

## CONCERT AND ADDRESS.

## FEAST OF BLESSED DE LA SALLE.

A Grand Concert by the Pupils of St. Ann's School—An Address by J. K. Foran, Editor of The True Witness.

The feast of Blessed de La Salle was celebrated on Friday by the boys of Saint Ann's Christian Brothers School, by an entertainment in St. Ann's Hall. Every seat in the hall was occupied, and a large number were obliged to stand. The Rev. Father Bancart, P.P., presided. The entertainment commenced with an overture from the orchestra, which was under the direction of Professor Shea. Physical drill to music followed, under the direction of Instructor Major Atkinson. After the first two exercises the boys did their work beautifully, especially in the 3rd and 6th exercises, which they performed with the precision of clock work. Forty of the boys then sang a hymn to Blessed de La Salle; there was a full orchestral accompaniment. Brother Austin directed, and the solos were well sung by Masters Francis and Norris.

A Mediaeval drama, "The Prince of Arragon," was then played. The following is a list of the boys who took part:—

Prince Ferdinand..... THOMAS J. DONNELLY  
Orlando, Son of Ferd..... J. FRANK DOHERTY  
Sebastian, Son of Ferdinand.....  
THOMAS GLEESON.  
Eribert, Companion of Orlando..... ROBT. HART  
Romualdo, Brother of Eribert.....  
MICHAEL NORRIS.  
Romeo, Friend of Eribert..... CHAS. E. LENNON  
Alphonso..... FRED J. HOGAN  
Antonio, Father of Eribert..... WILLIAM LISTON  
Don Manuel, First Peer..... MICHAEL SCOTT  
Don Diego, Second Peer..... BART. MCGREEVEY

J. Frank Doherty, as son of Ferdinand, was especially good, his acting was natural and easy; so was that of T. Gleeson, who has a clear voice, which he used to the best advantage. Michael Norris, as Romualdo, did his work splendidly; as did Chas. E. Lennon, in Romeo. Fred J. Hogan, William Liston, Michael Scott, Bart. McGreevey, and the others performed their parts in a manner which reflected great credit on themselves as well as their instructors. The drama was excellently staged and the costumes tasteful and appropriate. After the drama came a calisthenic exercise with dumbbells. This was one of the prettiest pieces of the programme, and the boys went through their exercises as if with one impulse. A violin solo, by Prof. Robert McGuirk, was executed in a very masterly manner and was well received. As an encore Mr. McGuirk sang "Jerusalem." A recitation, "De La Salle," by Arthur O'Leary, showed that young gentleman's power wonderfully and gained for him, as he deserved, an enthusiastic reception. After more gymnastic exercise with the barbells, an address was delivered by J. K. Foran. The fancy marching which closed the entertainment was a very pretty sight, the boys each wearing a flag.

## FATHER BANCART'S REMARKS.

Rev. Father Bancart, C.S.S.R., the pastor, introduced Mr. Foran—editor of THE TRUE WITNESS—and doing so made a happy allegory of the ladies—each a virtue—meeting in heaven. "Gratitude and Charity" he looked upon as the most beautiful and most rare. He paid a grand tribute to Blessed de La Salle, and to the Christian Brothers, to whom, he said, the world owes a debt of gratitude that can scarcely ever be repaid.

## MR. J. K. FORAN'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: When Reverend Brother Prudent, the zealous director of St. Ann's school, invited me to address you, on the occasion of the Feast of Blessed de La Salle, I accepted with pleasure. It is always pleasant for me to come to this hall, where I delivered my first address, years ago, in Montreal, and wherein I have since met hosts of kind friends whose goodness shall never pass from my memory. I thank Father Bancart for the text he has given me, "Gratitude, the Sister Virtue of Charity." Allow me to take advantage of this occasion to thank, in the name of the President, the Board of Directors, the shareholders and promoters of the paper I have the honor and privilege of editing, firstly you, Father Bancart, for the zealous and energetic manner in which you have striven to circulate pure Catholic literature through your advocacy of THE TRUE WITNESS, and secondly to thank the parishioners of St. Ann's for the noble and spontaneous manner in which they have responded to the ap-

peal of their pastor, and for the words of promise that so many have given for the future. A paper of this class is not merely a series of editorials, a rehash of local events, an advertising medium; it is more, it is a field whereon the young talent of the rising generation may exercise in the grand gymnasium of the mind; it is an avenue open to them, whereby they may reach the goal of their ambition and the plane of their usefulness. Fifty years ago, when the Catholics of Ireland were without a press, when the hedge schoolmaster taught by stealth, in fear and trembling, when the cloud of penal oppression yet hung upon the land, Dillon, Duffy and Davis determined to establish a weekly paper, one that would be a sun of enlightenment for the people, one that would carry into execution the principle they upheld—"Educate, that you may be free." They had a few pounds, a little experience and latent, undeveloped talent, and with this stock they went to work and established the Nation. It went into every hamlet and byway of the land. Bianconi's stage-coach could not rattle rapidly enough, from town to town, bearing the weekly copy of the Nation. Thousands of eager hands opened its pages, thousands of anxious, delighted eyes scanned its columns; poem, essay, historical contribution, all were devoured by the people, hungry for food and hungry for education. The result has been seen. "A new spirit came into Ireland." To-day the broad stream of Home Rule that is widening as it nears the ocean of Ireland's freedom, can be traced to that humble but glorious source—the Dublin Nation. One obstacle seemed to bar the first steps of its progress. They had a small capital, but where were they to find writers. Where? Go watch the sunset; two or three stars twinkle on the horizon; but as twilight passes, from out the blue depths of their hiding place they come in hundreds, then in thousands, aye, in millions, to bespangle the firmament. Whence came the writers? They sprang up on all sides, prolific as the flowers on a brook bank in May. Mangan, McCarthy, Williams, Lysaith, McDermott, Callanan, Keegan, Banim, Eva, Mary, Speranza, I cannot count them—each a star, all a galaxy of undying brilliancy. They only wanted and awaited the opportunity—it came and the result was an Irish literature and the guarantee of Ireland's autonomy.

Wherein does this apply? My friends, it finds its application here in Montreal, in this very parish, in the hall of St. Ann's. Not six weeks ago, upon this stage, a drama was presented, by the St. Ann's Y. M. S.—a drama, so pure in sentiment, so refined in spirit, so true in composition that it may be styled one of the best ever penned in Canada; and the author of that drama is a child of this school, a member of this parish, a young man who, if he only perseveres, develops his talent, and is blessed by God with health, may yet shine as a star on the horizon of Canadian literature. In this city, a young lady, who is chary of notoriety and whose seems to have too little confidence in her own powers, has sent me several compositions that at once denote abilities and qualities that must, with fair opportunity, develop into literary triumphs of no mean order. In this very parish is a poetess—Dolores—whose verses have the ring and charm that cling to the poems of the poetesses of the "Nation." Behind many of those large foreheads, bright eyes and beaming features of the boys around us are

## Carbuncles Large as Hen's Eggs!

Mrs. NANNIE GOULDMAN, of Beulahville, King William Co., Va., writes as follows: "For about eight or ten years my father, Col. T. U. Fogg, of West Point, Va., was laid up with carbuncles, the worst that I ever saw. He tried everything he could do, but his doctor could do nothing for him. Had six or seven carbuncles at a time, as large as hen's eggs. He got so weak and suffered so much he could not walk a step. In 1872 he had his bed put in the middle of his room and got on it to die. No one expected him to get well. He saw Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery advised for all blood disorders. Before he had taken half a bottle of 'Discovery' they began to go away. Two bottles entirely cured him. He is now 78 years old, and enjoys good health."



COL. T. U. FOGG.

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the germs of future thought and expression that should be cultivated, given air and sunshine that they may expand and grow to mature perfection. Give them a chance, I say; open the columns of the Catholic press to them.

No edifice, howsoever beautiful or artistic, can last, unless its foundation is solid. I can say, to-day, that the moment we have secured our weekly paper on a basis so immutable that no shock can ever stir it, immediately will its promoters commence to build thereon the superstructure of a daily paper—an organ calculated to assert our privileges, defend our rights and serve as a shield against the shafts that are constantly aimed at us. This generation will pass away, I will disappear eventually, or may be cast by the whim of my destiny into other spheres, but the race lives on, and the field must be secured for the benefit of the rising generation. We owe it to them and they must have it.

Standing in one of those homes of education, I feel that I should say a word on the subject. There is a vast difference between instruction and education. A man may have his mind filled with the knowledge of centuries and still be uneducated. Education includes the moulding of the heart, the inculcation of true principles into the soul, the development of the physical powers, at one and the same time as the mental, faculties are trained. There is many a convict to-day whose crime is due to instruction without education. He had brains enough to concoct the crime, but not heart enough to check its execution. We want well instructed men—but we need far more honest men. In all the schools under the Christian Brothers we find the physical drill, to aid in strengthening the bodies of the pupils, and to teach them the utility of obedience to command. The followers of De La Salle place the torch of faith in the hand of youth, and then proceed to secure a healthy soul in a healthy body. They send forth men who are useful to society, ornaments to the country and sources of consolation to their parents and of glory to the Church.

If the Blessed de La Salle could arise and behold the fruits of his labors, he might well rejoice in the fulfilment of all his prophetic visions. He has left an order to the world of Christian Brothers, —Christian is their humility, obedience and self-sacrifice in the cause of humanity and of God's Religion; Brothers, not only to each other, but to the thousands whose children they have trained in the ways of virtue, knowledge and usefulness. In every walk of life, in this city, the most successful and honorable representatives of our people, drew their inspirations in early youth from the Brothers and with them laid the foundation of their subsequent education and careers in life. Rome has sifted carefully the virtues, deeds and evidences of sanctity that de La Salle's life unfolds, and the mandate went forth declaring him to be one of the *elect*, beatified by the Almighty and proclaimed Blessed by the Church. We are now anxiously awaiting the day when the final crown will be placed upon his brow, and, being raised to our altars, we may invoke him as Saint Jean Baptiste de La Salle. On that day a *Te Deum* of gratitude will ascend to heaven, and in that grand chorus, not only the members of his order shall participate, but also the thousands and thousands, who owe to him and his followers the choicest blessing of their lives—true education, solid principles and religious faith. God grant that the day is not far distant.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

The beautiful statue which was presented to St. Mary's Church a few weeks ago by a lady whose name has not transpired, has been placed in a niche over Our Lady altar. The statue, which is a very valuable one, of white marble, is splendidly carved and is a fitting one to be placed in the important position which it now occupies.

The day fixed for the first Communion and Confirmation of the children is May the 21st. Classes for instruction have already been formed and about 100 children will receive the Blessed Sacrament.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH.

There are at present two societies under the name of Saint Mary's Young Men; one numbering some 200 members and the other about 45; efforts are being

made to amalgamate these societies and for this purpose a committee of five members from each has been selected to discuss the matter; their decision will be made public in about ten days.

## ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

The work on the outside of St. Gabriel's church is progressing rapidly and it is expected that the whole of the exterior will be finished in two or three weeks.

A meeting of the parishioners, to see if arrangements could be made for the renewal of the work in the interior of the church, was called on Sunday afternoon, Father O'Meara presiding. It was decided by the committee that the work in the interior of the church should be proceeded with; the work will therefore be commenced at the latter end of June.

The exterior of St. Gabriel's new church is very handsome, and if the interior corresponds with it in beauty, the whole will make one of the finest churches in the city.

The children of St. Gabriel's made their first Communion on Ascension Day and were confirmed the following Friday. There were seventy-four first communicants in all—43 boys and 31 girls. The children last Sunday were enrolled and each received the scapular.

## ST. ANN'S.

The children of Saint Ann's Parish will make their first Communion on Sunday, the 3rd of June. Confirmation will be administered at 2.30 in the afternoon. The number of first communicants is: Boys 104 and girls 84.

A reading circle is being organized among the young men of St. Ann's Society. The following gentlemen have been elected as a provisional committee: Messrs. J. J. Gethings, Ed. Quinn, T. F. Sullivan; secretary, P. T. O'Brien. The appointment of chairman was left over until a future meeting.

A pilgrimage was made from Saint Ann's Church at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday to the chapel of Bonsecours; about 200 walked in the procession and took part in the prayers. It was a most edifying ceremony and great fervor was displayed.

The Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., returned to Montreal on Monday morning on board the Vancouver. A large number of his parishioners assembled at the wharf to welcome him, and as soon as the gang plank was up they swarmed to meet him and gave him a most enthusiastic reception. The Rev. Father was expected back on Saturday or Sunday, but the vessel was delayed for two days in the ice off Cape Race. Father Strubbe has spent about two months in Europe and is much benefited in health by his outing. The Rev. Father laughingly stated to a TRUE WITNESS representative that he supposed his vacation would set him up in health for the next ten years at the least. We sincerely hope that ten years will not be the limit, but that he may be spared to us for a score and more of years to carry on his good works in our midst.

## ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH.

The children of St. Anthony's will make their first Communion on Tuesday, May the 15th. Seventy-five will receive the Blessed Sacrament and about the same number will be confirmed.

## SEND TO-DAY.

Ladies and Gentlemen, be alive to your own interests. There has recently been discovered and is now for sale by the undersigned, a truly wonderful "Hair Grower" and "Complexion Whiteners." This "Hair Grower" will actually grow hair on a bald head in six weeks. A gentleman who has no beard can have a thrifty growth in six weeks by the use of this wonderful "Hair Grower." It will also prevent the hair from falling. By the use of this remedy boys raise an elegant mustache in six weeks. Ladies if you want a surprising head of hair have it immediately by the use of this "Hair Grower." I also sell a "Complexion Whiteners" that will in one month's time make you as clear and white as the skin can be made. We never knew a lady or gentleman to use two bottles of this Whiteners for they all say that before they finished the second bottle they were as white as they would like to be. After the use of this whiteners, the skin will forever retain its color. It also removes freckles, etc., etc. The "Hair Grower" is 50 cents per box and the "Face Whiteners" 50 cents per bottle. Either of these remedies will be sent by mail, postage paid, to any address on receipt of price. Address all orders to,

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