

In and Around Toronto

GRADUATION OF NURSES AT ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

The graduation of nurses at St. Michael's Hospital and the ceremony of conferring diplomas took place on Wednesday the 11th inst. at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the function being held in the reception room of the institution. Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann presided and was supported by the medical staff of the house and the Rev. Fathers J. Walsh, Rev. J. L. Hand and Rev. F. Murray. Dr. Oldright opened the proceedings by an earnest address to the graduates, epitome of what their future line of conduct should be. A bright and cheerful demeanor in the sick room, combined with gentleness and firmness, unswerving loyalty to the physician in attendance and a judicious interest in their own health were the things commended. Dr. Dwyer advised the nurses not to insist too much upon their rights, but to adapt themselves as much as possible to the conditions under which they found themselves. A too business-like air is not the most engaging; the reputation of the nurses affects that of the hospital; if the patient likes the nurse he will also like the hospital. He wished the nurses every success. Dr. Dickson spoke on the necessity for improved electrical apparatus and urged the Board to see to the matter as soon as possible. Mr. McKeown thanked the nurses for many kindnesses received and regretted that larger space did not permit of a large public function at the graduation exercises; this would be good for the nurses and good for the hospital. Dr. Devitt expressed sorrow at parting with the nurses and reminded them that Canadian nurses had a reputation for excellence over others; this they had to maintain. Drs. Uren, Mellray and Crawford also spoke; they thanked the hospital authorities, the Sisters in charge, the trustees and the nurses for the inclination always shown to meet their views and necessities; they also promised the nurses all possible support. Dr. O'Brien, who, though apparently young in years, is a Solomon in wisdom, made a humorous speech in which he said he had watched the nurses closely, some might think he had watched them too closely, and he had come to the conclusion that there was not a better class in Canada than that now graduating; he also said that he quoted the words used on a similar occasion two years ago by His Grace the Archbishop, when he advised the nurses to follow their profession not longer than two years and then get married. Mr. Mat. O'Connor, who spoke on behalf of the Advisory Board, said many nice things about the hospital and the nurses, and thought it would be a very pleasant thing to be ill merely for the luxury of being nursed by any one of the pretty and attractive nurses facing him. He also suggested that in future the incoming nurses should be present at the graduating exercises as they would be benefited by the picture presented of what would be expected from them in the future. The diplomas were then distributed by Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann, assisted by Dr. Dwyer. Before the distribution, Father McCann expressed his pleasure at being present, and at hearing the remarks made by the eminent physicians who had spoken. Many good things had been said, many useful things, but he had heard no word of flattery, he had, in fact, been somewhat surprised by its absence; the encomiums passed had all been deserved. He also reminded the nurses that the soul was more important than even the body, and that many opportunities would come their way of which they ought to avail themselves to say a word in season while soothing with gentle hand the pillow of the patient. The nurses and those present were then invited into what is ordinarily known as the emergency ward, but which for the time being was converted into a dainty reception room decorated in red and white, the colors of the institution, and where a table laden with many delicacies awaited the guests. The immense clusters of roses and crimson and white dahlias which adorned the tables were the gift of the under-graduates to their out-going companions. After a social hour pleasantly spent the gathering dispersed to meet again in the evening at the home of Mrs. O'Brien, mother of Dr. O'Brien, who entertained the nurses and their friends, giving thereby a hospitable and graceful finish to a memorable day in the lives of the new graduates from St. Michael's Hospital. Those who received diplomas were: Miss Helena B. MacCallum, Marmora, Ont.; Miss Helena M. Grant, Halifax, N.S.; Miss Catherine C. Mullen, Everett, Ont.; Miss Margaret O'Meara, Lombardy, Ont.; Miss Maude Hogan, London, Ont.; Miss Elizabeth MacDonnell, Belleville, Ont.; Miss Mary E. Taylor, Paris, Ont.; Miss Edythe E. Stuberfield, Toronto, Ont.; Miss Julia M. Kelly, Phelpsston, Ont.; Miss Anne MacNeven, Toronto, Ont.; Miss Olive R. Brennan, London, Ont.; Miss Moore O'Riella, a graduate of the Hospital and a post-graduate from New York, was a guest on the occasion.

RECEPTION AT ST. MARY'S.

The ceremony of reception into the Sodality of the Holy Angels and the offering of a new statue of the Angel Guardian, took place at St. Mary's church on Sunday evening. Despite the wet night, the large edifice was filled, the occasion evidently being of much interest to the parents and others present. The hour for Vespers was the signal for the entrance of the procession of sodalists headed by their handsome banner, the candidates for investiture followed each wearing on her arm the ribbon and medal which later she would receive. The long line of young girls clad in spotless white relieved only by the vivid scarlet of their badges, entered to the accompaniment of their voices singing the praises of the angels guardian; several carried bouquets of beautiful blossoms which they laid upon the shrine of the statue they presented and which now stood before them in the sanctuary. The statue itself as seen from the body of the church, appeared very beautiful and of an uncommon design, the complete figure and long wings of the angel being very suggestive. Vespers were sung by Rev. Father Kelly and the singing of the choir was exceptionally pleasing. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Williams, who took his text from the

gospel of the day, "and he believed and his whole household with him." The conversion referred to was brought about by an extraordinary means, by a mighty miracle, a necessity for which no longer exists. In response to the question, whence comes faith in the ordinary way, the Rev. speaker went back to the centuries ante-dating the books of Moses, when the people believed in God and yet had no Bible. The New Testament was written from time to time in the shape of letters to those of the Church in the different parts of the world who could not be otherwise reached by the writer, as for Timothy. It was not then through the Bible that faith came. The command given was not "go write," but "go teach," and this was given to the apostles and to their successors; it is, therefore, through the Church and its teachings that faith comes in the ordinary way. The Bible is the teacher only when it is interpreted by the Church through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost who is the paraclete sent by our Blessed Lord Himself, to teach all things and abide with the Church forever. Father Williams ended his scholarly discourse by an eloquent appeal to the parents to set an example worthy of those young souls who were there present, clothed in the bright angelic virtues of innocent youth and live as to be afterwards worthy of taking place next to the angels of God amongst his saints in Heaven.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Sept. 29th, the St. Michael's College Alumni Association held its annual meeting in the college hall. Among those present were Fathers Coty, Coyle, Barrett, Ryan, Crinion, Burke, Gignac, Cushing, Dean Egan, Dr. Murray, E. V. O'Sullivan, J. P. Murray, E. V. Baigent, J. Foy, K.C., president, and Mr. Hugh Kelly, secretary. Speeches were delivered by Very Rev. Deab Egan, P. Murray, Rev. Father Cushing, on the advisability of the alumni assisting in equipping the science department of the college with scientific appliances. A committee consisting of Very Rev. Dean Egan, J. P. Murray, Rev. Father Barrett and Father Cushing was appointed to deal with the subject. The election of officers was then held, and resulted as follows: Hon. President, His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, Toronto; Hon. Vice-Presidents, His Lordship Bishop Burke, Albany, New York; His Lordship Bishop Dowling, Hamilton, Ont.; His Lordship Bishop McEvay, London. President, J. J. Foy, K.C., M.P.P., Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., Toronto; His Honor Judge McCarry, Parry Sound; Rev. J. J. Barrett, Salem, N.Y.; Rev. J. P. Murray, Toronto. Council—Rev. J. H. Coty, Hamilton; Very Rev. J. J. Egan, Barrie; Rev. P. J. McLaughlin, Saratoga, N.Y.; Rev. John Talbot Smith, New York; L. J. Cosgrave, Toronto; Thos. Mulvey, Toronto; Rev. Daniel Cushing, St. Michael's College, D'Arcy Hinds, Toronto; E. V. O'Sullivan, Toronto; Dr. Cassidy, Toronto; Secretary, Treasurer, Hugh Kelly, Toronto.

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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

The second quarterly meeting of the Board of Management of St. Vincent de Paul's Children's Aid Society, took place on Monday evening in St. Vincent's Hall, Shuter street. Mr. Matthew O'Connor presided. There were also present Rev. Fathers Hand, Murray, Nasr and Messrs. Thomas Lons, James Pape, Wm. O'Connor, P. Hynes, Wm. Dineen, Wm. Winterbery, Mrs. Masr and others. After the opening prayer Inspector Wm. O'Connor was called upon to act as secretary; the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The agents' quarterly report was then read and brought forth an interesting explanation of the working of the Society. The report, which was approved, showed that 12 cases affecting the interests of 94 children, has been brought to the notice of the society; it also showed the different ways in which these cases had been disposed of and the care bestowed on every detail affecting the welfare of the children under notice. The Treasurer's report showed the Society to be in a satisfactory financial position. Rev. Father Hand highly complimented the executive on the satisfactory manner in which they had performed their duty. Messrs. Long, Dineen and Pape made short speeches on the matters in hand after which the meeting adjourned.

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MOVED TO FRESH QUARTERS.

Among the patrons of Miss E. Fleming, who succeeded Madame Ireland, are many readers of The Catholic Register, to whom it will be of

interest to learn that Miss Fleming has moved to new quarters in the Medical Building, corner Bay and Richmond streets. The new apartments are easy of access, being on the first floor, and are even more commodious and inviting than those lately vacated on King street. Miss Fleming found her special claim to favor on the fact that her methods are superior to all others, in as much as no artificial aid and nothing but pure herbs are used in the treatments given. As a specialist in face massage, manicuring, scalp massage and treatment of the hair, Miss Fleming, and her assistant, Miss Rowlin, have already made for themselves a place in the first rank. Miss Fleming is a life-long member of St. Basil's parish.

REV. FATHER BARRETT, C.S.S.R.

Rev. Father Barrett, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Patrick's church, who was confined to the house for some days past, owing to illness, is now convalescing and it is expected that he will soon be able to attend to his many duties as usual.

MEETING OF THE C.Y.L.L.A.

The first meeting of the season of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association will be held on Monday evening at the home of the Misses O'Donoghue, 95 D'Arcy street. It has been decided that the work for the year will include the literature of the Victoria era, one of Shakespeare's plays and the study of "Wolfe and Montcalm." As next in the series of Parkman studies.

FIRE AT LORETTO CONVENT.

The result of the small fire at Loretto Convent, Bond street, was luckily not much more than a passing scare. It is supposed to have originated from some faulty matches. The damage covered by insurance amounted to about forty dollars.

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undeniable fact. Further investigation would probably show that the wards have sometimes a larger number of inmates than is altogether commendable, and that patients are at times refused admittance—want of space accommodation. Situated as the hospital is in the very heart of the city and convenient to the many lines of street cars, it is evident that St. Michael's might be the leading hospital of Toronto were it not retarded by the specified limitations. An addition which would give increased accommodation for patients and more space generally would be a boon to all concerned. It would permit of reception and waiting-rooms, for patients and their friends, and a large apartment somewhere that might be used on occasions such as that of the graduating exercises. It may, perhaps, not be usual for the convalescing patients to be taken into special account in any hospital, and St. Michael's might, under different conditions, take the lead in this respect. Recreation rooms for convalescing patients would be a blessing to many. How dreary and monotonous become the surroundings of the sick one who studies day after day and hour after hour the same pattern on the wall, the same angles of the furniture and the same sameness of everything! A change of half an hour into a pleasant room provided with little means of recreation, would for those well enough to avail themselves of it, be a decided treat. Saint Michael's at present stands next to none in many respects. Its site from the point of convenience is unequalled, its surgical equipment is the best in the city, its medical and nursing staff are acknowledged to be unsurpassed and its management by the community in charge is productive of naught but pleasing results. It only remains, then, for the trustees or some public benefactor to see that means be provided to enlarge the institution and make it in reality what already many things tend to make it, the leading hospital in the Queen City of Toronto.

MRS. JOSEPH WALSH.

A somewhat sudden death occurred at Toronto Junction on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when Mrs. Walsh, wife of T. Walsh, engineer on the C.P.R., died at their home, 193 Vine street. Mrs. Walsh had been ailing only a day or two when heart-failure unexpectedly supervened and the sudden and unlooked for ending was a great blow to the friends of the deceased. The funeral took place on Friday morning to St. Cecilia's church, thence to Mount Hope cemetery. Rev. Father Gallagher, P.P., officiating. The pall-bearers were four brothers—Alderman J. J. Ward, Thos. Ward, Martin J. Ward, Geo. W. Ward and Captain J. Power and Mr. Jas. Mahoney. Mr. James Ward, a brother of London, Ont., was unable to be present. Mrs. Walsh is also survived by her mother and three sisters, Mrs. Jas. Mahoney and the Misses Lizzie and Lily Ward, all of Toronto Junction. May she rest in peace.

The Mellow Hazy Days

O glorious autumn woods, whose myriad hues Uplift the face of earth with richer glow May be seen when spring's sweet flowers blow, And wear the jeweled crown of pearly dew! How tender, pure the thoughts which you infuse Into the soul, bringing the long-ago With all its memories of joy and woe, Until the vision of the whole heart subsides! So soon the mellow, hazy days shall die; The frost shall crisp your many-tinted leaves, And you shall stand like one whom death bereaves; With outstretched trembling hands to the dark sky, Which gives no sign however much he grieves. —Bishop Spalding, in the Quarterly.

Mr. Redmond Grateful

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MORE SPACE FOR ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

The fact that more space is needed at St. Michael's Hospital was emphasized at the distribution of diplomas to the graduating nurses by the several physicians and speakers, who regretted that lack of space forbade a larger gathering to witness the interesting ceremony. The only room available for the purpose is one that accommodates only those immediately concerned and the general public who are largely interested are altogether excluded, not from the desire to have it so, but simply for want of space. It did not, however, require those regrets on the part of the speakers to make manifest the truth of their statement; the fact was long ago apparent to even a casual caller at the hospital. No one can enter the institution without being struck by the number of persons often found in the halls, corridors, who appear to have distinct and varied business. Groups of students, doctors, patients awaiting admission, friends of the patients and the mere ordinary visitor are among those who on many occasions fill the entrance. Under existing circumstances this crowding can't be avoided, but that it is unpleasant and inconvenient appears an

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