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duties with high regard for all that is true and noble.

COMMENCEMENT TIME.

School doors are closing behind many thousands of scholars. Some of these scholars will be going out to play, while others will be setting out for the serious realities of life.

To the former the green fields beckon, to the latter there is the unattractive, even if necessitous, way of office, shop and factory. How well are these who are now setting to work prepared for the task? Not any too well, one is inclined to answer.

How true this answer is will be realized when it is said that in the experience of local schools only four per centum of the scholars complete their full course.

What of the remaining ninety-six per centum? That is a difficult question to answer, but it is obvious that not many will improve their mental faculties, even if they do succeed in mastering a trade and become wage earners.

It has been said of our school systems that there are too many incomplete courses and not sufficient attention is paid to the solid grounding. In some instances, courses are too long and time is wasted in teaching tricks.

It seems that hardly sufficient attention is paid to reading and spelling. These are good, old-fashioned qualifications for a student. The boy who has been taught to read properly and to spell accurately is far better fitted for a life work than is the youth who has been given stray threats of numerous subjects, with which, like as not, he may weave a sorry tangle.

The reading boy will read further, and it is the reading boy who will advance. How important is the reading of boy and man was appreciated by Carlyle, who wrote: "The true university of these days is a collection of books."

NOISY BUT NOT DANGEROUS.

Not always has La Presse been considered the safest guardian of the interests of French-Canadians, and when it makes a general attack upon the English-speaking citizens of Montreal, designating them as "aliens," it is not performing its duty faithfully.

The interests of French-Canadians will not be well served by hysterical methods—nor will the interests of any other class of citizens be well served by such methods. It matters not whether we came from the banks of the Life, from the shadow of Westminster, from beneath Auld Reekie, or whether a continental town gave us birth, here, in Canada, we are all Canadians so long as we faithfully perform the duties of citizenship.

Lacking Canadian birth does not deprive us of the right to speak freely our thoughts, nor will we be shackled into silence because the French is not our mother tongue. Canada at large, and Montreal in particular, was developed by citizens of more than one tongue and people who sprung from many nationalities.

The prosperity of this country, and this province, can best be secured when all harmonize. The rights of all parties have been conserved in this Dominion. To secure some of these rights the spilling of blood became necessary. Was there any "alien" blood spilt on these fields? Let La Presse return to its sensational news methods, but keep those methods for the proper columns and away from the editorial page. There is no place for discord in this land.

The Church is not only a school of respect, it is a school of gratitude, and we should create within our hearts a sort of immortality for those rare spirits and chastened minds who have made here below the Kingdom of God.

Well do the millions of men, young men, and boys, feel, each class and each individual, peculiarly and sincerely, what a debt, what a tribute of veneration, what an eternal thankfulness, they owe the Brothers in return for the good they were given.

The Brother is a thorough educator. He is not content to drill the mind of his pupil. He trains the heart of the youth committed to his care and gently leads him on to heaven. He understands that the only safety there is for society is the moral law; that, without belief in God and in His revelation which confirms and sanctifies the moral law, that law loses its hold on men and untold evil is surely the result.

For years have the Brothers worked in our midst, and for us and our welfare. We know our debt cannot be paid in the money of man, yet we are willing, at least, to admit the obligation incumbent upon us. Our hearts would feign repay a thousandfold; but that debt cannot be cancelled. Still there is this: you might as well shut out the light of day and air of heaven from your daily struggle for existence, as exclude the Brothers from participating in the Church's best and noblest endeavors.

Do you want an exemplar of the religious? See a Brother. Are you in quest of a language master? Would you meet a mathematician? Are you bent upon seeing a man who can successfully prepare you for all the highest honors of the university? Seek you one to whom you may entrust your youngest boy, or do you want the teacher who can and will efficiently educate your most cherished ward? Then, the Brothers will offer you the type of man you seek, while the outcome of it all will repay the trust even beyond your keenest demand, your ultimate exaction.

Ask the Cardinal, the Patriarch, the Archbishop, and the Bishop and the prelate honored by Rome and the Church, who guided his youthful footsteps. Ask the learned judge and jurist and professor, after you will have asked the priest in the cathedral of some great city or the missionary on the sand-plains of Africa, who taught them the first lessons and guided them truthfully and securely to the honors and privileges of the later day. They will tell you it was the Brothers, and will feel proud to say so. Ask the prosperous business man and the honest toiler who it was that taught them the way in which they should walk, and nurtured the faith within their hearts. They will say it was the Brothers; and the Brothers who, today, are doing the work their teachers did, will tell you that they were won by example and taught self-sacrifice at the most glorious school of devotion and zeal and courage under the sun.

Thank God, we have the Brothers with us in Canada. They are hard at work, too, in the great Republic south of us; they are in nearly every country of Europe; they are in Asia and Africa. Twenty thousand of them, twenty thousand of the Church's faithful vanguard, as Leo XIII. called them, teach the sons of a hundred peoples; while the nations of the earth have all given men to swell their ever-thickening ranks. Governments have borne testimony to their worth; battlefields have been baptized in their blood; the furthest mission-field was fertilized with the sanctified sweat of their brow; the testimony of nations has sanctioned and set a seal upon their work, they have earned the Church's exalted encomiums; they are marked with the light of God's face; the thousands of their brethren who have gone before them, signed with the cross of salvation, and millions of their pupils of an earlier day, form a noble choir in God's temple halls of fame, side by side with the Apostles and Martyrs, and with the Confessors and Virgins of the Lord.

Montreal's debt, Canada's debt, to the Brothers will always be with us and with those who will come after us. We are proud, we of the schools they taught and teach, of the men who trained us. We are ready to call their methods the best. Ever and always will they find in us hearts as stout as the oak and breasts as true as the steel. The Brothers will always be our Brothers. Montreal, Quebec, and ten thousand cities shall never forget. PADRAIG.

A strong will, a patient temper, and sound common-sense, when united in the same individual, are as good as a fortune to their possessor.

Current Topics.

CONTINUITY THEORY AGAIN.

Mgr. Grosch was not wrong in assuming that the High Church section of the Anglicans would endeavor to give the new life to the battered Continuity Theory by the Fulham Pageant. Already the Church Times is glorying in imagination over the amount of capital that is to be made out of the spectacle. It harnesses the pre-"Reformation" saint with the post-"Reformation" sinner, the builders of the Church with the defectors, and asks people to believe they are one in doctrine and sentiment. "We would entreat our synods, our masters of assemblies, our responsible rulers," says the writer of the leading article in the last issue, "to let the names of Columbus, Aidan, Dunstan, Becket, Laud, Ken, and others whose memory is to be honored in this Pageant—the Queen Bess and the rest?—rise before their minds the next time they are sounding the praises of 'moderate views' and 'compromise' and 'distinctive Anglican principles.'"

The editor is, however, troubled by Mgr. Grosch's plain exposition of the fact that Columbus and Aidan, and Dunstan and Becket, were not Protestants. He admits they were not, but he must find some way out of the difficulty, and "the only means of escape he can discover is to say that they might have become Protestants if they had lived later than they did. The Church Times apparently thinks there is no harm in libelling the dead, comments the Catholic Times. Those great men would never, under any circumstances, have become Protestants, for their words, as well as their lives, attest their convictions as to the necessity of unity in the Church and their devotion to the Holy See. They were men who did not say one thing and mean another.

SOCIALISM AND CATHOLIC IDEALS.

The Catholic demonstrations in honor of Joan of Arc have forced the subject of an article in the "Humanité," from the pen of M. Jaures. The French Socialist leader in the course of his remarks accused the Catholics of the want of a social policy. "Where," he asks, "is your ideal of social and human progress? What have you been able to do by means of the living and popular power associated with the name of Joan of Arc?" Comte Albert de Mun, to whom, owing to cardiac attacks, public speaking has been forbidden, makes in the press a spirited reply to this attack. He first puts to the Socialist the question: "What are you, our critic, doing and what have you done for the workers?"

The Count accuses M. Jaures of having been a party to a movement which has proved disastrous. When the employees of the Post Office and Telegraph Department came out on strike to obtain redress of real grievances they had the sympathy of the country. The Catholics approved of their demands, and in the face of the support they received the Government had to capitulate and grant their terms. But the Socialist leader, Comte de Mun asserts, was not content with the victory. He and his party were anxious to utilize the same public servants for a war upon capital and induced them to come out again, with the result that they were defeated, and many of them were brought to misery. The Catholic ideal, the Count assures M. Jaures, does not contemplate the infliction of needless suffering. But it is an error to think that it involves the retention of the status quo at any cost. It is necessarily favorable to the weak and suffering because it is based on the teaching of the Saviour Who came to succor the helpless. The Count is not an advocate of extreme conservatism. On the contrary, he believes that reform is a condition of progress. Were all French Catholics as much alive as he is to the requirements of the times, the reins of power would not be in the hands of the enemies of the Church.

GETTING BACK THEIR LAND.

Agricultural reports from Ireland indicate considerable progress in the farming, the Irish farmer now being well able to hold his own in the butter, bacon and eggs trades. The Irish farmer and the Irish dairyman is progressive and thoroughly modern in his methods. The secret of this forward movement lies, doubtless, in the fact that the Irishman is now being permitted to take up the land. This thought is suggested by a map issued by the Land Commission, showing the progress of land purchase in Ireland by counties and provinces. It deals with purchases up to the 30th of April, 1908, and the total amount of land purchase under all the Purchase Acts is set out roughly as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County, Total Area, Bought Acres. Includes Cork, Limerick, Kerry, Tipperary, Waterford, Clare, Connacht, Sligo, Roscommon, Mayo, Leitrim, Galway, Leitrim, Wicklow, Wexford, Westmeath, Queen's, Meath, Louth, Longford, King's, Kildare, Dublin, Carlow.

A Noble Woman.

The news of the death of Miss Charlotte Grace O'Brien, of Poyness, Co. Limerick, will be received with sorrow by Irishmen at home and abroad. The daughter of the Young Ireland leader, William Smith O'Brien, she inherited many of his fine qualities. To her self-sacrifice the Irish emigrants who go in such large numbers to the United States are deeply indebted for the improvements which have been made for their accommodation by the shipping companies. Years ago they were huddled together on board the vessels

WARM WEATHER WISDOM

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Eucharistic Congress.

Programme For the Year's Gathering at Cologne.

The programme of the Eucharistic Congress at Cologne has just been published and is as follows: Tuesday, August 3.—Reception of Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, the Papal Legate. Trip by special boat to Coblenz, there to meet his Eminence coming by boat from Mainz. Landing at Konigswinter at 3.15 and official greeting to the Cardinal. Resumption of the journey; arrival at Cologne at 5. Reception of the Cardinal Legate and solemn procession to the Cathedral, whence the Cardinal Legate will proceed to the Cardinal-Archbishop's Palace. Wednesday, August 4.—11 o'clock.—Reception by the Cardinal Legate at the Cardinal-Archbishop's Palace 4.30.—Opening of the Congress and first public gathering (at the Church of St. Maria-Himmelfahrt, Marzellenstrasse). 8 o'clock.—Devotions at the Cathedral, with a sermon by a Bishop. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 5, 6 and 7: 6-7.—Masses for Communion in all the parish churches, to be celebrated by the Bishops. 8 o'clock.—Pontifical service at the Cathedral. 10 o'clock.—Meetings at the Gurzenich Hall and the Minoriten Kirche, at which the languages used will be German and French. 12.30.—Dinner, 3 o'clock.—Sectional meetings at which German, French, English and Italian will be used. 4.30.—Public Congress assemblage at the Church of St. Maria-Himmelfahrt. Marzellenstrasse. 8 o'clock.—Devotions at the Cathedral, with a sermon by a Bishop. Sunday, the 8th August—6-7.—General Communion at the Cathedral and in the parish churches. 9 o'clock.—Pontifical service at the Cathedral. 12.30.—Dinner. 3.30.—Solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral as the concluding function of the Congress.

THE BEST FLOUR

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without regard to sex and had to endure many discomforts. But thanks to Miss O'Brien's efforts, the character of the steerage service was revolutionized, and for a considerable period it has been all that the most exacting could desire. The sympathies of Miss O'Brien, who was a convert to the Catholic Church, went out with ardor to the poor, and every movement tending to the betterment of her countrymen's lot found in her a warm supporter. She was well known as a messenger of good tidings in the homes of many who were face to face with want, and her memory will be treasured in the great Republic of the West by emigrants whom she assisted and encouraged by voice and pen.—Catholic Times.

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On state occasion peror's birthday, t ring in the Kremlin rung. From the l a deep, resonant p fall in and finally t the Kremlin's fo fascinates. Moscov tions, but where the is a slight him, slow-moving Moskva citadel runs a high, wall with five gates towers, each of eye with its curioi it quickens the imag historic interest att are incorporated in excepting one, Ho same, by which the Holy Trinity is Got the early part of the tury. A bridge lea most, white tower, and once furnished v portullis.

But the most, rever Redeemer, the state Kremlin. Before th through he first kne but superbly decorat hangs the famous iko Mgr. of God. On ed the pictured fac of the Russian tradit. This picture is beds borne in a carriv four horses, the co with uncovered hea gate of the Redeemr ing of our Saviour, Solemn in 1647 by is, and to whose m the Russians attribut the Krim Tartars.

mas passes through covered head. Once committed the reverent he was compelled to with uncovered h ty-freely consecut ed to see if the custo rously observed. Not or boy, rich and poor head. The gatewa thick double walls, h are passages and stal and stone; brick bot the walls and support tower. The second stor tower. The third, form, has eight arch the cross spire rests. Because of the num the dome of the ma the Kremlin, ecclesiast the architectur