americans, called on Father Grosso a fortnight ago and told him they were trustees of a rich orphan boy, whose father had recently been killed in the Boer war. They said they wished to place the boy in the priest's care, and have him educated in the institute. They explained they were custodians of \$200,000 belonging to the boy, which they desired to leave for safe-keeping in Father Grosso's hands. The priest consented to assume charge of the boy and to accept the custody of the funds. The men thereupon produced several bundles of what purported to be bank notes, which they suggested should be placed in the safe. Father Grosso opened the safe, and the men placed therein the bundles. They then departed, stating that they were going to Milan, where they had left the boy, and would return with him shortly. Father Grosso waited several days, and when neither the men nor the boy appeared became suspicious and went to the safe. He found that bank notes aggregating \$50,000 were gone, and that the bundles of supposed bank notes left by the men were only waste paper. The men, the police say, abstracted the funds from the institution under the pretext of placing the boy in their counterfeit bundles in the safe.

Standards of Fashion Our Patterns

DECEMBER AT The Gordon Store

In the next few weeks we close out many lines of heavy winter goods very much to the advantage of the customer. The fastidiousness of fashion compels frequent changes of style, we bow to the inevitable and in our ladies' ready-made garments—such as Tailored Suits, Jackets, Capes, Waists, Single Skirts and Dress Goods you have such reductions as insure us against carrying them over, and fit you up in health and comfort for the winter.

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72c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50 up.
Towels 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c up.
Bath Towels 10c, 12c, 15c, 18c, 25c up.
Rollerings 4c, 5c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c.
Turkey red table covers 25, 40, 44 and 50.
Turkey red table covers 55c, \$1, \$1.25.

Warm Cotton Goods

Flannelettes — stripes, plaids, plain grays, fawns, reds, browns, blues at 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12c.
Wrappercuts — choice patterns, warranted fast colors 8c, 10c, 12c, 14c.
Wool Flannels, gray, 10c, 12c up to 30c.
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FIERCE FIGHTING.

It is Still Going on With General D. Wet.

Pretty Hot Engagement With Hertzog's column on the Western Border.

Pretoria, Dec. 12.—The Boer commander, Gen. Christian D. Wet, is cornered between the Caledon and Orange Rivers, on the borders of Basutoland. As the rivers are in flood, it is considered that his capture is certain, even if he should manage to recross the Caledon. British troops have been sent to hold all the passes and roads to the north, to prevent his escape. The military officers here are greatly pleased that the attempt of De Wet to cross Cape Colony with his commando has been frustrated.

ARE STILL FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 12.—The Evening Standard says the battle between Gen. Knox and General De Wet continues, and that the forces engaged are in a desperate struggle. Lack of definite information on the subject is said to be due to the absence of telegraphic communication with the scene of action. While the war is in its most reticent stage, there are indications that the officials have received news suggesting considerable British success against De Wet.

CARRIED BY A CHARGE.

Luckhoff, (Koffekuh) via Orange River, Dec. 10.—Five hundred Boers belonging to Commandant Hertzog's commando, attacked General Settle's column 15 miles west of this village. The enemy occupied a splendid position on a precipitous range of kopjes, which completely barred our progress. On our advance party getting into the trench with the Boers, General Settle ordered Colonel Sir C. S. B. Parsons, with the Mounted Infantry Brigade to occupy a ridge of hills to the front, right and left. This actually prevented any attack on our convoy. Two groups of the 4th Battery attempted to dislodge the Boers with shrapnel. Excellent practice was made, but the enemy being reticent to the kopjes. Two howitzers of the 37th Battery however altered the complexion of affairs. The enemy attempted to outflank us on the left, and the Cape Regiment endeavored to outflank the Boer left, but the enemy's fire proved too heavy, and the movement, if continued, would have resulted in great loss of life. The howitzers prevented any further advance of the enemy towards our convoy, and shortly afterwards General Settle ordered a detachment of the Lancashire Fusiliers, the Yeomanry, and Diamond Field Horse to dislodge the Boers. Covered by artillery fire, the troops advanced over the precipitous and stony ridges, scarcely pausing for breath. With a truly British "Hurrah" they gained the top, and the Boers having apparently had all the fight taken out of them, precipitately bolted "en masse," leaving now their horses in order to escape our volleys. At about the same moment the Boer position on the right was carried by the Yeomanry, and the Boers fled, but owing to the long climb the Boers had time to reach their horses before making any further fight. The Boers were seen to be retreating, but when they were once driven from the kopjes which they had first occupied they seemed to lose heart. Pursuit would have been hopeless, owing to the nature of the ground, while the men were quite knocked up, the fight having lasted over five hours. The Boer loss is unknown, but it is considered to be heavy. Five dead bodies have been traced, and one dead body has been found in a farm's six miles from here. Others have been seen in the distance on the Boer positions. The Boers were covered with blood. Our casualties, owing to the way the men took cover, were very slight, most of

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THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 12.—W. J. Nealey has moved his household furniture to Toronto where the family will in future reside.
Allan Rae, of Glenora, was in town yesterday.
F. J. Mayhew's fine Christmas window is attracting a great deal of attention.
A team belonging to Mr. Tinney, of Zone, ran away on London street doing considerable damage to two other rigs on the street.
The pipe organ for St. James' Presbyterian Church arrived to-day and is being put in place.
Miss M. B. Edwards, of Detroit, is visiting her parents here.

Wabash-Santa Fe New Short Cut to California.

Only three days, five hours and twenty-seven minutes from Chatham to Los Angeles, California points. If you are contemplating a trip south or west for the winter, please consider the merits of this new route. Passengers leaving Chatham No. 9 fast mail reach St. Louis same day at 2 p. m. Kansas City same evening at 9.30, where direct connection is made in same depot with the California Limited, leaving at 10.15 p. m. This is by all odds the quickest and shortest route from Canada to the south-west. Full particulars from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, district passenger agent, north east corner King and Yonge Streets, Toronto. W. E. Rispin, city passenger agent, Chatham.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic and will give best possible rates.

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