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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."—"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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TWO CASES

SCOTCH TWEEDS RECEIVED TO-DAY.

Our Prices for these are the Lowest we have quoted.

ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR.

Sundays, 31.—Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost, St. Raymond Donatus, confessor; double.
Septuagesima.
Monday, 1.—St. Agostinus, abbot.
Tuesday, 2.—St. Stephen, King of Hungary.
Wednesday, 3.—Of the Paralytic.
Thursday, 4.—Office of the Blessed Sacrament.
Friday, 5.—St. Lawrence, Justinian, bishop.
Saturday, 6.—Office of the Immaculate Conception.

FROM STRATFORD.

RETURN OF DR. KILROY-PICNIC-THE B.V. ALTAR-LORETTO CONVENT.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. Kilroy, reached home from the Maritime Provinces last week, and preached at High Mass on Sunday to a very large congregation.

The picnic and excursion of the separate school children took place on Saturday last, and was well attended. It was under the management of Father Roman and the trustees.

The beautiful carving and gilding of the altar of the B. V. M., under the superintendence of Mr. Hugh Grant, at the sole expense of Mrs. Patrick Bannon, is now nearly completed. The altar itself was the gift of her late husband, one of the earliest Catholic settlers in the parish.

The ladies of Loretto have beautified the grounds surrounding their Convent very much during the present summer. During the absence of our rev. pastor we were favored with long visits from the Rev. Father Quinlan, of Saint Sulpice, Montreal, and Rev. Father Mungovan, of Assumption College, Sandwich. Both these rev. gentlemen were brought up in this parish, and we are always glad to welcome them on their home visits.

HAMILTON LETTER.

OUR CIVIC HOLIDAY.

Special Correspondence of the Record.

The picnic of the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society came off as I announced in my last correspondence, on the Dundurn grounds, and was financially and otherwise a success. It is estimated that twelve hundred persons paid for tickets at the entrance of the park. Quite a number of young people danced on the green to the sweet and fantastic sounds of Nelligan's String Band, while others preferred the more muscular and manly exercises in races and athletic games. A great number of prizes offered were drawn by the holders of entrance tickets (adults), and the "lottery" was not the least amusing part of the programme.

Prominent amongst the attractions offered was the grand demonstration at the House of Providence grounds, Dundas. As it just happened the citizens of Dundas held their civic holiday also on the 20th inst., and on that day it was resolved to throw the beautiful grounds open to the public.

As the opening picnic had been widely announced the grounds commenced filling up as early as ten o'clock in the morning. During the afternoon the band of the 21st Battalion, which looked as well as a regular military band in their uniforms, discoursed excellent music, while in the large school room the light fantastic went on among the young people. Croquet and swings were provided at the west side of the building, and on the large lawn at the entrance games of all kinds and sports took place, and afterwards were applauded by an admiring crowd. The Mayor of Dundas, Mr. Ward, Messrs. John Kerwin, Casey and other gentlemen deserve great praise for the interest they took in conducting the programme. When the games and sports were stopped the partakers gathered in front of the balcony of the main building to receive the reverend and eloquent speeches of the reverend and other gentlemen who were to address them.

On the grounds and in front of the main building I noticed the Revs. Fathers Dowling, of Paris; Keough, McGilve, O'Leary, Slaven, Brohman, of Hamilton; the Venerable Father Finken, D.D., of Keelby; Ellis, of Freelon; Suple, of Banker Hill, Mass.; Lee, Elora; O'Reilly, Okville; Casin, M. Forest, and O'Reilly and Lennon of Dundas. The latter gentleman seemed to be everywhere and the success of the picnic is principally owing to his splendid management. The Mayor of Dundas thanked the audience on behalf of the Rev. Sisters of St. Joseph for their attendance, after which telling and appropriate speeches were delivered by the following gentlemen: Dr. McMahon, M.P.; Thos. Robertson, M.P., of Hamilton, who related in an eloquent and humorous way the history of the grounds, and in the course of his speech stated that he was born on the same ground.

Another amusing incident of the day

was the voting of who should be the most popular lady on the grounds. The fair candidates were Mrs. Byrne and Miss Harris; the votes polled (10 cents a vote) were 2,764, the amount received being \$276.40. From this result I was enabled to judge the number of visitors to be over 3,000. Mrs. Kelly carried off the \$5 prize for the Irish jig, which she danced in a really masterly manner. After a short address from the Rev. Father Lennon, who thanked the audience for their kind attendance and pressing address of Rev. Father Dowling, of Paris, the largest picnic gathering terminated Dundas had ever seen.

I have been in Dundas again to-day, 23rd inst., for the special purpose of inspecting the building and grounds again with more leisure, and report with pleasure the following facts:—This fine property was purchased by the zealous and devoted Rev. Father McNulty, of Calandula, who has thus disposed of the savings of forty-three years labors in the construction of a life-long object—that of providing a home for the destitute poor—and well has he accomplished his darling wish, for when the building is ready, which will be in a few days, sixty boys from St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, and forty old men from the St. Vincent de Paul Institution, will be at once placed in it as residents. The building when ready will have ample room for four hundred persons. The rooms are airy and well ventilated; the school-rooms will hold over 225 children. The proceeds of the picnic amounted to over \$1,000.

Our R. C. Separate Schools are being refitted and will present a fine appearance. Everything has been overhauled and improved in order to have them ready by the 1st of September, when the studies will be resumed.

Monday, the 24th September, will be the opening of the Loretto Convent for the day pupils. The lady boarders commenced on the 21st inst.

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT UNION.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT BELLEVILLE.

The seventh annual Convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Canada, met in the hall of the Sons of St. Patrick, No. 21, I. C. B. U., Belleville, on the 19th inst. The chair was taken at 3 p.m. by the President of the Union, M. J. Frawley, Esq., who addressed the delegates. He then appointed a Committee on Credentials, consisting of Messrs. Noon, of London; Troy, of Toronto; and Barry, of Kingston; which committee after a short absence, reported the following delegates as being entitled to represent the societies named, viz:—

The Young Irishmen's Catholic Benevolent Association, Toronto; J. L. Troy; the Catholic Literary and Benevolent Association, Peterborough; Dr. Hourigan; St. Patrick's Society, London; James Noon; the Young Irishman's Catholic Benevolent Association, Kingston; P. J. Barry; the Irish Catholic Benevolent Society, Toronto; Thos. Meany; the Irish Catholic Benevolent Society, St. Thomas; Thomas Power; St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, Oshawa; Lawrence Cayley; St. Patrick's Society, Barrie; M. J. Frawley; St. Patrick's Catholic Benefit Society, Guelph; M. A. Pigott; the Sons of St. Patrick, Belleville; Eugene McMahon; the Enmet Benevolent Society, Portsmouth; M. P. Finn; the Robert Enmet Benevolent Society, Thorold; Neil Gallagher; and the Catholic Benevolent Society, Stratford; Edward O'Flaherty. The report, as thus presented was adopted by the Convention. The following committees were then appointed by the Convention:

ADDRESSING COMMITTEE.—Messrs. McMahon and Troy.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—Messrs. Noon, McNeary and Pigott.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.—Committee of the whole.

COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Committee of the whole.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary-Treasurer and its consideration deferred till the evening session. It being 5 o'clock the Convention adjourned till 7.30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 o'clock the Convention assembled and resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee. The report was considered *seriatim*, with Mr. J. L. Troy in the chair.

The committee rose and reported, the report being adopted by the Convention.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer was then read and referred to the Addressing Committee.

It being now 10 o'clock, the Convention was on motion adjourned till 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, Aug 29, 1879.

The President took the chair as per adjournment.

The addressing committee presented their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted by the Convention.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments presented several amendments, and thus reported. The report of the committee was on motion referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

At 12 (noon) the Convention adjourned till 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President took the chair as per adjournment.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted their report advising the adoption of constitutional amendments as pro-

posed, which report was on motion adopted by the Convention.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The Convention then in committee proceeded to the election of officers, Mr. N. Gallagher in the chair, Messrs Barry, Frawley and Cayley being scrutineers.

FOR PRESIDENT.—Mr. Eugene McMahon, of Belleville, on first ballot, had the majority of votes cast, and was declared by the chairman elected President.

FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.—Mr. James Noon, of London, was on the fourth ballot declared duly elected.

FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.—Mr. L. Troy, of Toronto, was on the fifth ballot chosen, and was thus declared elected by the Chairman.

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER.—Mr. John Corkery, of Peterboro, on first ballot, had the majority of votes cast, and was consequently declared elected.

The Committee rose and reported result of election, which was by the Convention adopted.

The installation of officers was deferred till the evening session.

ON COLONIZATION.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Troy, Frawley, and Noon, was appointed to prepare a report on the best means to advance the interests of colonization and report at evening session.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. McMahon, Corkery, Hourigan, and Barry, was appointed to draft resolutions on the death of the late lamented Bishop O'Brien.

The various societies of the Union were recommended by the Convention to make application for admission to the fund of the I. C. B. U. of the United States.

Accounts from Messrs. Frawley, and Corkery, for expenses to the Convention, were received and payment ordered.

At 5 o'clock the Convention adjourned till 7.30 in the evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention met, Mr. Frawley in the chair.

The Committee on Colonization through Mr. Troy, chairman, presented the following report:—We, the committee appointed to consider the matter of Catholic Colonization, beg leave to report that we consider the question of Catholic Colonization of the utmost importance to the Catholic people, and suggest that the Executive Committee of this Union, be instructed to prepare a proper plan, and to confer with the governments of the Dominion, Ontario and the North West for the purpose of securing the necessary lands on which to locate one or more colonies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. TROY.

M. J. FRAWLEY, Committee.

JAMES NOON.

The report of the Committee as thus presented was after considerable discussion received and adopted.

The Committee on Condolence on the death of Bishop O'Brien presented the following series of resolutions:—The Seventh Annual Convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union of Canada, having learned with deep regret of the sudden demise of the venerable and respected Bishop of the diocese of Kingston, and desiring to give expression to the grief of the people who, shared in as it by the Roman Catholics of every nationality in the province, have, in Convention assembled, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved.—That the diocese of Kingston and the Catholic Church in Canada, by the untimely death of His Lordship, Dr. O'Brien, Bishop of Kingston, have suffered an irreparable loss, while he has left behind him a noble and devoted life, a guide that they had hoped would be the mercy of the almighty, have been long spared to continue the arduous labors to which he had been called, and to which he was in the habit of performing, and

Resolved.—That this Convention, commended as it is of Roman Catholics representing a large number of the Benevolent Societies of this Province, desire to give public expression on behalf of the societies they represent, of the profound sorrow they feel on the demise of the distinguished prelate who, himself, benevolent in the broad, true sense of the term, had, during his short episcopal career, done so much to advance the interests of his beloved church, and the people over to the honest, fearless course Bishop O'Brien had during his lifetime so faithfully followed, and the efforts he so often made to weld together all creeds and races for his country's advancement, and the kindness he had often shown to the Union, that to-day mourn his loss, and

Resolved.—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the administrator of the diocese, and be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD, of London, Montreal, Evening Post, Irish Canadian, and Tribune of Toronto.

The resolutions, as thus reported, were received and adopted.

The Convention ordered the printing of 200 copies of the Constitution of the Union, and also that reports of proceedings of Convention be published in the CATHOLIC RECORD, Irish Canadian, Evening Post, and Tribune.

The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to notify societies in default to the W. and O. fund in aid of family of member No. 19, that unless amounts are paid before January first, the executive committee shall cancel the names of the roll their charter, strike their names off the roll of the Union, or take such other steps as they may deem expedient in their discretion.

The Executive were instructed to take

measures to have the I. C. B. U. of Canada incorporated.

The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to refund societies in connection with widows' and orphans' fund the amounts of their payments to the fund.

A communication from Mr. M. J. Dillon, Secretary of No. 26, the Catholic Benevolent Society of Stratford, inviting the Convention to hold its next annual sitting in that town, was read. The communication was received.

The second Tuesday in August, 1880, was selected on which to open the next Convention of the Union.

For places to hold the next Convention, the following places were named, viz:—Barrie, Kingston, Stratford, Toronto, Oshawa, and Peterboro. On third ballot Stratford had the majority of votes cast, and was declared to be the place for holding the next convention.

The initiation of officers was then proceeded with, Mr. Frawley, retiring President, acting as installing officer. The officers then took their several positions and returned thanks to the Convention.

The President then tendered the delegates an invitation to attend the picnic and ball next day and evening.

The invitation was on motion accepted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the delegates for their courtesy extended to the delegates during their stay in the city, to which Mr. McMahon responded.

A vote of thanks was also tendered retiring officers for their services during the past year, to which, on behalf of the officers, Mr. Frawley responded.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in Stratford on the second Tuesday in August, 1880.

THE ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC PICNIC.

FATHER FLANNERY'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL—AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

On Tuesday last the annual gathering of the Catholics and their friends resident in this section, and which has become distinguished as Father Flannery's picnic, was held at Port Stanley, and proved highly successful. This gathering is considered the most thoroughly enjoyable picnic of the year, and the present occasion fully exemplified that fact, for as large as in some previous years, still all present appeared bent on thoroughly enjoying themselves, and judging from their contented expression of countenance fully accomplished their aim. Upon the arrival of the visitors from Port Stanley, most of the excursionists were met by a friendly and hearty greeting from the ladies, who quickly improved a plentiful spread of edibles and luxuries to satisfy their material wants. Others sought the beach along which the sea dined, and many were for a trip upon the placid waters of Lake Erie on the steamer Stanley. A good orchestra was provided, and soon the pleasing strains attracted a large throng to the dancing pavilion, and during the whole day the mazy dance tripped gaily through the intricacies of the fantastic dance.

The party received a fresh accession in the afternoon, and about four o'clock a distribution of valuable gifts was made under the management of Father Flannery. A framed portrait of His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., fell to the lot of Mr. John Annett, C. S. R. engineer, while Miss Flannery became the possessor of a chromo representing a Canadian sleighing scene. Thomas Paddon secured a butter cooler, while the tea-pot was taken by Father Flannery, and a book presented by T. Doherty fell to the share of Miss Annie Harvey.

ADDRESSES.

Having disposed of the premiums, Father Flannery delivered a few characteristic remarks in his usual happy and irresistibly humorous manner. He began by saying he was glad to see them all there. On one side he had the present they expected to hear some persons better educated than themselves say something for their edification and amusement. He generally confined his remarks to the political and social condition of the country, and then if the subject was more or less of a humorous he tried to say something to amuse, and if there was a political object he might try to say something of that also. Reverting to politics, he remarked that the Conservatives are in power at Ottawa and the Reformers at Toronto, so that one will correct the faults of the other, and both can accomplish good if they carry out the promises made by them, though we often find this is not done. But the church is above both parties. Of course, it is sometimes called upon to use its influence on behalf of some, and when this is so those who are friendly with others willing to belong to the Church or not, for they were a Christian people, and willing to reach their hands to others irrespective of creed.

Three cheers were then most heartily given for Father Flannery.

Thomas Doherty said it took him by

surprise when asked to speak here to-day, where as fellow-citizens and fellow-Catholics they had rallied around their pastor to support the church and the separate school. Many said they had no right to this, but he claimed they had a perfect right to it for this reason, that they hold religion should be the basis of man's life, and so train up their children in the truth, so that when old they will not depart from this knowledge properly, and the part they only has a few hours a week, so the Catholics will have the separate schools in spite of all. As Catholics and Protestants it was good for them to be there together, for the improvement of their health, for recreation, for social intercourse and for their intellectual benefit. It was good for them as Irishmen to meet there to show that prejudice, bigotry, and intolerance is being stamped out on both sides. They had no right to hate a man because he was a Protestant, nor had the Protestants to hate them because they were Catholics. They were proud to be Irishmen, and it was good for them to be there, because it showed that the power they must wield is increasing day by day, until soon the time will come when no government will dare to turn a man out of office because he is Irish. It was also good to see they were sober, industrious, and all conducting themselves decently and quietly.

C. Macdougall on rising was received with cheers. It was not his intention, he said, to inflict a speech upon them at this hour, especially as they had been interrupted in the enjoyments of the day. Father Flannery, with his usual skill, in cluding the rocks and shoals, had done so to-day in alluding to politics. The father was a good man, highly learned, a good member of society, well acquainted with the demagogues of the Reform party, he (the speaker) did not think even the dumb animal would speak against him. He was glad to see them there, although not now occupying the position in Parliament he held when he met them before, but which through the good will of the people of East Elgin he hoped to occupy again in the future. As he was now out of Parliament, he wished to show them it was not with a political object he was there, but to show his esteem for them, and he did not think, although they might differ from him, that there was one present who had a personal enmity against him. It was as a friend to Father Flannery he was present on this occasion, and he took it as a great honor that a man who occupies a high position—and deservedly so—that Father Flannery does, should invite him to be there, and he was always glad to do so. He was glad to see the Irish and Scotch of those who have so nobly upheld the British flag, and who are so proud of their nationality, but they must respect the land of their fathers, and while their fathers have to speak of the old memories it made them none the less good citizens. He would not say that they should read their pastor highly, for he was a gentleman who appears to be particularly fortunate in whatever he turns his head to, and he (the speaker) was glad to see so able an assistant, and all Irishmen should feel proud to see a man who would not be modest, was a credit to them. He wished success to them and their undertaking and would always consider it an honor when Father Flannery would invite him to associate with them as on this occasion.

The crowd then dispersed through the grounds, and dancing was kept up until a late hour, when the throng went to the depot and departed for home.—St. Thomas Times.

TELEGRAPHIC.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Dublin, August 22.—The Home Rule League held a demonstration at the Rotunda last night. Parliament present, of whom Charles Parnell was the most notable. The hall was crowded with workmen. The meeting passed a series of resolutions in favor of the obstructive policy pursued by their representatives in the Committee, and expressed the necessity of purging the party of members who have shown a lukewarmness.

Lurgan, August 24.—Further riotous demonstrations occurred to-day. Rioters wrecked windows in the houses of a number of Protestants.

London, August 25.—Thomas Tendey, a large landed proprietor, of Athlery, county of Meath, was shot dead while entering his own door last night.

ZULULAND.

London, August 22.—General Wolsley telegraphs that 5,000 swasies are ready to attack Cetewayo. This number will be increased to 10,000 before entering Zululand. With these forces coming from the direction of Lundey the British should capture Cetewayo or drive him towards the southward. Further submissions of Zululand are reported. A special dispatch says a successful Zulu raid is reported from Utrecht.

Cape Town, August 5.—A resident of Pondoland telegraphs that hostilities are inevitable. It is stated from Pretoria that Wolsley is convinced that the campaign against Chief Secocoeni, in the north, should be vigorously renewed. It is also likely to be traced to a close schoolroom and hard study than to the lead pencils, slate pencils and chalk they have munched on at short intervals five days out of every seven.

New Castle, South Africa, August 3.—One tribe of Zulus, who have not yet

felt the brunt of war, are massing towards Zululand. A detachment of a corps of British troops, who was under orders to return home, is being hurried against them.

GERMANY.

Berlin, August 25.—The Ultramontanes of Prussia decline to co-operate with the Conservatives at the coming elections without the fullest guarantees.

Berlin, August 25.—The North German Gazette publishes the electoral manifesto of the new Conservative party declaring that the State and the Catholic Church should meet each other on an equal footing, especially as regards education, but religious instruction should be left to religious bodies.

AUSTRIA.

London, Aug. 25.—A Vienna dispatch says the difference between Russia and Germany are considered to be on the eve of passing from a stage of newspaper controversy to that of diplomatic precaution. The entire press asserts that the friendship between Austria and Germany will be proved in case of need by deeds.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Niagara, Ont., Aug. 21.—Quite a severe shock of earthquake was felt here this morning about four o'clock. It lasted for several seconds, and had the effect of waking almost everyone in town.

Port Dalhousie, August 21.—A violent shock, accompanied by a loud clap, similar to a discharge of a cannon, took place here between two and three o'clock this morning, which shook a solid brick building, and almost caused the fall of an old wooden building. It is supposed to have been an earthquake. The shock was also felt at Thorold, Welland, Port Robinson, Lockport, N. Y., and St. Catharines.

Wingham, Ont., August 21.—The Great Western Railway station of this place was burglarized last night or early this morning to the extent of \$57. The ticket clerk, on opening the office early this morning, found the safe open and the papers and money scattered about. It is expected that there will not be much trouble in ferreting out the thief.

Corunna, Ont., August 22.—Judge Robinson's son, Rescott, of Sarnia, and a young man from Exeter have been camping on the island here for a few days. They started for home this afternoon, while blowing a gale of wind, and only went a short distance when their sail boat upset. All would have been drowned but for a small boat they had in tow, and they succeeded in getting into it and reached shore very much exhausted.

London, Ont., August 21.—Mr. Thomas Clarke, member of the Town Council, who had his leg badly crushed and received other injuries from a runaway team some time ago, died last night. He had been improving nicely, but was taken to the impoverished state of his blood, a chill came over him which brought on dropsy.

Bradford, Ont. August 21.—Constable Hall, arrested Lane Thomas, an Indiana, last evening, charged with setting fire to the dwelling house of Mary Husk, in the township of Tuscarora.

Ayr, Ont., August 22.—The Credit Valley Railroad construction train arrived here to-day. There was great rejoicing. It is something new for the denizens of this wilderness to have a train here.

Barrie, Ont., Aug. 22.—During a heavy storm this evening the residence of J. Rogers, on Bradford street, came in for a large share of damage, the storm breaking the windows on the east and the rain deluging the house. Several fruit trees were also smashed, as well as the shrubs in the rear of Mr. Kay's wooden mill, opposite Mr. Rogers', was completely torn up. On Mary street, while Mr. Cavanagh and his family were at ten, a flash of lightning came right through the glass door out, and the steps of the several churches rocked to and fro, and for some time fears were entertained of the Roman Catholic Church the shaking or blowing down, but beyond the shaking no damage was done. The roads and sidewalks were in many places torn up by the rain and storm.

Mrs. Goodington's grandson graduates to-day, and the old lady is quite beside herself with joy. She told us last evening as she fanned herself with a feather fan, that she had cherished, as she says "nigh on to forty years," that "the dear boy one of the sinner class, and she is going out to see him gratified by his alma matry." She said she hoped it wouldn't hurt the dear boy much, for if anything serious should happen to him, she added, "I should never forgive myself for letting him go to the universities at all; he'd better have no education at all."—Box Transcript.

LEAD POISON.—Lead poison we are more familiar with, as some members of our household are more susceptible than others to the injurious effect of water run through lead pipes. But the poison in this case, acting slowly and subtly is unusually classed under the broad, good, naturally embracing term, "malaria."

Those who work in lead, or in any way with lead, and absorb its fine dust into their system, except by the greatest care, sooner or later have, in general phraseology, is called painter's or painter's palsy. The habit of children to bite and wear their lead pencils is often followed by serious results, which are more likely to be traced to a close schoolroom and hard study than to the lead pencils, slate pencils and chalk they have munched on at short intervals five days out of every seven.