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OUR SCHOOLS.

AT VILLA MARIA.

The awarding of medals and distribution of prizes took place at Villa Maria last week. The following young ladies graduated: Misses M. Monk, R. Curran, E. Beaubien, M. Lenoir, E. Sullivan, H. Latourelle, B. Madden, M. Dunphy, E. Dumouchel, C. Hofan, B. Daly, M. Terroux, S. Girard, Amy Cox, H. McClean, and E. Paquin.

The prizes and medals were awarded as follows:

His Excellency the Governor-General's medal, equally merited by the two first graduates, was drawn by Miss Curran.

Gold medal for literature, Miss Monk. Comitatia Palma, presented by Mr. L. O. David, Miss Beaubien.

Gold medal for literature, presented by Solicitor-General Curran, Miss Lenoir.

Gold medal for natural science, Miss Sullivan.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor's medal, Miss Latourelle.

Medals for French conversation, Misses Madden and Cox.

Gold medals for music, Misses Horan and Dumouchel.

Gold medal for Christian doctrine, Miss Daly.

Microscope presented by Hon. Ed. Murphy, Miss Terroux.

Gold medal for French composition, Miss Girard.

Medal for domestic economy, Miss McCleary.

Medal for mathematics, Miss Paquin.

The adieu was read by Miss Beaubien, and the valedictory, written in verses, was composed and rendered by Miss Curran.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS.

The commencement exercises of the Convent of Our Lady of Good Counsel took place at the Convent Hall on Friday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Loneragan and a number of Sisters of the House were present. The programme consisted of a chorus, presentation of medals to the smiling and successful pupils and a beautiful address to the Rev. Father O'Donnell, who, by his frequent visits to the classes, has endeared himself to both teachers and pupils.

The closing exercises of the Boy's Academy were held in St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening, a large number of parents and friends of the scholars being present. Rev. Father O'Donnell, director of the academy, presided over the exercises. The programme furnished an agreeable variety of examinations, spelling lessons, recitations and vocal and instrumental selections, which were so well executed that every number was heartily applauded. A farce entitled, "The Academy of Stars," in which the following pupils participated: N. Altamas, W. Kelly, F. Burns, B. McIlhorne, W. Murphy, F. Singleton, was exceptionally fine, reflecting much credit upon Mr. J. J. Maguire, under whose direction it was presented. The examination of the senior pupils in bookkeeping and arithmetic was particularly interesting and was listened to with devout attention. The beautiful prize presented by Mr. P. Wright for the spelling-lesson, was won by F. Singleton. Following the exercises the medal and prizes were awarded to the successful pupils by Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Shea.

1st Class—1st silver medal, presented by Rev. Father O'Donnell, P. P., awarded to F. Singleton, 2nd prize N. Altamas, 3rd Thos. Norton, 4th J. Brown, 5th Rouland Freele.

2nd Class—1st prize Jas. Conway, 2nd John Aspell, 3rd W. Murphy.

3rd Class—1st prize W. McAllister, 2nd W. Chambers, 3rd M. Kenny.

4th Class—1st prize John Kavanagh, 2nd Francis Dillon, 3rd Henry McEnroe.

5th Class—1st prize Jas. McKeown, 2nd W. Shewers.

9th Class—1st prize H. Brown, 2nd G. Dominick, 3rd Rock Prevost.

The distribution of prizes, which occupied some time, concluding with the presenting of an address to the Rev. Father O'Donnell, who, in a brief reply, thanked the pupils for the many kind sentiments contained in their address, and urged them to give all the attention possible to the cultivation of their intellects, which he considered a sacred duty imposed upon each and every one who wished to become fit to honour God, his country, his parents and his friends. He also referred to the spirit of insubordination existing in the institutions of our Catholic city, and attributed to a lack of humility that beautiful virtue, which, if practised, would dispose the youth of the day to a more perfect knowledge of God, and to a more perfect knowledge of themselves. He concluded his remarks by impressing upon the minds of the parents the necessity of a good Christian and practical education for the children.

Mr. J. J. Maguire, professor of the senior class, in a few brief and humorous remarks, demonstrated the necessity of a new school for the boys of the parish. The vocal and instrumental music was under the supervision of Miss Drumm, who deserves a meed of praise for the manner in which she prepared and directed the singing.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.

Solicitor General Curran's Address.

At the commencement proceedings of the Ottawa University on Wednesday evening last, after the conferring of degrees, Hon. Solicitor-General Curran, who had been invited to speak, delivered one of his eloquent addresses. In the course of his remarks he took occasion to refer to the education movement in Canada.

He referred to the address recently delivered at the convocation of Toronto University by Vice-Chancellor Mulock, and spoke of the princely donations to McGill by Sir Donald Smith, Messrs. Molson, Macdonald and Workman. He also pointed out the great sacrifices that had been made by the Oblate Fathers in connection with the Ottawa University, and said that whilst there were no such great fortunes amongst the Catholic laity as amongst our Protestant neighbors yet there were many who could contribute towards making the Ottawa University, blessed by the Pope as it has been, worthy of its great mission in the Province of Ontario. Mr. Curran addressed the graduates taking for his text, God and country. He pointed out how they should be true to their faith and the flag that protects them and appealed to them to be true to the lessons of their college which would ensure for them useful lives as Catholics and Canadians.

THE CATHOLIC SAILOR'S CLUB.

Visits and Concerts Becoming Frequent.

On Wednesday evening last, the Rev. Father O'Donnell, the pastor of St. Mary's, paid a visit to the club. The Rev. Father, before leaving addressed the sailors, bidding them consider the club their home, and telling them how truly welcome they would be at his church. He also alluded to the club being under the special protection of Our Lady of Good Counsel, whose image adorned the room, and traced the connection of the club to his parish, telling the sailors how the Montreal Catholic Truth Society, which had founded their club, had had its origin in his, and how the infant society had placed themselves under the protection of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Worthy of mention, is the caretaker of the club, Mr. Jno. McCormick, himself a sailor, who by his courtesy, care and pains taking to make everything pleasant and comfortable for the sailor, has won the hearts of all.

The first weekly concert was held on Thursday evening. Mr. P. J. Gorman presided, and there was a large attendance of citizens, together with a good muster of sailors from the various ships in port. The following ladies and gentlemen added to the pleasure of the evening:—Misses Walsh, Wurtelle, Belle, Conway; Messrs. Geo. Pilgram, of the Parisian; James Hanlon, Peter Miller and McClaud; whilst Mr. Feeley, the president, gave a most instructive and interesting address, and the concert closed with an evening hymn to the Blessed Virgin. These concerts will be given weekly, and will be greatly appreciated by the sailor lads. The next concert will take place on Thursday next.

A GRAND CEREMONY.

Despite all the attractions that drew citizens elsewhere on Sunday afternoon last, fully one thousand people collected at the site of the new Franciscan Church on Dorchester street, to witness the imposing and impressive ceremony of consecrating the altar stone. His Grace Archbishop Fabre officiated, and a large number of the clergy assisted. The Third Order of St. Francis was there in full, and superiors from all branches attended. There is no more beautiful, touching and sublime ritual than that used on the occasion of the consecration of an altar stone. The Rev. Fathers of the Order are to be congratulated on the success of Sunday's celebration. His Grace was highly pleased with all the preparations made for the occasion, and the fervor and piety displayed by those present. We might remark that Mr. Jno. O'Neill, newly elected superior of the Third Order, deserves great praise for the zeal and the success that attended it, in overseeing all the preparations for such an auspicious inauguration. Needless to say that we wish the Franciscan Fathers every imaginable prosperity in their great, holy and glorious work. They are under Divine Protection—so often made manifest in their favor—and nothing can prevail against them.

The Keeley Gold Cure.

We desire to draw attention to the only "Keeley Institute" in Montreal, which is located at 61 St. Hubert street. This Institute has been for over fourteen years devoted to the humane work of curing alcoholism and is the only one in Canada that possesses the genuine Leslie E. Keeley remedies. One special feature that recommends this Institute is that no names of patients are ever given, either publicly or privately, unless at the express desire of the patient. The treatment is given privately and the public gaze does not penetrate the sanctum of the Institute. Many a victim of alcoholism would willingly undergo the treatment were it not that the fears of the outside world, of friends and acquaintances knowing of his habit. Therefore shame and pride combine to keep a number away from this source of moral elevation and salvation. Still, while the patient is certain of never being subjected to the gaze of the inquisitive or critical, he has absolute freedom of action. He may go or come as he pleases, and even parties can take the treatment while attending to their regular business. Considering all the attention given the charges are very moderate. Such an Institute is a boon to society in days when the demon of drink is abroad playing havoc with families, communities and human beings whose souls are lost and whose bodies are ruined by its influence.

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ANOTHER APPEAL.

THE PARNELLITES ISSUE A MANIFESTO.

A Critical Moment in Irish Affairs—Cash Needed to Carry on the Fight Against the Enemies of the Old Land.

The following manifesto has been issued by the Parnellite section of the Irish Parliamentary Party. The appeal speaks for itself. But we must frankly admit that in presence of the recent events that have taken place and the very critical position that the Home Rule Bill has reached, we feel somewhat disheartened. It does not look well—at least to people on this side of the Atlantic—to find addresses coming from two different sections of a party that has every reason to be united. Nor does it seem to us to come with good grace from those who drove a man like Davitt out of Parliament at such a moment. The divisions and bickerings between leading men in the McCarthyite camp and the open hostility towards the majority on the part of the Parnellites, all lend a dark complexion to the cause. Now that so many steps have been taken in advance we would like to see the Irish members sink all personal differences in the principle at stake. Otherwise they have no right to the sympathy or support that they ask. We see in this manifesto anything but the cause of Ireland. However we give it as it stands. We believe that the Irish people of America should send a manifesto back in which they would give the Irish representatives at home to understand that until they show signs of harmony and sincere union it is useless for them appealing to their fellow-countrymen abroad. The Irish in America—that includes Canada—have done their utmost in the past and are prepared to do as much again and far more if necessary. But we don't see what right any set of men has to ask support for faction, strife, disunion. Their recriminations are only so many daggers plunged into the cause of Ireland, and until they give evidence of a strong determination to place country before personal interest, petty spite or ungovernable ambition, it is but a loss of time, a squandering of money, and a cruel wrong to the Home Rule cause to furnish them with weapons to cut each other down and to slay the country in their fratricidal warfare.

"TO THE IRISH PEOPLE IN AMERICA—Relying upon your devotion to Ireland and mindful of the generous part you have taken in building up and maintaining the struggle for nationality under the leadership of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, we venture to address you at this moment of extreme peril to our country's cause, and in the face of a danger during which it would be a betrayal of the trust imposed on us to refrain from communicating with you in regard to the loyal feeling and brotherhood among the good men of our race in America. Respect of the national character has hitherto prevented an attempt on our part to involve you in the unhappy controversy and unpleasant strife that the desertion and betrayal of Mr. Parnell have given rise to. We feel that the time has come to place the facts before you and to enlist your sympathy in our endeavor to save from shipwreck the movement on which the future of our common country and the hopes of her children largely depend.

The surrender of Mr. Parnell, in obedience to English dictation, by the men who only the day before had vowed to uphold him against the world, was the abandonment of the sacred principle of parliamentary agitation which was making the Irish cause to be respected throughout the world. The principle of absolute independence of all English parties that had been followed by a warfare in Ireland cruel and relentless against everybody refusing to participate in the betrayal or to surrender the right of independent judgement of Irish politics—backed by the wealth and influence of a great English party interested in the issue and aided by the intolerance and political shortsightedness of the vast body of the Irish clergy, who in nearly all periods of our history have favored wasting the energies of our people in a stupid attachment to an English faction.

REPLACED BY TRAITORS.

You will readily understand how the Irish Whigs succeeded in driving from parliamentary life at the last election sterling representatives whose names were familiar through all the years of our struggle, who had borne their part in every endeavor to serve Irish liberty and whose offence consisted of a steadfast adherence to the principle of loyalty to the leader who had served Ireland well and faithfully. Their places in the Nationalist ranks were filled with men of no training or experience, and who mostly had never contributed a single qualification having been ready obedience to every order of an English minister and the security that they cannot and will not bring independent judgment to bear on any concession that Ireland is offered.

Had we been enabled at the general election to return twenty-nine members of the House of Commons who would have stood independent of both the English parties, and who would have judged proposals of policy each by the amount of good which it promised, Ireland's thousands of evicted tenants, for whom nothing has been done, would have been restored to their homes, political prisoners who have simply expiated any offence of which they may have been guilty, would have been set at liberty, and the Home Rule bill which is now being discussed in the House of Commons would have been a different measure from what the present bill is likely to be.

We observe with pain that even in our ranks English influence has asserted its sway and that Irish-Americans, who formerly prided themselves on their nationality, now

deem it the better fashion to do humble duty in the Irish tail of the English party. They are donating funds to help the reactionaries in Ireland, and have endeavored to do them a service by spreading calumnies regarding us in America.

TWO STATEMENTS DENIED.

Two statements it is our duty to notice: The first that we are opposed to the principle of the Home Rule bill; the second that the American fund was intended for the use of both sections of the Irish representatives, do not contain a particle of truth. So far from sharing in the funds reaped by the American federation they have been employed in forcing us to expensive contests and when asserting the right of a free election we petitioned against the seating of Mr. Michael Davitt and Mr. Patrick Fullam, both became bankrupts in order to deprive us of the costs awarded by the courts. Our attitude on the bill introduced by the Liberals so far as it fell short of national requirements has been one of constant vigilance to amend its provisions and extend its scope. Our opponents have been silent while restriction after restriction have been granted on the bill. Our endeavors to secure the name of Parnell and to the lower chamber the title of House of Commons was supported by many English Radicals, while the Irish representatives, claiming to be the depository of national feeling, defeated them by going over in a body to the Government and the Tories.

THE CLIMAX HAS COME.

Now the climax has come. The Prime Minister has announced to the House of Commons that he intends to withhold from Ireland for six years after the passage of the bill the power of imposing, controlling or interfering with her own taxes. They are to be regulated by Imperial authority. Ireland is to be compelled to contribute one-third of her whole revenue towards Imperial charges in addition to a possible war tax.

The announcement of this proposal caused the House of Commons to stand aghast. It was received without a protest by the men who sacrificed Mr. Parnell for an English alliance. It was left to us to protest in the name of the Irish people against a proposal involving national humiliation and calculated to reduce the Irish Legislature to impotence and bankruptcy.

These facts make it clear that if that Home Rule bill be carried it must be rendered worthy of acceptance by the Irish and that the fight for nationality for both Ireland and her parliament must be maintained with vigor. We commit to you the solemn duty of donating your share to the work in which we are engaged. We appeal to you in a great crisis that is more dangerous than any that heretofore threatened the national life of Ireland within our memory.

The resources of people at home and their position to make a stand for freedom of political thought and action are severely taxed. The combined forces against which we are compelled to struggle are ever potent to delay the dawn of freedom. Whether they may not succeed to-day as in the past depends in no small measure upon your exertions and the aid you may be able to offer in maintaining the struggle.

Signed in behalf of the Independents.

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