

CLOSING EXERCISES OF SCHOOLS.

The distribution of prizes to the boys of St. Ann's School took place in St. Ann's Young Men's Hall, on Saturday, June 23. Rev. Father Strubbe, O.S.S.H., presided. A large number of parents of the children and other friends of the school were present. Among them we noticed: Rev. Fathers Rietvelt, Hayvis, and Fortier, Mr. M. J. P. Quinn, Frank J. Curran, B.C.L., Ald. F. J. Hart, and J. Tansey, Mr. Wm. Doran, Prof. Sanders, Mr. J. Coffey, Mr. T. McEneaney, etc.

The following boys were awarded prizes:—

FIRST CLASS.

1st Division.—1 M. Fennell, 2 L. Kavanagh, 3 M. Donnelly.
2nd Division.—1 H. Manning, 2 E. Curran, 3 J. Curran, 4 A. Lamontagne, 5 H. Maguire, 6 W. Kennedy, 7 W. O'Flaherty, 8 F. Supple, 9 J. Shields, 10 R. Lennon, 11 J. Scullion.

SECOND CLASS.

1st Division.—1 H. Murphy, 2 J. Hebert, 3 J. Galloway, 4 E. Shanahan, 5 P. Hebert, 6 E. McCarthy, 7 J. Meehan, 8 P. Maguire, 9 W. Madigan, 10 W. Stewart.
2nd Division.—1 H. Wier, 2 W. Everett, 3 J. Malon, 4 F. Hammill, 5 W. O'Brien, 6 E. Vallee, 7 C. McDonald, 8 F. Sheeran, 9 E. Mooney, 10 T. Meehan, 11 J. Varin.

THIRD CLASS.

1st Division.—1 P. Cosgrove, 2 F. Scullion, 3 R. Linton, 4 T. Curran, 5 J. McMorrow, 6 W. Murphy, 7 J. Mooney, 8 R. Doran, 9 D. Mahoney, 10 J. Clancy, 11 P. Guilfoyle, 12 J. Quinn, 13 M. Boyle, 14 M. Hubbard, 15 P. McCarthy.

2nd Division.—1 A. Olsen, 2 M. O'Donnell, 3 J. Clarke, 4 J. McLaughlin, 5 B. Beauchamp, 6 J. Kavanagh, 7 H. Beauchamp, 8 E. Leve, 9 T. Shanahan, 10 A. Patterson, 11 J. Carroll, 12 D. Supple, 13 E. Murphy, 14 D. McCrory, 15 J. Brennan, 16 H. Everett, 17 M. Killoran, 18 Anthony Burns.

FOURTH CLASS.

1st Division.—1 E. Murphy, 2 J. Bennett, 3 E. Ryan, 4 E. Colerick, 5 E. Tobin, 6 J. Cherry, 7 P. Flannagan, 8 G. Wilkinson, 9 W. Gallagher, 10 C. Galloway, 11 H. Hyland, 12 J. McCarthy, 13 E. Lallemant, 14 D. Babin, 15 R. McDonald.
2nd Division.—1 P. Tobin, 2 T. Bossier, 3 J. Corcoran, 4 P. McDonald, 5 S. Paquette, 6 T. Kenna, 7 P. Donnelly, 8 Horace Rose, 9 Henry Rose.

FIFTH CLASS.

1st Division.—1 P. Glover, 2 J. Cooney, 3 L. Paquette, 4 M. Sprout, 5 P. Clancy, 6 Wm. Frosberg, 7 Patrick Coughlan, 8 H. Charlebois, 9 J. Fennell, 10 M. McKenna, 11 Thos. Kennedy, 12 L. McCrory, 13 P. Dunphy, 14 C. O'Brien, 15 H. Benoit, 16 L. Brennan, 17 G. McKenna, 18 T. Connan, 19 J. Murphy, 20 P. Brodrick, 21 A. Latimer, 22 R. Baylis, 23 H. Larin, 24 T. Benoit.

2nd Division.—1 E. Costello, 2 R. Fitzgerald, 3 S. Curran, 4 T. Fennell, 5 P. Moran, 6 E. Ryan, 7 J. Foley, 8 J. Harold, 9 T. Mollitt, 10 Wm. McCarron, 11 P. Quinn, 12 A. Ryan, 13 J. Carroll, 14 D. Nelson, 15 J. Tuohy, 16 T. Madigan, 17 M. Layden, 18 E. McGivern, 19 A. Courville, 20 J. Greene, 21 J. Shea, 22 A. Madigan, 23 M. Lafferty, 24 M. McNamara.

SIXTH CLASS.

1st Division.—1 R. Craven, 2 D. Green, 3 Jno. McCarthy, 4 Wm. Murphy, 5 Jas. Larissey, 6 Jno. McGuire, 7 Jno. Carey, 8 Angus Mann, 9 Jas. Smith, 10 Wm. Black, 11 Jas. Hanley, 12 M. Callan, 13 Felix Brackcn, 14 George Regan.

2nd Division.—1 Patrick Galloway, 2 Jas. O'Reilly, 3 Jno. Healy, 4 Patrick Cherry, 5 S. Furlong, 6 Robt. Condon, 7 Albert Ryan, 8 Francis Madigan, 9 Jno. Gallagher, 10 Frank Lallemant, 11 Willie Dunn, 12 Jas. Tigeon, 13 Jas. Mooney.

SEVENTH CLASS.

1 M. Gleeson, 2 M. McCarthy, 3 M. Meehan, 4 J. Baxter, 5 E. McCrory, 6 P. Power, 7 J. Donahue, 8 P. Moran, 9 A. Hanson, 10 J. Sheeran, 11

P. Korb, 12 J. Power, 13 M. Mulhern, 14 J. Clarke, 15 P. McGuire, 16 M. Mooney, 17 R. Carroll, 18 F. Flood, 19 J. Canty, 20 P. Mahoney, 21 F. Mott, 22 A. Jubin, 23 E. Sullivan.

EIGHTH CLASS.

1 J. O'Brien, 2 P. O'Reilly, 3 C. J. Gleeson, 4 R. T. Hogan, 5 C. Pegnaen, 6 R. Hillard, 7 G. McCrea, 8 O'Donnell, 9 J. A. Ryan, 10 C. McDonald, 11 D. Shanahan, 12 J. J. Moran, 13 G. Wier, 14 L. Gleeson, 15 M. Gallagher, 16 P. McLean, 17 J. Williams, 18 W. Harold, 19 A. Fitzgerald.

NINTH CLASS.

1 A. Thompson, 2 R. Olsen, 3 J. Crimmons, 4 M. Hanley, 5 R. Guilfoyle, 6 E. Squires, 7 J. Daly, 8 E. Mullins, 9 J. Larissey, 10 F. Munroe, 11 J. Guilfoyle, 12 T. Hughes, 13 A. Downey, 14 J. Lenehan, 15 W. Flowers, 16 W. Campbell.

TENTH CLASS.

1 J. Tobin, 2 W. McCance, 3 W. Russell, 4 E. O'Reilly, 5 F. O'Donnell, 6 L. Mahoney, 7 J. Walsh, 8 J. Ahearne, 9 W. Murray, 10 T. Morris, 11 J. C. Hannan, 12 J. Delaney, 13 J. Dempsey, 14 J. Russell, 15 H. Carroll.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

The Mount St. Louis scholarship was won this year by Master Michael Fennell. The same boy carried off Mrs. Wm. Brennan's handsome prize for shorthand and letter writing.

Rev. Father Strubbe—Prize for assiduity and highest number of weekly notes, was won by Master Joseph Hebert.

Prof. L. Ratto—Gold medal for music, won by Master James Curran. Ald. Galloway—Prizes for religious instruction, won by Masters Law, Kavanagh and Henry Murphy.

Ald. F. Hart—Prizes for deportment, won by E. Shanahan, A. Olsen, B. Ryan, A. Lamontagne, R. Fitzgerald, J. McCarthy.

The School—Prizes for education were awarded to—John Meehan, 2 Jas. Scullion, 3 William Gallagher, 1 Martin J. O'Donnell.

Prize Donors—The Rev. Redemptorist Fathers, Hon. Dr. J. J. Guerin, Mr. M. J. P. Quinn, Mr. J. Slattery, Mr. Wm. Heelan, Prof. L. Ratto, Mr. T. O'Donnell, Mr. J. St. John, Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, Ald. J. Hart, Ald. D. Galloway, Mr. P. McCrory, Mr. J. O'Donnell, Mr. T. O'Connor, Mr. S. O'Donnell, Mr. M. Ryan, Mrs. Wm. Brennan, Messrs. Galloway Bros.

After the distribution of prizes the Rev. Father Strubbe, P.P., congratulated the parents on the success of their children, and thanked the members of the school board who had assisted him in obtaining a grant that enabled him to make the much needed repairs in the school buildings.

Speaking from figures, he showed in a few words how the money paid for school-tax was distributed.

Referring to the question of education, he said that the system that trained the mind and neglected the heart was worse than useless, and that he attached so much importance to the moral training that rather than allow his school to go from under his control he would sell the church bells and vestments—even the church and the chalice—for he could hear confessions on the wayside and celebrate Mass in a barn, but he could not educate children without his school.

Mr. M. J. P. Quinn referring to the remarks just made by the Rev. Pastor, said that they were the noble words of a noble priest, and the echo of the sound teaching of Holy Church.

Ald. Hart said he had assisted Rev. Father Strubbe to obtain a grant for the school, but he did not wish to claim all honors. He had paid many visits to this school, and always took a great interest in the boys of St. Ann's. He concluded by stating that his prize would be again open for competition next year.

Mr. Wm. Doran complimented the prize-winners, and said that those who did not succeed this year should not be discouraged, that in school as in the battle of life "try again" was a useful maxim.

LOYOLA COLLEGE.

It is a custom of our universities and colleges to issue a prospectus at the close of each school year in which is set forth the rules, studies and other matters. Loyola College in its prospectus, which is very creditable to the institution, also gives a full list of the prize-winners. This record is, we understand, very much appreciated by both parents and students, and very justly so, as it will be cherished as a souvenir by the boys whose names appear in its pages.

Loyola has made rapid strides of progress since its establishment, and is now reckoned among the foremost educational institutions for English-speaking boys in this province. The following is the full list of prize-winners:—

Prize, (gift of Rev. William O'Meara, P.P.,) for good conduct, determined by the vote of the boys and masters together with the aggregate of monthly marks, John P. Walsh, honorable mention, Corbett McRae, James Keane, William Kaine, Francis Disette, James Clarke.

The Lieutenant-Governor's medal awarded to Peter Donovan, who, in his examination, obtained the highest average in the highest class.

HUMANITIES.—Class Standing—First prize, Peter Donovan; second prize, Joseph Downes; honorable mention, Henry Monk, Robert Hart, Francis McKenna.

Religious Instruction—First prize Peter Donovan, second prize, John Shallow; honorable mention, Henry Monk; Joseph Downes, Albert Lortie, Francis McKenna.

English—Prize, Henry Monk; honorable mention, Peter Donovan, Francis

McKenna, Joseph Downes, Robert Hart.

French—First prize, Henry Monk; second prize, Joseph Downes; honorable mention, John Shallow, Peter Donovan, Albert Lortie, Robert McKenna.

Latin—First prize, Peter Donovan; second prize, Henry Monk; honorable mention, Robert Hart, Joseph Downes, Francis McKenna, Corbett McRae.

Greek—First prize, Peter Donovan; second prize, Henry Monk; honorable mention, Robert Hart, Jos. Downes, Francis McKenna, Robert McKenna.

Mathematics—First prize, Peter Donovan; second prize, Jos. Downes; honorable mention, Henry Monk; Robert Hart, Francis McKenna, Corbett McRae.

History—First prize, Peter Donovan; second prize, Corbett McRae; honorable mention, Henry Monk; Joseph Downes, Robert Hart, Eustace Maguire.

FIRST GRAMMAR.—Class-Standing—First prize, Francis Downes; second prize, William Kaine; honorable mention, Corbett Whitton, James Clarke, Joseph Murphy, Michael Tansey.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Francis Downes; second prize, John P. Walsh; honorable mention, Philippe Chevalier, William Kaine, Bernard Conroy, Joseph Murphy, Michael Tansey.

English—First prize, William Kaine; second prize, Francis Downes; honorable mention, Philippe Chevalier, Jas. Clarke, Corbett Whitton, John P. Walsh.

French—First prize, Guy Hamel; second prize, Francis Downes; honor-

able mention, Edward Maguire, Jas. Clarke, Joseph Murphy, Philippe Chevalier.

Latin—First prize, Francis Downes; second prize, James Clarke; honorable mention, William Kaine, Michael Tansey, Corbett Whitton, Joseph Murphy.

Greek—First prize, William Kaine; second prize, Corbett Whitton; honorable mention, Francis Downes, Jos. Murphy, James Clarke, Michael Tansey.

Mathematics.—First prize, Francis Downes; second prize, Edward Maguire; honorable mention, Philippe Chevalier, Michael Tansey, William Kaine, Guy Hamel.

History—Prize, James Clarke; honorable mention, William Kaine; Corbett Whitton, Francis Downes, Michael Tansey.

SECOND GRAMMAR.—Class-Standing—First prize, Charles Bermingham; second prize, William Daly; honorable mention, Michael P. Davis, Louis Burns, Maurice Browne, Walter Maguire.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Frederick Ryan; second prize, Louis Burns; honorable mention, Raphael Dillon, William O'Neill, Geo. Crowe, Edward Doctor, Robert B. Farrell, Walter Maguire.

English—First prize, Louis Burns; second prize, James Doran; honorable mention, Gerald Murray, Charles Bermingham, Robert B. Farrell, Michael P. Davis, Walter Maguire.

French—First prize, Gerald Murray; second prize, Walter Maguire; honorable mention, Emile Emery; Raphael Dillon.

Latin—First prize, Charles Bermingham; second prize, Michael P. Davis; honorable mention, Maurice Browne, Emile Emery, Gerald Murray, William O'Neill, Raphael Dillon, Edward Doctor.

Greek—First prize, Charles Bermingham; second prize, Maurice Browne; honorable mention, James Farrell, Raphael Dillon, Gerald Murray, Pierre Chevalier, Walter Maguire, Emile Emery.

Mathematics—First prize, Michael P. Davis; second prize, Charles Bermingham; honorable mention, James Doran, Raphael Dillon, James Farrell, Gerald Murray, Walter Maguire.

History—First prize, Charles Bermingham; second prize, Raphael Dillon; honorable mention, Pierre Chevalier, Robert B. Farrell, Walter Maguire, Joseph Corcoran, Edward Doctor.

The following boys of this class have during the year distinguished themselves by uniform application to study: William Daly, Walter Maguire, Charles Bermingham, Joseph Corcoran, Michael P. Davis, Maurice Browne, Louis Burns, Edward Doctor, Raphael Dillon.

THIRD GRAMMAR.—Class-Standing—First prize, Francis Disette; second prize, Leo Poupore; honorable mention, Thomas F. McGovern, Francis Meehan, Gerald Coughlin, James Power, Henry Brown.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Leo Poupore; second prize, Augustus Law; honorable mention, Thomas F. McGovern, Henry Cassidy, Francis McShane, Francis Disette, Henry Brown.

English—First prize, Leo Poupore; second prize, Patrick Coughlin; honorable mention, Francis Meehan, Francis Disette, Thomas F. McGovern, Gerald Coughlin, Francis McShane.

French—First prize, Raymond Simard; second prize, Percy Macaulay; honorable mention, Romeo Campeau, Francis Disette, Thomas F. McGovern, Francis McShane, Jos. Power.

Latin—First prize, Francis Meehan; second prize, Francis Disette; honorable mention, Percy Macaulay, Gerald Coughlin, Leo Poupore, Patrick Coughlin, Bernard McQuade.

Greek—First prize, Leo Poupore; second prize, Bernard McQuade; honorable mention, Adolphe Schultz, Francis Disette, Francis Meehan, Gerald Coughlin, Percy Macaulay.

Arithmetic—First prize, Augustus Law; second prize, Gerald Coughlin; honorable mention, Joseph Power, Adolphe Schultz, Patrick Coughlin, Thomas F. McGovern.

History and Geography—First prize, Francis Disette; second prize, Leo Poupore; honorable mention, Augustus Law, Francis Meehan, Gerald Coughlin, Francis McShane, Patrick Coughlin.

The following boys of this class have during the year distinguished themselves by uniform application to study: James Keane, Thomas F. McGovern, Francis Disette, Francis Meehan, Augustus Law, Michael McCool, Joseph Power, Francis McShane.

LATIN RUDIMENTS, A.—Class-Standing—First prize, Charles Power; second prize, Raoul Prevost; honorable mention, Jacques Chevalier, Frederick Lynott, William Lynott, Michael T. Burke, Raymond Ryan.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Frederick Lynott; honorable mention, Ernest Donnelly, William Lynott, Daniel Kiely, Sargent Owens, Albert Paxton.

English—(Grammar, spelling, composition.)—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Charles Power; honorable mention, Michael T. Burke, Jacques Chevalier, James H. Reilly, Frederick Lynott, Edward Farrell.

French—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Charles Power; honorable mention, Michael T. Burke, Jacques Chevalier, Frederick Lynott, Sargent Owens, William Lynott.

Latin—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Charles Power; honorable mention, Michael T. Burke, Jos. McCool, James Leo, Frederick Lynott, James H. Reilly.

Arithmetic—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Charles Power; honorable mention, Adrian Law, Frederick Lynott, Raymond Ryan, Murray Steben, J. Sandfield Waters.

History and Geography—First prize, Raoul Prevost; second prize, Charles Power; honorable mention, Raymond Ryan, Frederick Lynott, James H. Reilly, Adrian Law, Henry McConnell.

The following boys of this class have during the year distinguished themselves by uniform application to study: Raoul Prevost, Michael T.

Burke, Charles Power, Martin Milloy, Frederick Lynott, William Lynott, Albert Paxton.

N.B.—Henry McConnell and George Prevost were promoted to this class from Preparatory at Christmas.

LATIN RUDIMENTS, B.—Class-Standing—First prize, Pelham Winslow; second prize, George Vanier; honorable mention, Leo Reynolds, Francis Winslow, John Davis, Frederick Donovan, Francis Maguire.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Pelham Winslow; second prize, Francis Maguire; honorable mention, Jas. Cosgrave, Leo Reynolds, George Vanier, Ernest Dickenson, Frederick Donovan, Francis Winslow.

English—(Grammar, spelling, composition.)—First prize, Pelham Winslow; second prize, Francis Winslow; honorable mention, Shirley Kavanagh, Francis Maguire, Ernest Dickenson, James Cosgrave, John Davis.

French—First prize, George Vanier; second prize, Leo Reynolds; honorable mention, Alexandre Lefebvre, Francis Maguire, Frederick Donovan, John Davis, James Redmond.

Latin—First prize, Pelham Winslow; second prize, James Cosgrave; honorable mention, Francis Maguire, William O'Malley, John Davis, Francis Winslow, Alexandre Lefebvre, Leo Reynolds.

Arithmetic—First prize, Francis Winslow; second prize, Pelham Winslow; honorable mention, Ernest Dickenson, John Davis, George Vanier, Shirley Kavanagh, James Cosgrave, Frederick Donovan.

History and Geography—First prize, Francis Maguire; second prize, Pelham Winslow; honorable mention, George Vanier, Ernest Dickenson, John Davis, Michael P. Davis.

The following boys of this class have during the year distinguished themselves by uniform application to study: Pelham Winslow, Leo Reynolds, John Davis, George Vanier, Francis Winslow, Frederick Donovan, Ernest McKenna.

N.B.—James Cosgrave and James Redmond were promoted to this class from Preparatory at Christmas.

PREPARATORY A.—Class-Standing—First prize, Alexander Millard; second prize, Arthur de Lorimier; honorable mention, Leopold Grundle, Duncan Maguire, Louis Mulligan, Arthur Henrick, Harold Hingston.

Religious Instruction—First prize, Rene Redmond; second prize, Arthur Henrick; honorable mention, Harold Hingston, Duncan Maguire, Alexander Millard, Leopold Grundle.

English—(Grammar, spelling, composition.)—First prize, Rene Redmond; second prize, Arthur de Lorimier; honorable mention, Alexander Millard, Duncan Maguire, Arthur Henrick, Denis Martin.

French—First prize, Denis Martin; second prize, Severin Page; honorable mention, Arthur de Lorimier, Louis Mulligan, Leopold Grundle, Arthur Henrick.

Arithmetic—First prize, Denis Martin; second prize, Alexander Millard; honorable mention, Rene Redmond, Arthur de Lorimier, Leopold Grundle, Duncan Maguire.

History and Geography—First prize, Arthur de Lorimier; second prize, Duncan Maguire; honorable mention, Denis Martin, Rene Redmond, Louis Mulligan, Alexander Millard.

B. Class-Standing—Prize, Arthur Marson; honorable mention, Barry Myers.

Religious Instruction—Prize, Arthur Marson; honorable mention, John Corley.

English—Prize, Stuart Rolland; honorable mention, Barry Myers.

French—Prize, Emery Gauthier; honorable mention, Maurice Dumoulin.

Arithmetic—Prize, Barry Myers; honorable mention, Stuart Rolland.

History and Geography—Prize, Maurice Dumoulin; honorable mention, Barry Myers.

The following boys of this class have during the year distinguished themselves by uniform application to study: Rene Redmond, Louis Mulligan, Arthur Henrick, Duncan Maguire, Stuart Rolland, Arthur de Lorimier, Wilfrid Rolland.

MASTER JAMES O'KEEFE, Pupit of the Catholic High School, Winner of Kilkeaven Prize for Irish History.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general, was to have presided at the weekly concert held Wednesday evening at the Catholic Sailors' Club but was unable to do so, as he missed his train at Ottawa.

The chair was occupied by Judge Purcell. There was a large audience, and the concert was in every way one of the most successful held this season, the programme being an excellent one. The bulk of the entertainment was provided by the stewards of the SS. "Vancouver," who deserve much credit for their labors. They were assisted by Miss Tootsie Durand and Miss Audrey Bennett, and also by Seamen Bloomfield and Wilson, and Pte. Nelson, R.M.L.T., from H. M. S. "Tribune." The names of the "Vancouver's" stewards who contributed their services on this occasion are: Messrs. Sennett, Fleming, Joy, Ward, Longley, Oliver and Gwynne, also seamen Jas. Hannan, A. Sullivan, J. Lawson, W. Law, Miss Orton, was a most efficient accompanist. At the close of the concert the "Vancouver's" men proceeded to the wharf at which H.M.S. "Tribune" is lying and serenaded the crew.

THE CREMATION FAD.

Editor of the "True Witness":

Sir,—The question of cremation seems to have taken hold in certain sections of our community, and is now creating considerable comment and discussion. I was surprised, on more than one occasion within the last couple of years, to learn that prominent citizens of Canada had directed, when dying, that their bodies be sent to the Boston crematory for the purpose of being reduced to ashes. But I was still more astonished to find that men of wealth had actually taken steps—and of a very practical nature—to have one of these human incinerators established in connection with one of our cemeteries. Of course, it may be none of my special business, nor have I the authority to speak on the subject for any person but myself. As far as I am individually concerned, I certainly would object to cremation: I have no ambition, once "life's brief dream" is over, to be burned either in body or soul, here or hereafter; but, if others prefer cremation to interment, I cannot help it, and to use a vulgar phrase, "it is none of my funeral."

However, there is a very serious side to this question. I noticed in a recent number of the "Gazette," a lengthy editorial in which the writer traces the history of cremation back into the very "wildwest of antiquity." From the religious and sentimental standpoint he does not pretend to pronounce; but his aim seems to be the establishing of an equality of sentiment in regard to the two means of disposing of the dead. As far as the pagans are concerned I am of accord with the writer when he claims that both cremation and interment attained amongst the Greeks, the Romans, and other peoples of the pre-Christian period. But we must stop when we come to the downfall of paganism. It cannot be established, either by tradition or record, that cremation was ever recognized and approved of by the Christian Church. Not even in the early ages of Christianity, when it might have often served the purposes of the persecuted Christians to do away with their dead by reducing them to ashes—even then the catacombs became a vast burial ground, where the mortal bodies of the departed were interred, and where their last resting places could be visited by those who wished to pray for their eternal repose.

It is not my intention to enter into any discussion of the subject from the sanitary point. I am perfectly prepared to admit that in certain large centres—like London, Paris, and New York—the existence of cemeteries may cause considerable inconvenience. To have a section in the heart of such a vast city as London set aside for a graveyard, may be at variance with the interests of the corporation and possibly, from the standpoint of health, not desirable in general. On the other hand, in such cities, the distances are so great that no end of inconvenience must be caused by having the cemeteries on the outskirts of the city. Whatever force such an argument may have, it certainly has none whatsoever when applied to Canada. Montreal may grow as rapidly as the most sanguine could wish, there will still be land enough for a century to come back of Cote des Neiges and Mount Royal to contain all the dead of the future. Nor is the healthiness of the city ever likely to be affected by the increase in the number of deaths—according as the population augments. There is no necessity for cremation here; nor is there likely to be any for many and many generations to come.

Leaving aside the religious aspect of the question, from a purely sentimental point of view, the thing is repugnant. It is a proposition that grades upon our most sensitive natures. Whatever an individual—eccentric or otherwise—may wish to have done with his body after death, certainly those who are dear to him and who are supposed to remember him after his departure, are not likely to relish the idea of having all that remains of him reduced to an urnful of ashes. And this must be the same for both Protestants and Catholics—always supposing them animated by fine feelings. Even though I never wished to pray for a dead relative, whose memory I cherish, still I would not like to be deprived of the consolation of going to his grave and there recalling his virtues or his goodnesses towards myself and others. We have a natural dread of fire; therefore, the most terrible punishment that could be imagined for the damned is the unending burning. That instinct of repugnance, which seems implanted in the nature of man for all that suggests even the burning of a human body, is, in itself, an evidence that cremation was never ordained to constitute the ending of an earthly career.

Not being sufficient of a theologian I am not able to discuss the subject from a purely religious standpoint; but my good, common sense tells me that the Catholic Church must naturally be opposed to such a pagan practice. It has been reserved for Protestantism to suggest this, and every other pagan practice that mars

the age in which we live. Cold, hollow, heartless, and prayerless—as far as the dead are concerned—Protestantism has robbed the Christian of one of the greatest consolations that ever mitigated the pains of death. It has, with iconoclastic hand, destroyed in millions that hope which springs from a Faith in a union hereafter. It has added a "sting to death," and has entwined a cypress wreath of funeral "victory" for the grave. I can only speak for myself; but certainly my humble views are participated in by millions. Certainly I shall never will my body to be burned, no more than I would will it to the dissection table.

ST. LAMBERT CASE OF SACRILEGE.

The St. Lambert case of sacrilege which has attracted so much attention on the part of the local daily press of this city, was finally disposed of in the Police Court on Thursday morning, when Judge Choquette passed sentence committing the culprit—Louis Emme—to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary for six years. His Honor, in pronouncing sentence, made the following remarks:—

"You have been found guilty of robbery in a church. Unfortunately the complaint was made under a section of the code which only imposes a maximum imprisonment of seven years, while, if made under another section, you might have been imprisoned for life. There is no doubt that you have participated in this theft, and your story about having met two men on the wharf who asked you to go and hide the chalice and hosts and afterwards go to Father Rabreau is false. The very fact that you did not denounce them makes you equally guilty with them, as you are an accomplice. I am convinced of the fact that the theft you have committed is not an ordinary one. There has not been such a theft for years in this place. You went into a church and broke open the tabernacle, the most sacred thing for a Catholic. It is a most odious crime and an outrage on society. You evidently committed this theft to extort money and relied on the sentiments of the religious authorities of St. Lambert to get the money from them. You knew that the priest was bound by oath and you speculated upon his sentiments. I am told that you have a mother living in France. She would blush, probably, if she knew that her son had committed such a crime. From information which I have received, your conduct has been bad all through, and we will find out why you left France."

"In your private apartment there were found vials of poisonous liquids which were used for throwing into the faces of people passing-by. There was also a book found there which explained how to make up different explosives. One thing in your favor is that you helped the police to find the stolen property, and that is why I shall only send you to prison for six years. But I must tell you that you are not only a thief but very dangerous to society. During your incarceration in penitentiary I shall try to find out under what circumstances you left France."

THE EX-PRIEST IN ROME.

A Roman correspondent thus refers to the famous Don Miraglia, of unsavoury celebrity, who arrived in Rome last week in order to hold a series of lectures or sermons at the Methodist church in the Via Ventì Settembre. Not content with disgracing the priestly habit, the wretched apostate has actually had the presumption to usurp the distinctive garb of a Bishop, claiming that he has been consecrated by the no less famous "Archbishop" Villetti. His first sermon was nothing but a string of falsehoods and of gross insults directed against the Catholic Church in general and the Holy Father in particular. Suffice it to say that he denounced the Jubilee Year as a colossal fraud, and actually went so far as to say that Leo XIII. and the members of the Catholic hierarchy deserved capital punishment. This blasphemous language naturally excited the indignation and disgust of a few Catholic students who were present out of mere curiosity, and a disturbance arose, which resulted in the police forbidding the continuation of Don Miraglia's so-called sermons. But the unfortunate man circumvented the prohibition of the authorities by sending out private invitations, and thus succeeded in obtaining an audience before whom he repeated the insane accusations against the Church to which he formerly belonged. In the face of such incredible blindness and wilful provocation, the ecclesiastical authorities could not but adopt the most severe measures, and on the 13th inst