

parental roof, but so fill their minds with sad associations, that the bitter is infused into every cup they drink through life. Diversity is not less necessary for the old than for the young. Indeed, I am not sure that they do not need it more. The heart should never be permitted to grow old. It should be always young in its sympathies. Parents should not only countenance by their presence the innocent pleasure of the young, but participate in them.—*The Elevator*.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



NOTICE TO SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Those municipalities that have not transmitted receipts with the semi-annual reports shall not be paid, until that formality be fulfilled.

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,
Superintendent of Education.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF SHELBROOKE.

Messrs. Henry Hubbard, Alvan F. Sherrill and Francis E. Gilman, have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in model schools.

Messrs. Thomas P. Davis, Robert A. Davis, Wm. Forsythe et John McIver; Misses Mary Anne Grixton, Elizabeth Forsythe, Victoria Hallbrook, Melissa Fuller, Mary Ann Harran, Mary Moulton; Madame Anna Hewison; Miss Rebecca Jane Elliott, Mary Jane Reed, Elizabeth Sutherland, Mary Ann Sutherland, Maria Mountain, Eliza Ann Atkinson, Elizabeth Elwyn, Fanny Wakefield, Diantha Allen, Louise Brisebois, Mathilde Brisebois, Mary Jane Miller, Georgianna Barlow, Julia Brady, Ann Brady, Susannah L. Hall, Judith Leavitt, Fanny Wakefield, Lucina Leavitt, Polly Gallup, Mary Jane Wakefield, Harriet E. Rankin, Mary Baker, Cynthia P. Carter, Elizabeth Carter, Loraine B. Parker, Irene Perkins, Mary Bickford, Sarah Daying, Mary Lee, Margaret Jane Greer, Mary Cleveland, Mary Ann Merrill, Cordelia Perkins, Clementina Trenholm, Clarissa F. Trenholm, Esther Stewart, Mary Stewart, Rosannah Neil and Elizabeth Neil, have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in elementary schools.

J. A. HIRD,
Secretary.

PROTESTANT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

Mr. William Webb has obtained a diploma authorizing him to teach in model schools.

Messrs. George Betts, Montague Scott, Frédéric Jérémie, John Hall; Misses Catherine Lamb et Ann Sturrock, have obtained diplomas authorizing them to teach in elementary schools.

D. WILKIE,
Secretary.

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Celebration of the Second Centenary of Mgr. Laval's Landing at Quebec. (1)

On the 16th June, 1659, the first bishop of Quebec landed on the shores of Canada. He came to plant the cross, to civilize the wilderness, redeem the redman, and open a new country to the inhabitants of the over populous France. Two hundred years have rolled over since the Huron and the colonist, with evergreens and

maple boughs, welcomed the son of the proud Montmorencys to the first diocese of North America, and the anniversary of the two hundredth year of his landing, proclaims how gloriously he has succeeded in his designs, how grateful are the descendants of his former flock for his labors and his sacrifices, for his zeal and untiring efforts; the flourishing state of the institution he founded, tells how happily the successors of the See of Quebec have fulfilled his designs, and how faithfully the people have listened to their voice.

On the 16th June, 1859, the Laval University determined to commemorate, in a manner worthy of its position, the auspicious day on which the vessel bearing Mgr. Laval anchored opposite the fortress of New France. Science, patriotism, religion were called to commemorate it becomingly; they assisted, science with her gentle and beneficent light, patriotism with her enthusiasm, and religion with the majestic pomp of her mystic worship.

The eve was celebrated by a reunion of the students of the Quebec Seminary; they, the most indebted to the illustrious bishop, were the first to celebrate the coming of his two hundredth anniversary. In our youth, we were all critics, and nothing were we more disposed to criticise than the nature and plan of our studies; to gratify this desire the question as "to which is the best means of educating youth," was submitted to discussion, and each different view sustained in a lively manner. The defenders of classical studies were victorious, convincing their auditory and their opponents, that for the cultivation of the higher intellectual faculties, an intimate acquaintance with the Greek and Latin languages is necessary. The talent displayed by the young orators in this debate is a fair promise of their future success, and an evidence of their past studies. During the evening the band of the 39th regiment assisted, and their able performance contributed largely to the enjoyment of the assistants.

The same day, Mr. Larue passed the examination and sustained the thesis, necessary for receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The thesis was suicide, and taking for epigraph these words of Lisle: "The religious sentiment is the safest and most powerful guard against suicide," he illustrated the subject with all that erudition well directed put at his command. His statistics—on suicidism among the Indians, and in Lower Canada since its settlement, gave a practical interest to the subject, and the comparison established by the learned licentiate, between suicidism in this country and other parts, throws a new light on this profound question of medical jurisprudence. During three hours the candidate sustained his thesis against the objections of the professors, answering the many questions with a promptitude and a fulness that so satisfied his examiners, that they unanimously consented to drop the white ballot.

Thus passed the eve. It seems to bring to our view, Mgr. Laval maturing in his cabin or on deck, amid the beauties of the wilderness plans for the future welfare of his flock, sketching perhaps the future seminary; if his spirit hovered near the scene, how delighted must it not have been to see the son of the last chief of the Hurons, foremost among the students of his beloved seminary.

A cloudless morn ushered in the new and memorable day, emblem, we hope, of a cloudless future for the Canadians and their institutions.

On stepping on the shores of New France, the first act of the illustrious Laval was to return thanksgiving to God; the first act of his welcomers, kneeling to receive his benediction, and by kissing his crosser recognize his authority. The country, to return thanks for the success of his undertaking, commenced the celebration of his two hundredth anniversary by the most solemn offices of religion. Mgr. Laval returned thanks to God for his prosperous voyage by offering a high mass; and one of those who had received their education in the seminary he founded, the Right Rev. E. J. Horan, Bishop of Kingston, returned, in the name of the assembled people, thanksgiving to that Providence who had so blessed the great work of the first bishop of New France.

The metropolitan church of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec, decked out with all those ornaments that are so well adapted to its architecture, seemed to smile in lofty grandeur; flags and banners, some soiled with the dust of age, others rent by the bullet; two pannels with the escutcheon of the Montmorency-Laval House, graced the walls of the cathedral. The picture of the Immaculate Conception, illumined by a thousand lights, chastened the scene. A touching incident occurs during the collects: at the Font, an enfant is baptized, an offering to God of Canadian Nationality.

Music, without which nothing great has been achieved, lent its aid. A Mass Royal, chaunted by a choir of two hundred voices formed from among the students of the seminary, assisted by the

(1) For an extended history of the Seminary of Quebec and of the Laval University, illustrated by a portrait of Mgr. Laval and views of the buildings, see the first volume of our journal.