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from memory, nine of our companions, whose appetites for the stage became so strong, that they subsequently went on as professionals—and we are sorry to say all did not terminate their careers in glory.

We have the love of the theatre inculcated into us and then we are forbidden in after life to follow up the inclinations thus acquired. It is like educating a man and then forbidding him to make use of his education.

We know of schools in which the parents are not allowed in to see their daughters receive their prizes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1895.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

This editorial notice will remain standing until the date upon which our decision concerning delinquent subscribers comes into effect.

Once more we are obliged to touch upon the very disagreeable subject of arrears in subscriptions.

THE ABOVE decision will take effect on and after the 1st of July next.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The sad and fatal accident which took place last week at the Champlain school has cast a gloom over the whole community.

It seems to us that the dramatic form of entertainment in our schools, while excellent as a training in declamation and public speaking, is carried to a degree beyond what is consistent with the requirements of education.

to overthrow authority and to grasp the sceptre of power. He was very religious, we are told; yes, in the same way and after the same principles as the Mahometan fanatic is religious.

Yet, according to his admirers, the Irish people should agree to a monument commemorative of his extreme generosity towards the race.

IN RELIGION, a fanatic; in politics a madman; in society, a boor; in public, a bully; in thought, an egotist; in expression, a brute; in action, a barbarian; in command, a tyrant; in vengeance, a demon; a royalist that slew the king; a republican that aimed at unlimited power; a defender of the constitution that shattered it to atoms; a lover of the people, that ground them under his iron heel; an advocate of liberty that would have no law but his own word; a usurper, murderer, brigand and profaner of all that is most sacred—Oliver Cromwell has built his own monument upon Irish soil, he needs none in the Parliament House to perpetuate his memory.

ST. JEAN BAPTISTE.

The twenty-fourth of June has come and gone; it is ever a feast of great importance in our Province, for not only is the day upon which the Church commemorates the martyrdom of Christ's precursor, but it is likewise the national feast of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens.

ON WEDNESDAY last the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Banque Jacques Cartier was held.

WE LEARN with great regret of the recent death of the famous Italian orator, Padre Agostino da Montefeltro, which event took place in the Eternal city.

THE LONG vacation is approaching; the boys and girls are all busy preparing for the final examinations and are looking anxiously forward to the prizes that await them.

brilliant efforts have been translated into English and are, we understand, published in book form.

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL.

Saturday, 24th June, the Church celebrates the double feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The first of the Apostles and the first of converts and preachers. St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ, the one chosen as the rock upon which the Church was built, the one to whom "the keys" were given, and who received all the powers that he was to transmit to his successors unto the end of time; St. Paul, the great envoy of the Lord, the teacher of the Gentiles, the writer of the numerous epistles, the spiritual guide of thousands in every way different from each other, in character, education, disposition, circumstances of life and methods of work, these two great saints became as almost one in the mission of establishing the Church of Christ upon earth.

ST. PETER was the acknowledged head of the Church; Christ had selected him for that post, and had conferred upon him all the graces necessary. From the far East, a humble fisherman, he found his way to Rome, and there in the vast centre of paganism, there under the very windows of the palaces of the Caesars, there at the source of all earthly power and dominion, St. Peter pitched his tent.

ST. PAUL, from the moment of his miraculous conversion, went forth to evangelize the world; he called in at Athens and found an altar to the "Unknown God"; he preached Christ crucified in various lands; he gathered in thousands to the fold; he left the Church the rich heritage of his matchless writings, and, like St. Peter, he closed his career with a martyr's death.

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tianity was carried on amidst all the terrors of Indian warfare, of famine, misery, and death.

Truly can the French-Canadians of to-day celebrate the grand festival, both from a religious and a national standpoint. And the comparison might be carried still a degree farther.

At present the French-Canadians have more reason than ever to be unremitting in their invocations to their patron saint; they have also every reason for keeping steadfastly together and holding aloft the standard that bears their national motto.

ROSEBERY'S RESIGNATION.

At last, after pulling through a score of menacing breakers, and when almost in reach of calm waters—at least for the time being—the Rosebery Government has split upon an unexpected and apparently insignificant rock.

CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.

Owing to the fact that we have received over a dozen of invitations to attend different school-closings and distributions of prizes, and all inside the limit of three or four days, it would be absolutely impossible for us to be present at all.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ILLINOIS has a wonderful governor in the person of Mr. Altgeld. In fact few men, occupying that high position, have ever been more praised and more censured.

THE WEEK before last a marriage of two millionaires took place in Massachusetts. The occasion involved an expense of one million dollars and the bridal presents were estimated at seven hundred thousand dollars.

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of humanity. If ever there were a mission that offers no earthly hope—not even that of a return to life and home when the years of labor are over—it is that of Hawaii.

AN INTERNATIONAL subscription has been commenced in France for the purpose of erecting a statue to the great chemist, Levaissier. In 1694 the Revolutionary tribunal sent the man of science to the scaffold.

ACCORDING to recent reports from China the missions at Chang Tu, Kraiting and Yoachohu have been destroyed by mobs and the missionaries murdered.

WE LEARN with deep regret of the death of the Rev. Daniel Lyons of Denver, Col., which sad event took place on the second of June.

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