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## Leaders In Education In Catholic Ranks.

We have the pleasure, in this week's issue, of giving our readers a most highly interesting address that was delivered by a most highly cultivated and talented gentleman. As the personality of the lecturer is of as much importance to the Catholic people of Canada, as is the subject which he has treated in such an admirable manner, we desire to preface his effort with a few hurried notes concerning his own career.

The lecturer is Professor John Cavan, a name that is familiar in all literary and educational centres down by the sea. The address was delivered to the students of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the occasion of the recent closing exercises.

For the past thirty-four years Professor Cavan has been conspicuous in every good work affecting education and the advancement of Catholic principles in the capital city of that charming island.

It was in 1869 that the Professor came to Charlottetown, when he began his brilliant career there as professor of classics and English literature in St. Dunstan's College. During three years he filled that post with the greatest credit to himself and the institution as well as profit to the pupils. However, he discovered that his field was not sufficiently vast to enable him to spread abroad those same principles and Catholic ideas that experience had taught him were so needed at that time in the country. He, therefore, embarked in the journalistic career, and began by editing a local paper, while occupying his leisure hours in study, and in the propagation of sound literary and religious thoughts through the medium of different magazines in Canada and elsewhere.

But the teacher could not be merged entirely in the journalist. That grand vocation, for which his aspirations, aptitudes, and acquired knowledge so eminently fitted him, had attractions that became irresistible. As a result we find him soon again in the Professor's chair and teaching the classics and English literature to students of the Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown. It was only a year ago that Professor Cavan retired from his active labors in the sphere of his choice; and he did so after having spent the greater part of his life in a work that is daily becoming more and more of paramount importance to the Catholic element the world over.

Professor Cavan is also an author whose published productions redound greatly to his credit as a writer and thinker. He has in manuscript a history of Prince Edward Island, during the days of the old French regime, when it was known as "Ile St. Jean," and it is stated by those who have seen the unpublished manuscript, that it will constitute the very best history of the Island during that period.

Prior to coming to Canada Professor Cavan made a full course of studies in Scotland and at Rome. While in Edinburgh, he delivered a series of lectures on the notorious John Knox. At the request of the Catholics of Scotland, these lectures were collected and published in pamphlet form, and several editions were sold. During his residence in the capital of Scotland he occupied, for a number of years, the office of President of the Catholic Young Men's Society of Edinburgh. This has been considered as one of the most important and influential organizations of the kind in that city. When he took his departure from Edinburgh for the scene of his future labors, a large section of the most influential citizens testified an appreciation of all his great services and the testimonial took the form of an address.

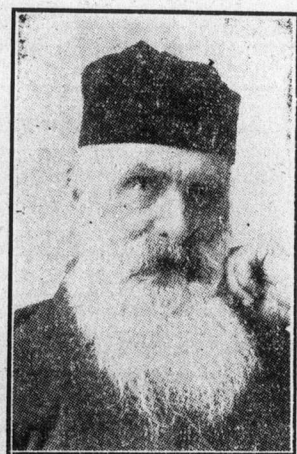
To Canada Professor Cavan brought the same spirit of zeal in the great cause he ever has had at heart. He was the founder and first President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Charlottetown; and the deep and active interest which he took in all works connected with St. Dunstan's Cathedral and the various institutions educational and charitable of the island won him the hearts and confidence of all with whom he had any relations. On his retirement from the professorship in

Prince of Wales College he was the recipient of a most flattering address, wherein the great work he had done in the two-fold cause of education and religion, was praised in a manner that could not but prove to such a man the sincerity of gratitude that good deeds ever awaken in the souls of the people.

Now that Professor Cavan is no longer bound down by the duties of his teaching office, although advanced in years, he is still full of vigor and spirit, and he has an opportunity of devoting his fine talents to that journalism which had ever its charms and attractions for him.

Before giving our readers a summary of the words of wisdom addressed to the graduates, we may mention that Mr. William Cavan, Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue, Montreal, is a son of Professor Cavan. He came to this city some years ago, and like many other young men from Prince Edward Island, by his ability, perseverance and pluck, won the place of distinction which he now occupies in the civil service. He is a brother-in-law of Rev. Isidore Kavanagh, S.J., of Loyola College; of Mr. Walter Kavanagh, our well known fellow-citizen and one of the leaders in the insurance circles of Montreal, also of Mr. H. J. Kavanagh, K.C., a leading Irish Catholic barrister and patriotic fellow-townsmen.

Prof. Cavan said in part:—  
Gentlemen graduates,—My first words to you, shall be words of congratulation. You have to-day arrived at the boundary line, which separates preparation from action. You have, for years been engaged, under expert guides and teachers equipping yourselves for the serious struggles of life, and your training in St. Dunstan's, has been, I am sure, such as to mould you to that form, and supply you with such resources as are the harbingers of success, however arduous may be the labor. The knowledge of philosophy, of the classics, of science and mathematics, is not however, the acquirement of highest prize which the student ought to carry away with him when he leaves this seat of learning. Discipline has inured his nature to habits of regularity and order. Living in community has brought his selfishness under restraint, and taught him to respect the feelings of his fellows.



PROF. JOHN CAVEN.

Every hour has had its duty—study and class work, sleep, meals and recreation have followed each other in regular succession to form a web of exquisite workmanship, through which, well marked, runs religious golden thread, adding fresh beauty and priceless value to the fabric. Now, my motive in drawing your attention to these matters, which are to you, no doubt, most familiar, is that perhaps, you might be induced to use them as a pattern by which to shape your method of life when the bell of St. Dunstan's shall have ceased to be your monitor in marking the changes of the day's duties. On your part, respect for established order, industry and perseverance, were, you found, the weapons which most effectively broke down the difficulties you met in your college course. Continue to carry these weapons with you still. Use, so far from dulling them, will set on them a keener edge. Above all, do not grow weary in well doing. Persevere. The truth which the Latin poet wrote centuries ago, is as much of a truth to-day as when he wrote it: "Gutta cavat lapidem, non vi sed sæpe cadentibus." (The drop hollows the stone not by force, but by falling often.)

One section of your college rule will need little adaptation to your future circumstances,—it is that portion which intersperses your hours of work with short devotional exercises from the time of your rising in the morning, till you lay your head again upon the pillow at night.

And never, let me urge you forget that monthly retrospect of your life, to which you have been accustomed here in college. The usage is a beneficial one in many ways. To take bearings at stated times, in order to ascertain how far our little craft has been carried by angry winds and treacherous currents out of its true course, and vigorously to set the prow straight pointing to the Harbor we are determined to make, is a duty which no seaman, who desires to avoid shipwreck and disaster will care to neglect.

Thus far I have suggested to you nothing which you have not practised in the ordinary routine of your lives here in St. Dunstan's, and all you have to do is to piece these matters into the changed conditions which will surround your life. What I am now going to say belongs to a different category, inasmuch as it will call into action the best efforts of a carefully balanced judgment. Hitherto you have ever had at hand, wise and prudent guides to unravel difficulties, and point out the safe path where a choice had to be made. For the future you will have to rely in a great measure on your own resources, or rather on the deductions you draw from the principles of rectitude embodied in your moral training. Here, again in college, you live in community—as one family. But when you go hence, your lot may be cast among strangers, and following the instincts deeply planted in your natures, you will seek around for friends. Here is a crucial point, and one on which weighty interests may hinge. Do not dishonor the holy name of friend, by bestowing it on one who is meanly supplied at all. Do not be over anxious in your search for friends. Reflect that it is a great deal better to be without a confidant, than to shed tears over a bad selection. When, however, you have found a true and virtuous friend, make much of him, and grapple him to your heart with hooks of steel; for fortunate is the youth who at his outstart in life, finds a friend in the true sense of that word.

Of a necessity your reading will, as a rule, have a strong inclination towards the subjects which are to enter more essentially into your plan of life. Select for that purpose the best works your purse will permit—the very best are not a whit too good.

Relaxation, therefore, becomes not only necessary, but a duty which you owe to yourselves. Be judicious, however, in selecting your methods of relaxation. Do not plunge for refreshment from intellectual labors into the poisonous sea of fiction, which surges on all sides of us. As a rule eschew the modern work of fiction. Novels were indeed written and read in bygone times, which we moderns are wont to call ancient, and the wearied mind could find in them amusement and instruction; and the man and woman in the polite society of our times are not required to throw aside all respect for themselves when they while away a vacant evening with the clean, well written novels that were the delight of their grandfathers and grandmothers. But why resort to fiction for recreation, when realities can be obtained, better calculated to relax the tired faculties, without destroying their tone. Books of Travel, Books of History. Essays by skilled writers are plentiful. And to what use are you going to put your knowledge of the classics? Are Homer and Xenophon, Virgil and Horace, Cicero and Livy's pictured page all to be ignored? If you allow such a thing to happen, you do a great wrong to yourselves. Why not as a recreation revise your old readings in the classics, and cultivate some of the portions that were left fallow—study for imitation the calm, classic beauty of Cicero's Essays. Try to acquire from Horace some of his skill in picking out the very word that expresses his thought, and the happy knack he has of terseness making a few words carry a marvellous load of meaning. My reason for urging you not to forget your classics is a simple one. They are the models of correct taste—masters in the choice of words, and adepts in the manner of treating their theme. All these qualities will from a careful study of their writings, imperceptibly work themselves into your own writings, and modes of expression, and so give them a not unpleasant classical flavor. Let me briefly illustrate the idea I would wish to convey. Nowhere in the wide world does a marble statue look so beautiful as in Attica. The purity, clearness and elasticity of the air of that favored region to bring out, and blend, and subdue the colors of the marble, that it assumes a soft and harmonious richness most captivating to the eye. Now, could your literary productions be brought, so to speak, in contact with the atmosphere of the classic, they would like the marble of Attica undergo a beautifying process

which would enhance their usefulness and recompense your labor.

When you go forth into the world of labor you will carry along with you a recommendation which all will respect,—it will be, if you wish it, a passport to circles of the learned, and an assurance that you are no vain pretenders to knowledge in the higher studies. I allude to the academic honors bestowed by the venerable University of Laval. By these you are brought into bonds of brotherhood, with men eminent in every department of science and literature, and scattered widely over all the countries of the world. To be a member of such an illustrious family is an additional incentive to stand high in all that regards Christian manhood. Prize that trophy of your talents as a jewel above all price, but guard on the other hand, against the evils which success has so often caused in the finest intellects. Cardinal Newman well understood the dangers that accompany great intellectual success, and therefore he writes: "Vanity will possess the head, and worldliness the heart, of the man however gifted, whose wisdom is not an effluence of the Eternal Light."

### AT LOYOLA COLLEGE

Loyola College held its closing exercises at Karn Hall this week and conferred its first degrees. The attendance was large, and amongst those present in the audience were leaders of the Catholic laity of Montreal. Mgr. Racicot presided, and the exercises were of an interesting character.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was then conferred upon the following candidates:

Henry C. Monk, T. John Shallow, Peter Donovan, Francis E. McKenna, J. F. Albert Lortie.

In the graduating class first honors were awarded to T. John Shallow and Henry Monk, and several class honors to Francis McKenna, Eustace Maguire and Peter Donovan.

Prizes were awarded as follows: For good conduct—Senior section, Arthur Disette; junior section, Charles Power.

Second year philosophy, silver medal, given by Lieut.-Governor Jette—T. John Shallow.

First year philosophy, bronze medal, given by Lieut.-Governor Jette—Francis Downes.

Scholarship for highest class standing in rhetoric—Gerald Murray. Humanities, prizes for best class standing, given by Rev. J. C. Sinnett, P.P.—Chester Regan.

First grammar class standing—Ernest Dickinson; second grammar, Augustine Downes; third grammar, John Wickham, first; Rame Sutter, second.

Latin rudiments, class standing—First prize, Donald Macdonald; second, Walter O'Brien.

Special English—First section, James Leo; second section, Lucien Desorey.

Preparatory, first section, class standing—Almar Auzias Turenne, first; Charles Barron Boeckh, second. Second section, class standing, Francis Ryan.

T. John Shallow, of the class of 1903, and Corbett Whitten, of '04, were awarded special prizes for successfully passing an honor examination in philosophy.

### AT ST. AGNES' ACADEMY.

This most estimable educational institution under the direction of the Congregation of Notre Dame, in St. Anthony's parish, held its closing exercises on Tuesday last, when the pupils were awarded their prizes.

Rev. John E. Donnelly, P.P., presided, and seated beside him were Rev. Isidore Kavanagh, S.J., and the Rev. Mother-General of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The following was the programme:—

Grande Overture—"Galop Militaire," Bown.

Greeting Song, choir.

Recitation, "Short and Sweet."

Pantomime, "In the Land of Make Believe."

Instrumental selection—"Les Papillons," Streabbog.

Distribution of prizes to junior pupils.

Mandolin selection.

Recitation, "The Song of the Mystic."

The Revel of the Naiads.

Recitation, "With the Shadow of Thy Wing."

Vocal selection—Quartette, Mazur-ette.

### Catholic High School.

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with small cost, be made to suit admirably, the refuge would be secured, and the balance remaining be handed over to this congregation, and another site more suitable, with a less expansion building be purchased, where the good work could be carried on. This suggestion he ventured to make—it would be unpardonable, were he to omit thanking the noble daughters of Marguerite Bourgeoys, for the work they had done, on behalf of the junior classes. In the name of every Governor, and of every parent, he wished to say, that the debt of gratitude would never be forgotten. He would not resume his seat, without expressing the pleasure, he knew they all felt, that the Catholic University of Ottawa, had conferred upon their Principal, Mr. Hales Sanders, the degree of M. A. not only for his scholarship, but for his ability and zeal, as an educator of youth. The rumor had been circulated that Mr. Sanders had bought the school furniture, that was not true, but, in all probability, if he and some of his colleagues were to continue the work, they had a successful carried out in the past, the governors might loan him what he required in the way of desks and other things, for these would again be needed by the Catholic High School, when in short time, in happier days, it would again resume operations, be a source of benefit to the youth of our city, and a monument to the sainted priest who had sacrificed the last years of his life in the noble effort of its erection, the lamented Father Quinlivan.

Mr. Semple, one of the trustees of St. Bridget's Refuge, spoke in equally positive terms of the prospect of preserving the High School, if not in the present premises at least in some other site. He proposed that the present building be taken over as a home, and that the cost of the building to be paid over to the governors by the Refuge be used to build a smaller school on some other site. It behooved the Irish Catholics of Montreal, he said, to uphold the honor of their race by rallying to the support of the institution which had done so much good during the four years of its existence.

### At The Edward Murphy School

The closing exercises of the above-named school were held on Monday evening, and hundreds of expectant fathers and mothers were present to watch the proceedings. Amongst the members of the clergy present were: The Rev. Father P. Hefferman, Rev. Father Callaghan, and the Rev. Father Bernier. The following is a list of the successful pupils in the third, fourth and fifth years:—

THIRD YEAR, 2nd Division.—John O'Rourke, Patrick Coady, Fred Perry, Arthur Chalifoux, Charles McArthur, Ralph Hague, Falerio Ganno, Frank Whittier, Charles Coleman, Owen Rogers, Eugene McCahy, Ralph Hague, Edward Duffy, Frances Bowes, Alphonse Cadieux, Patrick Coady, Joseph Bonin, Francis Whittaker, Falerio Ganno, Fred Perry, Patrick J. Coady, Ralph Hague, Arthur Chalifoux, Eugene McCahy, Arthur Chalifoux, Emile Gadbois, P. J. Coady, Francis Labelle, Charles Coleman, Joseph Bonin, Samuel Kanaler, Alphonse Cadieux, Falerio Ganno, Edward Duffy, Romeo Sanders, J. Jerome, Francis Whittaker, Francis Bowes, J. Bootier, J. Manion, Alphonse Cadieux, Telephore Martin, Romeo Sanders, J. Bootier, Arthur Chalifoux, Alphonse Bougie, P. Flynn, James Norton, Alphonse Bougie, Arthur Chalifoux, Michael Cleary, R. McIlhone, Arthur Chalifoux, Francis Howard, R. McIlhone, Matthew McNamara, James Norton, Arthur Chalifoux, Michael Cleary, Alphonse Bougie.

THIRD YEAR, 1st Division—Martin Greene, Francis Johnson, Jarvis Hart, Edmond Laberge, Martin Greene, Arthur Fitzgerald, Francis Johnson, Ernest St. Jean, Martin Greene, Edmond Laberge, Eugene Laberge, Arthur Larose, Raoul Renaud, Ernest St. Jean, Raoul Renaud, Edmond Laberge, Eugene Laberge, Ernest St. Jean, Denis St. Jean, Albert Carriere, Arthur Larose, Edmond Laberge, Albert Carriere, Adonis Champagne, Moise Mahen, Ernest St. Jean, Arthur Larose, Nap. Binet, John Hayden, Martin Greene, John Hayden, Albert Carriere, Arthur Larose, Ernest St. Jean, Eugene Laberge, Raoul Renaud.

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FOURTH YEAR.—John McDonald, R. McIlhone, Morice McShane, James Cahil, Matthew McNamara, Frank Howard, R. McIlhone, James Cahil, Michael McNamara, Maurice McShane, Alphonse Ouellette, John McDonald, Raoul Guillaume, A. Beauchemin, Henry Hinton, Hector Cameraine, Cleophas Robert, James Cahil, Edward Belanger, Raoul Guillaume, Alphonse Belanger, Raoul Grignon, Ovid Lariviere, A. Pare, Hector Cameraine, Henry Bellemare, Joseph Carriere, Alphonse Belanger, Henry Bellemare, Alphonse Belanger, Hector Cameraine, Alphonse Ouellette, Henry Bellemare, Hector Cameraine, Alphonse Belanger, Henry Hinton, Hector Cameraine, Henry Bellemare, Raoul Grignon, Raoul Guillaume, Henry Bellemare, Alphonse Ouellette, Alphonse Belanger, E. Faubert, Frank Howard, R. McIlhone, Michael McNamara, A. Ouellette, Henry Bellemare, Maurice McShane, John McDonald.

FIFTH YEAR.—John McCahy, Charles Meehan, Michael Donnelly, Michael Donnelly, Thomas Flynn, John McCahy, Michael Donnelly, John McCahy, Charles Meehan, Michael Donnelly, John McCahy, Chs. Meehan, John McCahy, Philip Filion, Wilfred Lardie, Michael Donnelly, Alphonse Bougie, Charles Meehan, Wilfred Lardie, Michael Donnelly, Chs. Meehan, Alphonse Bougie, Hector Lesperance, Philip Filion, Wilfred Lardie, Alphonse Bougie, Michael Cleary, Michael Cleary, Philip Filion, James Norton, Thomas Flynn, Ernest Guay, Wilfred Lardie, Wilfred Lardie, Hector Lesperance, Wilfred Lardie, Philip Filion, Wilfred Lardie, Ernest Guay, Charles Meehan, Alphonse Bougie, Michael Donnelly, James Norton, Philip Filion, Michael Cleary.

ASSIDUITY.—Joseph Bolduc, Edmond Laberge, John Silidore, Lawrence Doyle, Hector Cameraine, Francis Whittaker, Eugene McCahy, Paul Bolduc, Eugene Laberge, Gaspard Gonn, Walter Strange, Moise Mahen, Andrew Kelly, Albert Bourbonniere, Emile Pelletier, Charles Meehan, Alex. Pare, James O'Kane, James McAllinden.

Fourteen pupils passed in the competitive examination. The following pupils received Home Savings Banks, donated by the Montreal City and District Savings Bank. Michael Donnelly, Alphonse Ouellette, Arthur Coleman.

OBITUARY.—The death of an estimable and well known lady in Irish Catholic ranks, Mrs. Andrew Finn, wife of Mr. Andrew Finn, an esteemed citizen of Montreal, occurred on Wednesday, after a long and painful illness. Deceased had been a zealous member of St. Ann's for a long period, but latterly was connected with St. Anthony's parish. She possessed in an eminent degree all the characteristics of an affectionate Irish mother, wife and friend. May her soul rest in peace.

### IS WATER A FOOD?

Hutchinson, an English authority, who has published the latest and best work of foods, includes water among food substances. Water enters the body, not only as a solvent, but as destined to become a constituent element of the tissues themselves. Water adds to the energy of the body by increasing the volume of blood, and thus increasing the power of the heart, and in other ways contributing to the activity of the tissues.

It was the Heart of Jesus which spoke when He said: "My Father, I wish that where I am, My disciples be with Me."

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