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**CURRENT COMMENT**

The St. Jean Baptiste Society of Winnipeg has sent us a resolution, passed on the 5th inst., protesting against an article, which appeared in "L'Echo du Manitoba" of the second inst., entitled "Les Irlandais Catholiques" (Irish Catholics). As this resolution, which we heartily approve, reached us just as we were going to press, we cannot publish it in full until our next issue; but we shall make a point of doing so then.

Those of our readers who would like to have the newest manual for June devotions need only send ten cents in order to receive by return post "The Little Month of the Sacred Heart," just published by the House of the Angel Guardian, an institution founded for the maintenance of poor, orphan and neglected children. This latest publication of the ever zealous and enterprising Brother Jude, Congregation of the Brothers of Charity, is a neat booklet of some 140 pages with exercises for each day of the Sacred Heart month and several other devotions. It bears the imprimatur of the Archbishop of Boston as well as letters recommending the Society of the Angel Guardian from His Grace and from the Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, Que. Address Rev. Brother Jude, 85 Vernon St., Boston, Mass.

If it be true that one half of the world does not know how the other half lives, it is still more true that Protestants are amusingly ignorant of the most obvious Catholic practices. The Montreal STAR, of the 2nd inst., a paper usually so well informed on Catholic matters, prints, as an important despatch, headed "Walked from Montreal—A Jesuit Priest takes a long journey by way of humiliation," the fact that two Jesuit novices walked from Montreal to Ottawa and back by way of making a pilgrimage. Now each year an average of eight Jesuit novices, travelling two by two, have been performing similar pedestrian pilgrimages in all parts of the Province of Quebec for the last thirty-five years; and the Star has only just discovered the latest of these twelve dozen journeys extending over more than a generation. On inquiry at St. Boniface College we find that most of the Fathers and Scholastics in residence there have, during their novitiate, made that pilgrimage of thirty days, without money and on foot.

**ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION.**

Most gratifying indeed to Catholics is the success of our St. Boniface candidates in the recent University examinations. They more than duplicated last year's success in Greek. Then, as our readers may remember, the two Greek scholarships, one in the Previous and the other in the Preliminary, were won by two St. Boniface boys. This year Arpin, who held the Preliminary Greek scholarship last year, secured the corresponding honor in the Previous this year, and Beaupré won the first place in Preliminary Greek; but, as he already had a much more valuable scholarship and could not, according to the University rules, receive the money for two scholarships, the money prize fell to the second in Greek. Now, it so happened that the second, a St. John's College man, failed in an English subject and was thus debarred from taking a scholarship. Consequently, the reward came to the third in the list, and, as two St. Boniface boys, Albert Dubuc and Prud'homme were third with practically equal marks, they share the Preliminary Greek scholarship. In this subject six of our students competed with eighteen candidates from other colleges and secured the first, third, fourth and sixth places, (Alfred Bernier being sixth,) four of our six being in first class and the two others at the top of the second class.

For the Previous Greek St. Boniface presented four out of twenty-seven candidates from the four classical colleges, and secured the first, second and fourth places for Arpin, Bélanger and Antonin Dubuc respectively. Thus St. Boniface admittedly swept the whole Greek field in both years.

The most valuable distinction, however, is the first scholarship in the Preliminary Latin and Mathematics, won by Elzéar Beaupré, equal with Cecil St. John, of Wesley College. For these subjects we sent up six candidates against 128, 27 from Manitoba College, 20 from Wesley College, 14 from St. John's College, 32 from the Winnipeg Collegiate Institute, 20 from Brandon Academy, 7 from Portage-la-Prairie Collegiate and 8 non-Collegiate candidates. Beaupré and St. John each receive \$80; Isabella McGregor, of the Winnipeg Collegiate Institute, who wins another scholarship in English and History, receives honorable mention here; and Alfred E. Bence, of Brandon Academy, takes the fourth scholarship of \$50. It needs but a small operation in Rule of Three to realize that six candidates taking \$80 out of \$270 (almost one third) against 128 other candidates have won about seven times their proportionate share.

For the great Latin, Mathematics and Chemistry scholarships of the Previous, Arpin was within a few marks of the fifth and last scholarship. This is the fourth year in succession that one of the St. Boniface men comes next to the fifth scholarship. Ever since the standard of University studies was lowered, some seven years ago, by making Greek an optional subject, our students, whose forte is real classical scholarship, have been laboring under serious drawbacks. Mere memory work, such as finical questions in grammar, is made to outweigh skill and taste in prose composition, and mathematics and chemistry bulk far too largely in the totals. This is called progress, but it really is retrogression as far as general intellectual training is concerned. However, our men are evidently getting used to the inferior armor they are forced to wield and have already begun to give an excellent account of themselves.

In the French and History for French students Antonin Dubuc won the

Previous \$60 scholarship, while Alfred Bernier won the corresponding \$40 scholarship in the Preliminary. Miss Berthe Dubuc came very near beating her brother as she did last year; in the French subjects she did once more surpass him, but his superior knowledge of history secured him the first place on the total.

Achille Rousseau, of the first year of Philosophy, having met with a serious accident that temporarily injured the sight of one eye and prevented him from reading, was allowed to dictate his answers to one of the examiners. This accident having occurred some three months before the examinations, one of his classmates, Noël Bernier, kindly consented to coach him by word of mouth. The result was so satisfactory that Rousseau came out first in the Junior B.A. Mental and Moral Science course, winning a scholarship of \$120. Fortunat Lachance took the second scholarship of \$80.

It has often been feared that the Senior B. A. scholarship men might be inclined to take things too easily, now that they only need first class marks in order to secure the second moiety of the scholarships won in the Junior B. A. year; but this fear seems altogether groundless in the case of our students. For instance, this year not only are the marks of the graduating class at St. Boniface unusually high, but Rocan, who did not win a scholarship last year, got higher marks than the second scholarship man, Golden, and had to be bracketed with the latter and receive an extra bronze medal.

St. Boniface keeps up its traditional reputation for thoroughness in pass matters. Although an honor man does not suffer in any way from low marks in pass subjects and is therefore tempted to neglect them, our men make it a point to do their best in every line. Thus Rousseau is third out of thirty-six from all colleges in Physics, II. and Noël Bernier is fifth out twenty-seven in Physics I. Both are first class in Pass French.

Other notable items are the following: of 73 Previous candidates Antonin Dubuc is fourth in Latin and seventh in Chemistry; Arpin is fifth in Latin and Euclid and eighth in Chemistry. Miss Dubuc gets first class marks in Chemistry. Of 134 Preliminary candidates Beaupré is first in Latin and Arithmetic, sixth in Euclid and seventh in Algebra. Albert Dubuc is fourth in Latin and has first class marks in each of the Mathematical subjects. All the six candidates from St. Boniface have first class marks in Latin.

Taking the examination results as a whole and in detail, we have every reason to congratulate the students of our Catholic college on one of the greatest University triumphs, if not absolutely the greatest, they have ever deserved.

**UNIVERSITY NOTES.**

The crush at the closing exercises of the University is becoming so great that the Legislative chamber is no longer sufficiently large. Besides, the cross-lights on a bright day like Friday last are extremely trying. Then, the people in the galleries, except those in the front rows, have a very poor view of the proceedings. It is to be hoped that next year some more suitable hall may be secured.

Dr. Good, the Dean of the Medical Faculty, very happily filled up the breach caused by the unexpected absence of two speakers announced on the programme. When the Registrar stated that he had kindly consented to say a few words he was greeted with a subdued rendering of "He's a jolly good fellow," which was loudly ap-

plauded. The doctor's jokes were many, various and intensely pleasurable. He felt that doctors had this advantage over lawyers that the former really did sometimes try to do a little good.

One young man, Dr. W. L. Watt, took out no less than three degrees at a time, the M.D., C.M. and M.A. This last he made haste to secure this year, because, had he waited till next, he would, according to the new regulations, have to write a thesis.

Dr. Lavinia McPhee, who graduated last Friday as M.D. and C.M., is said to be one of the brightest of her class.

Mr. D. H. McCannan, late Inspector of Manitoba Schools, won two first scholarships, in the Second and Third years of the medical course.

A curious oversight occurred in the University Class and Honor lists as published last Friday morning in the Free Press. In copying out the scholarships from the official list the reporter skipped from the first in the Mental and Moral Science Latin course to the second in the Modern Languages course, and so Miss Clara Walsh, of Wesley College, must have been amused to see herself reported as winning the second scholarship in Latin Philosophy. Of course, he who was really second was Fortunat Lachance.

The way some of the Professors of the Protestant Colleges scatter to the four winds of heaven before Convocation Day is a bad example for the students. One would think four solid months of summer vacation and three weeks at Christmas would be enough of a holiday without slighting the University by unnecessary absence on its one solitary public appearance. It looks queer that the winner of the greatest University Prize, the Previous Latin, Mathematics and Chemistry Medal, should be conspicuous by his absence. He ought to have more respect for the legitimate curiosity of the public.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Justice Dubuc, paid a graceful compliment to Miss Estella M. Hamilton, of Manitoba College, who gained the highest honors in the Special Mathematics course. It is the first time in the history of the University that a lady has won this much coveted honor. When shall we have a girl winning one of the Greek scholarships? Surely, women can do as well now as they did at the time of the Renaissance, when several distinguished gentlewomen were first rate Greek scholars.

Wesley College secured the lion's share of the scholarships, winning \$1067.50 out of a total of \$2160, that is, almost half of the scholarships for which its students competed. Yet, remarkable as is this success, if we compare the large number of the Wesley candidates and the variety of the courses which they follow to the small number of the St. Boniface candidates and the limited sphere in which they compete with the other colleges (Previous and Preliminary necessary subjects and Previous and Preliminary Greek), the success of our College will be seen to be still more remarkable. Were we to send up candidates for all the special courses and for the General B. A., we might win many more scholarships than we do; but we feel that the sacrifice of Greek or of the full Philosophy course would be too dear a price to pay for transient triumphs.

Miss Berthe Dubuc is down in the Class and Honor Lists as having passed third class in English for French students. This note ought to have been omitted. The person who set the English papers for Miss Dubuc ut-

terly failed or refused to comprehend her position, and gave her an examination in English such as would be given to an English student. When his mistake was pointed out, he had not the grace to correct it by raising her to first class marks as he ought to have done; but those who are aware that Miss Dubuc is more advanced in English than her convent school-mates are in French, who, nevertheless, received first class marks for French at the University examinations last year, will know what to think of the value of that note.

A great effort was made in the Board of Studies to patch up the failure of a final year medical student and thus save his degree. It would be curious to ferret out the secret influences that were set in motion to give him another chance. The only semblance of a motive was his intention to leave immediately for the Klondike. One of his zealous supporters alleged as a reason for his failure his lack of early intellectual training—a reason which to us seems overwhelmingly against his ever being granted anything but the strictest justice. It is bad enough that non-collegiate men should ever be allowed to enter the medical profession, without making that very fact a plea for mercy. Fortunately, the resolute stand taken by Doctors Jones and Chown before the University Council saved the honor of the University and secured a vote against the granting of that degree.

We understand that a St. John's College man was second in the Preliminary Greek and, had he not failed in an English subject, would have won the scholarship money which Beaupré, of St. Boniface, first in Greek, could not take because he already had the first scholarship in Latin and Mathematics.

Dr. Laird has a new feather in his cap, now that the two scholarships in the General B.A. course—which is his own favorite bantling—have been won by Manitoba College students. That they should be won by his own college, Wesley, is only natural; but it is a real triumph of his policy that it should have prevailed with students of a sister college who are sufficiently brilliant to take the scholarships.

The doubling of the fees for examinations has but slightly diminished the number of candidates who wrote in Winnipeg this year as compared with last year's number; and, although the fee for the M. A. degree has been raised from four to fifteen dollars, no less than eleven ladies and gentlemen cheerfully paid it.

In presenting the candidates, Rev. Father Drummond pronounces the Latin formula in the Catholic continental way, giving to some consonants only their English sound; the other gentlemen still keep to the English Protestant pronunciation, though they do not agree in some details, for instance Dean O'Meara pronounced "scio" SEE-o. Yet the Professors in Manitoba College have adopted the modern learned pronunciation in their teaching. We wonder who will be the first to apply it at Convocation and call the Chancellor "Domine Kankellarie," saying to him "skee-o" for "I know." These two hard c's are the only striking departures in the presentation formula from the Catholic English pronunciation.

The winner of the First Scholarship in the Preliminary, Elzéar Beaupré, is only fifteen years old. We doubt if this distinction has ever before been attained by so young a student.

Little Tommy used to think Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.