the religion of a majority of the military students. It may be noted in this connection that Protestant England provides chapels and chaplains for its soldiers, whether they are Catholics, Protestants, or Jews. We cannot imagine that the United States Government, with such an example before it, will refuse to give its Catholic soldiers the same facilities to worship God in accordance with their religious convictions, as are granted to Protestants.

MR BALFOUR'S scheme for the partial relieif of Ireland from the present excessive taxation to which the country is subjected includes a concession to the demands of the Home-Rulers, as the amount to be apportioned out of the Imperial exchequer for half payment of poor rates and county cess will be placed in the hands of popularly elected councils to be administered by them. In introducing his plan to Parliament on May 21st he said that "to give Ireland an equivalent for the relief in agricultural rates given to England the Government proposes to place both the poor law and the county administration on a broad, popular basis. The landlords must be relieved of all rural rates. At present the land-owners are liable to half the poor rates, which the Government proposes to pay hereafter out of the Imperial funds. The tenants are liable for the other half of the poor rates and county cess. The Government proposes hereafter to pay the county cess out of the imperial funds." He added that by this scheme, which is to come into force in January, 1898, "both landlords and tenants will be benefited, and a system of local government will be established which he believes will work safely and smoothly." The concession will, undoubtely, be acceptable to the people of Ireland, but it is not to be expected that it will be taken as an equivalent for the Home Rule which Ireland justly demands.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

A striking illustration of the haziness about such an important question as that of holy orders which prevails among our separated brethern is furnished by the recent discussion of the Ballington Booth case during the General Council of the Reformed Episcopal Church. Bishop Fallows admitted that his action in ordaining Mr. Booth had been "somewhat extra canonical," but was of opinion that the cleavage in the Booth family was "providential." Commander Booth had received "some kind of ordination from his father," and now wanted something which would entitle him to recognition among the churches in America. The complacent bishop, therefore, though unwilling to ordain him as an orthodox minister of his own communion, compromised by ordaining him "in the general Church of Christ"—whatever that may mean. This juggling of words would be merely amusing were it not suggestive of an utter lack of appreciation of the real meaning of ordination. "Bishop" Fallows, and others like him, have evidently come to look upon it as a mere matter of form.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

Most controversies between Catholics and sectarian writers remind us of men engaged in angry contention across a backyard fence: they argue from different premises. We can do nothing for the conversion of Protestants until they have been made to understand the true meaning of a *church*. A clever writer was recently asked how he could continue his allegiance to the Church of England; and his reply, which expresses a condition of mind not uncommon in these days, is worth considering:

It is just *because* in her communion "everyone believes and disbelieves what he likes" that I am able to do so. We live in an age of transition, when the old moorings are dragged, and when we do not know what the future will bring forth. They therefore, who have felt the influence of the Zeitgeist are at home in a communion which has no definite voice, which leaves us largely to think what we will: we feel it well to be members of an uncertain church. . . . The Catholic Church has always spoken with an unfaltering and unwavering voice, and therefore I can not join her. The Nonconformist churches were all founded to testify to some definite dogma. But the Church of England was founded to be a compromise, to include warring opinions; and was therefore purposely left to speak with the voice of hesitation, and not of certainty. It is for this reason that I am loyal to her.

We have heard many "reasons" for the faith of Protestants; but this one has the merit of originality. Argument about specific doctrines with a man like this would be about as reasonable, to use Newman's expression, as a battle between a dog and a fish.—Ave Maria.

The Sisters of Notre Dame are about to open a Woman's College in Washington, D. C., adjacent to the Catholic University of America. The despatches in the daily press last week, on this matter, though inaccurate as to detail, and unauthorized by the people most interested, were correct as to the main fact. The Sisters have not, at the time of writing received the deed of the splendid property, which they have purchased at the university gates. Directly they have received it, they will themselves make a full statement of the scope and aims of their College. Meantime, we can say that they will erect on this beautiful site, a large and stately building; others, of this character will follow as needed. Their scholastic standard will be high—so high that they expect to fit their students for the degrees of the Catholic Univrsity. In this work they will have all the aid and encouragement which the faculty of the University can give. The Sisterhood of Notre Dame, founded in 1803, at Amiens, by Mother Julia Billiart, sent a filiation to Cincinnati, O, in 1839. Early in the fifties it was eatablished in California and Massachusetts. Its development in the Middle West, on the Pacific Coast and in New England has been very great, and a high rank among America's educators is universally conceded to the Sisters of Notre Dame. They are perfectly equal to the work they have undertaken in Washington, for they have been tried and not found wanting, as directresses of colleges affiliated with great universities in England, Scotland and Belgium.—Boston Pilot.

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ANNUAL COMMENCEMENTS.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, SANDWICH.

Something novel in the way of Commencement Exercises was given at Assumption College, Sandwich, Tuesday, when in place of the usual speeches or debate, a play, put on with excellent costumes and scenery, was presented by the pupils. The piece was "The Upstart," an adaptation of Moliere's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." A new stage has been erected in the fine auditorium of the college and with new effects and a well selected cast, the comedy was given in such a manner as to merit unqualified commendation.

The twenty-seventh annual distribution of prizes was witnessed by a large audience.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor distributed the scholarships and prizes and at the close made a short address to the parents and pupils in the course of which he paid a tribute to the teachers for their devotion to the work and to the pupils for their willing co-operation, without which much of the good that had been done would of necessity have been left unaccomplished.

Among the clergy present were: Revs. McManus, Van Antwerp, Wicart, Kessler, Brancheau, J. Ryan, Ternes, Regan, Grand, J. Bayard, Rochleau, P. Ryan, McGee, L. Heureux and Richard O'Brien.

The principal prizes were awarded as follows:

Good conduct, senior department, John Slattery, Kuebo, O.; junior, Wm. Cook, Port Huron.

Christian doctrine, Denis Quarry, Mt. Carmel, Ont.

English graduating class, Jas. McLaughlin, Lexington, Ky.

Literary, senior department, Charles Keyser, Elkhart, Ind.; junior, John McEvoy, Ft. Wayne, Ind.;

Dramatic club prize, Michael Eardley, Eardly, Mich.

Mental philosophy, Thos. McCaffrey, Chicago.

Natural philosophy, Ed. McDonald, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Church history, Frank Powell, London, Ont.

Chemistry, Theo. Martin, Dover South, Ont.

A prize of $10 in gold for the best original short story, presented by Rev. L. A. Beaudoin, P. P., of Walkerville, was won by John Slattery.

ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE, BERLIN.

Commencement day is always a memorable one to the college student. It is frequently the first great mile-stone on the journey of life. As he burns the midnight oil in his quest of knowledge, the thoughts of graduating and entering the broad highway called the world incite him to greater efforts. But when the day comes at last and he stands the successful graduate, he finds himself saddened by thoughts of breaking the ties that bind him so closely to the kind, watchful and thoughtful preceptors; to the college halls and his fellow-students. But the separation comes and he goes forth to rear a superstructure on the foundation that has been laid in his Alma Mater, and thereafter it rests almost wholly with himself whether the structure we call character shall be worthy of his teachers and himself.

The attendance at St. Jerome's College during the past year has been large, and the terms marked by the thoroughness and progress for which the institution is noted.

The closing exercises were held in St. Mary's church this year, and the programme, while not overly lengthy, was a very good one.

His Lordship, Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton, was unable to be present owing to his presence being urgently required in the northern part of his jurisdiction, and his cheerful presence was missed. In his stead came Rt. Rev. Mgr. McEvay, Director of the Hamilton cathedral. Among the distinguished visitors present were: Vicar-General Keough, Revs. Kavanagh, Guelph; Lehman, Carlsruhe; Forester, New Germany; Elena, Berlin; Gnam, Hesson; Aeymans, St. Agatha; Gehl, Formosa, and Rev. Father Brohman of Formosa.

THE PROGRAMME.

The edifice was well filled and the proceedings, owing to their deeply interesting character, were closely followed.

After a well-rendered overture—"From Dawn to Twilight"—by the capaqle College Orchestra, under Prof. Bourget, Mr. Jonas Lenhard delivered a Latin speech on "Religious Indifferentism," which was a clearly reasoned effort, delivered in a forcible manner. Man intuitively knows there is a hereafter and from inherent motives inclines to worship the Higher Power that has made and rules the Universe. It is right that he should do so, but from indifference in spiritual matters divers forms of religion have sprung up, whereas one should suffice. The effects of indifferentism was logically followed out and the lesson forcibly conveyed.

The Palestrina Club next delighted the congregation with Gounod's "Grand Soldiers' Chorus from Faust," and was followed by a German speech from Mr. Fred Fuchs, the subject being "Divorce." It was well received. The young speaker held that divorce is against morality; because it is against natural law, and what is against natural law is immoral. The children of such parents are exposed to as many dangers are the divorced themselves. Divorce is opposed to the very end of matrimony, because the end of matrimony is perpetuity of the race and the proper education of the children. Divorce is against the good of society, since it tends to cause disorder and unhappiness in society. The evils of divorce were illustrated by references to the old Roman empire and the times of the French Revolution. Concluding he pointed out that divorce was contrary to Divine laws, since they whom God hath joined together should not be put asunder.

A piano duet by Prof. Bourget and Mr. Wm. Fisher followed the address and was artistically rendered. The selection was the "Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2" from Liszt, and it in turn was followed by a chorus Becker's "Fruehlingsmarsch," by the carefully trained Palestrina Glee Club.

Upon Mr. Erwin Glinowiecki devolved the honor of delivering the valedictory, and never have we heard as good an address delivered on such an occasion. He began by comparing the educational advantages of this end of the nineteenth century with those of earlier periods, showing how education was now the common inheritage of all, whereas in earlier times it was obtainable only by the few. Too frequently, however, in this age of educational privileges, knowledge was regarded as meritorious only when it titted the pupils for the material things of life; yet in no age was there ever so great a need for men of heart as well as men of action. The spiritual side of life in many educational systems is neglected, educators forgetting that unless the latter side is cultivated along with the mental, the young cannot be properly prepared to enter life's battle. It is well to know of heroes and kings who created empires, but a knowledge of the King of kings is much more important.

He could point with pride to the fact that in St. Jerome's college, the cultivation of the spiritual side was not overlooked, but a part of the system of training, along with the cultivation of and development of the mental and physical. He paid a deserved tribute to the ability, kindness and solicitude of the faculty of St. Jerome's, and then voiced the sorrow of himself and fellow graduates now that the hour had arrived when the present cordial, and to the students, profitable relations had to be severed. Commencement day had oft been anticipated, but now that it had arrived the full value of what they had enjoyed struck home and deeply impressed them. Sad as it was, they could resolve, now that they were about to step on to the threshold of life, to earnestly endeavor to be worthy of the teachings inculcated by the preceptors in their beloved Alma Mater.

On behalf of the graduating class, and in most eloquent terms, he said farewell to the college, the Faculty and the undergraduates, and his words made a marked impression upon all present. This young orator was awarded the college medal for his thoughtful, eloquent address.

The College Orchestra played a waltz selection "Al Kazar," after which the President of the college—Rev. Theo. Spetz—addressed the students briefly before the distribution of prizes. He pointed out that frequently good students do not win prizes, and he was aware that a number of proficient ones had not been successful in capturing the coveted awards this year, though those who had won prizes deserved them. He incited all the students to make the most of their opportunities.

The medals and prizes were then distributed by Rt. Rev. Mgr. McEvay, assisted by several of the reverend professors. The distinguished visitor at the conclusion addressed the students in a cheerful vein, with references to the unavoidable absence of Bishop Dowling. He advised the students to master thoroughly the subjects they take up, and complimented the faculty of St. Jerome's—whom he termed a hard working, conscientious and capable staff of educators.

A list of the successful students and those obtaining honorable mention is gven below.

THE BANQUET.

The visiting clergy, the faculty, students and guests of the college then adjourned to the dining-hall of the college, where a banquet was laid. Among the visitors present not already mentioned were: A. Robertson, M. P, P., Mr. A. Forster, Doon; Mr. E. Halter, New Germany; Mr. J. Gehl, St. Clements; Mr. J. Fischer and Mr. W. Schaefer, Waterloo; Mr. Buchheit, Buffalo, N. Y.; Messrs. Thos. Pearce, P. S. I, Dr. H. G. Lackner, Dr. D. S. Bowlby, Dr. G. H. Bolby, Dr. J. E. Hett, John Motz and W. V. Uttley.

The good things provided were enjoyed with relish and satisfaction. To the students it was a particularly happy occasion, as it meant the herald of home going for a long holiday. The success of this strong educational institution was drunk and the guests departed wishing it continued success.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Latin—Higher philosophy class—Prize, Jonas Lenhard. Honorable mention, Ferdinand Fuchs, Henry Alberg, Erwin Glinowiecki, Joseph Crotton.

Lower philosophy class—Medal, Patrick Morrissey. Honorable mention, John Wilbee.

Rhetoric class — First prize, Joseph Englert; second prize, William Benninger. Honorable mention, Charles Pietrowicz William Fischer, Peter Pyterek, William Jessop, Joseph Eckart.

Higher syntax—Medal, James Malone; first prize, Jeremiah Dantzer; second prize, Edward Dillon and John Cieslik.

Honorable mention, John Dobbins, Alex. Mayer, Frank Ostrowski, Frank Schwartz.

Lower syntax — First prize, Roman Ardziejewski; second prize, Anthony Stroeder and Edward Goetz. Honorable mention, Daniel Haragan, Alphonsus Montag, Peter Kuhry.

Latin elements—A—First prize, Alban Leyes and Joseph Moerder; second prize, William Becker and Michael F. Blenski. Honorable mention, John Robakowski, Julius Klahs.

Do—B—First prize, Edward Halter; second prize, Matthew Blenski and Louis Gehl. Honorable mention, William Kloepfer.

Greek—fourth year—First prize, Jonaas Lenhard; second prize, Erwin Glinowiecki. Honorable mention, Peter Pyterek

Third year—prize, Joseph Englert

Second Year—First prize, Walter Tomaszewski; second prize, Francis Otrowski. Honorable mention, Chas. Pietrowiez, John Cieslik, Jeremiah Dantzer, Edward Dillon, Julius Pilarski.

First Year — First prize, Alban Leyes; second, Roman Ardziejewski; third prize, Edward Goetz, Joseph Galewski. Honorable mention, Anthony Stroeder, Alphonsus Montag, Daniel Haragan

English Literature — Medal, Jonas Lenhard. Honorable mention, William Benninger, John Wiebee, William Jessop, William Fischer.

History of Literature—First prize, Joseph Englert; second prize, William Benninger; Honorable mention, Charles Pietrowiez, William Fischer, Peter Pyterek.

English Composition — Higher division first prize, Alban Leyes; second prize, Roman Ardziejewski and Peter Kuhry. Honorable mention, John Cieslik, Edward Dillon, Jeremiah Dantzer, Alexander Mayer, Robert Mockel, Daniel Haragan, Peter Pyterek.

Middle Division—First prize, Joseph Moerder; second prize, Michael Blenski and Charles Doran. Honorable mention, Frank Doran, Edward Goetz, Frank Otrowski, Victor Szmigiel.

Lower Division—Prize, Patrick Hughes. Honorable mention, William Becker, Aegidius Frank, John Robakowski, Edward Halter.

English Grammar — Higher Division — First prize, Edward Dillon; second prize, John Cieslik and Alexander Mayer.

Honorable mention, Roman Ard ziejewski, Alban Leyes, Peter Kuhry, Daniel Haragan, Peter Pyterek.

Middle Division. — First prize, Edward Goetz; second prize, Julius Pilarski and Victor Szmigiel. Honorable mention, Jos. Moerder, Charles Doran, Jos. Galewski, Alphonsus Montag, Anthony Stroeder.

Lower Division—Prize, William Becker. Honorable mention, Louis Gehl, John Robakowski, Aegidius Frank.

English Reading and Spelling. — First prize, Joseph Moerder; second prize, Charles Doran and Frank Doran. Honorable mention, Cornelius Coughlin, Charles Ball, Julius Kiahs.

German — Composition and Style — Higher Division—Medal, William Benninger; first prize, Joseph Galewski; second prize, Joseph Moerder. Honorable mention, Joseph Englert, Robert Mockel, Maximilian Becker.

Lower Division — First prize, William Becker and Alban Leyes; second prize, Frank Schwartz. Honorable mention, Charles Pietrowicz, Edward Dillon, Peter Kuhry, Peter Pyterek, Charles Windbiehl.

German and Translation—Higher Division—First prize, Frank Otrowski; second prize, Roman Ardziejewski and Peter Berkery. Honorable mention, James P. Kelly, Stanislaus Schenke, Walter Tomaszewski, Joseph Leszczynski.

Lower Division — First prize, William Jessop; second prize, Daniel Haragan and Stephen Swantek. Honorable mention, Matthew Blenski,

French—Higher Division—Prize, Ferdinand Fuchs. Honorable mention, John Wilbee, William Benninger, Joseph Crotton, Joseph Eckert.

Middle Division—Prize, John Cieslik and Jeremiah Dantzer. Honorable mention, Joseph Englert, William Jessop and Charles Pietrowicz.

Lower Division — First prize, Frank Ostrowski; second prize, R. Ardziejewski and A. Stroeder. Honorable mention, Alban Leyes, James Malone, Frank Schwartz, Charles Windbiehl, Edward Goetz, Daniel Haragan, Alphonsus Montag.

Polish — Higher Division. — First prize, John Cieslik, second prize, Roman Ardziejewski and Walter Tomaszewski.

Honorable mention — Peter Pyterek, Charles Pietrowicz.

Lower Division.—First prize, John Robakowski, second prize, Stanislaus Schenke. Honorable mention—Matthew Blenski, Stephen Swantek.

Polish Literature. — Medal (donated by Rev. V. Zarek), Walter Tomaszeski; prize, John Cieslik. Honorable mention—Chas. Pietrowiez, Roman Ardziejewsk, Peter Pyterck.

Penmanship.—First prize, Frank Swartz, second prize, Ferdinand Cesco. Honorable mention—Matthew Blenski, William Becker, Edward Halter, Alban Leyes, Baldwin Poehlman, Julius Klahs, Joseph Moerder.

Drawing.—Prize, Aegidius Frank. Honorable mention. — Edward Halter, William Kloepfer.

Geography—First prize, Joseph Moerder; second prize, Charles Doran. Honorable mention. Albert Ellerbrunn, Charles Ball, Julius Klahs, Cornelius Coughlin, Thomas Coughlin.

Book keeping — Higher Division. — First prize, Alexander Mayer; second prize, Peter Kuhry and Victor Szmigiel. Honorable mention, Roman Ardziejewski, William Fornes, Edward Goetz, Walter Mellen, Baldwin Poehlman.

Lower Division.—Prize, John Galewski. Honorable mention, Julius Klahs, Charles Ball, Frank Doran, Joseph Leszczynski, Alphonsus Montag, Cornelius Coughlin.

Mathematics — Geometry — First prize, Peter Kuhry; second prize, John Cieslik and Alexander Mayer. Honorable mention, Edward Dillon, Jeremiah Dantzer, William Jessop.

Trigonometry — First prize, Jonas Lenhard; second prize, Joseph Englert. Honorable mention, William Benninger, John Cieslik.

Algebra — Higher Division. (No prize awarded).

Middle Division—First prize, Daniel Haragan; second prize, John Cieslik. Honorable mention, Charles Pietrowiez, Albert Roth, Edward Goetz, James Malone, Baldwin Poehlmann, Joseph Leszczynski.

Lower Division—First prize, Joseph Moerder and Roman Ardziejewski; second prize, Charles Windbiehl. Honorable mention, Alphonsus Montag, Julius Klahs, Anthony Stroeder.

Arithmetic — Higher Division — Medal, Daniel Haragan; first prize, Roman Ardziejewski; second prize, Alban Leyes. Honorable mention, Baldwin Poehlmann, Walter Mellen, James Kelly.

Middle Division—First prize, Joseph Galewski; second prize, Edward Goetz and Joseph Moerder. Honorable mention, Julius Klahs, Charles Ball, Frank Doran, Louis Gehl, Victor Szmighl, Charles Windbiehl.

Lower Division.—First prize, Frank Ostrowski; second prize, Aegidius Frank and William Stockie. Honorable mention, William Becker, Bruno Haberbusch.

Natural Sciences. — Chemistry. — Medal, Joseph Englert, first prize, William Benninger; second prize, Jonas Lenhard and John Cieslik. Honorable mention, William Fischer, Peter Kuhry, Jeremiah Dantzer, Alfred Roth.

Elementary Science.—First prize, Alban Leyes; second prize, Joseph Moerder, Daniel Haragan and Edward Goetz.

Universal History.—Medal, Peter Kuhry; first prize, Joseph Englert; second prize, William Benninger. Honorable mention, Robert Mockel, Joseph Galewski, John Cieslik, Jeremiah Dantzer, Roman Ardziejewski, John Dobbins, Alexander Mayer.

United States History. — First prize, Joseph Moerder; second prize, Edward Goetz and Charles Doran. Honorable mention, Charles Ball, Julius Klahs, Walter Mellen.

Church History.—Higher Division.—First prize, Jonas Lenhard and William Benninger; second prize, Patrick Morrissey and Joseph Eckert. Honorable mention, Robert Mockel, Henry Alberg, William Fischer, Joseph Englert, and George Spetz.

Lower Division. — First prize, William Jessop; second prize, Jeremiah Dantzer and Julius Pilarski. Honorable mention, John Dobbins, Peter Berkery, Daniel Hargan, Alexander Mayer.

Bible History.—First prize, Edward Goetz; second prize, Alban Leyes and John Robakowski. Honorable mention, Louis Gehl, Charles Doran, Edward Halter, Frank Doran, Charles Ball, Thomas Coughlin, Julius Klahs.

Religious Instruction.—Higher Division.—Medal, Jonas Lenhard, first prize, Joseph Englert; second prize, Patrick Morrissey and William Benninger. Honorable mention, George Spetz, Joseph Crotton.

Middle Division — First prize, Jeremiah Dantzer; second prize, Peter Kuhry and Daniel Haragan. Honorable mention, Jos. Moerder, James Kelly, Maximilian Becker, John Cieslik, Peter Pyterek, Frank Schwartz, Alexander Mayer, Edward Dillon, John Dobbins.

Lower Division—Prize, Joseph Galewski Honorable mention, Roman Ardziejewski, Charles Doran, Frank Doran, Alban Leyes, Edward Goetz, Alphonsus Montag, Frank Otrowski, Walter Tomaszewski.

Elementary Catechism — Prize, William Stockie. Honorable mention, Wm. Becker, John Robakowski, Aegidius Frank, Matthew Blenski, Edward Halter, Patrick Hughes.

Mental Philosophy — Higher Division—Prize, Jonas Lenhard.

Lower Division—Medal, Patrick Morrissey Honorable mention, John Wilbee.

Rhetoric—Medal, William Benninger, prize, Joseph Englert. Honorable mention, Peter Berkery, Joseph Eckert, William Fischer, Alfred Roth, Robert Mockel, Wm. Jessop, Peter Pyterek, Charles Pietrowiez.

Oratory.—Medal, Erwin Glinowiecki.

Music.—Medal, Wm. Fischer; first prize, Frank Ostrowski; second prize, Rudolph Krug. Honorable mention, Edward Goetz, Wm. Jessop, Peter Pytereck.

General Proficiency. — Medal (classical course), Jos. Englert; medal (commercial course), Edward Goetz; special prize for efficiency in commercial course (donated by Mr. G. William), Roman Ardziejewski Honorable mention, Wm. Benninger, Jos. Galewski, John Cieslik, Alban Leyes, Joseph Moerder, Daniel Haragan, Peter Kuhry, Rudolph Krug, Alex. Mayer, Walter Mellen, Baldwin Poehlman, Wm. Becker, Frank Doran, Chas. Doran, Chas. Ball, Julius Klahs.

Good Conduct.—Medal (for seniors), Jeremiah Dantzer; medal (for juniors), Edward Goetz. Honorable mention, Peter Berkery, Aegidius Frank, Frank Ray, Daniel Haragan, William Jessop, Joseph Moerder, Jas. Malone, Frank Ostrowski.

Neatness and Politeness. — Prize, William Jessop. Honorable mention, Daniel Haragan, Joseph Moerder, James Malone, Alfred Roth, Edward Goetz, Baldwin Poehlman, Julius Klahs, Frank Ostrowski, Matthew Blenski.

Commercial Diplomas have been awarded to the following students: Roman Ardziejewski, Charles Doran, Albert Ellerbrunn, Edward Goetz, Peter Kuhry, Rudolph Krug, Alexander Mayer, Baldwin Poehlman, Victor Szmigiel.

LORETTO ACADEMY, GUELPH.

The closing exercises of Loretto Academy, Guelph, took place on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 10 a. m. As in former years, they were strictly private, the only guests present being Rev. Fathers Kenny, Kavanagh and O'Loane, S. J. A short programme, but one of a very high order of merit, of instrumental and vocal music, recitations and Delsarte exercises, was rendered by the pupils in a thoroughly artistic and able manner; thus proving that the accomplishments and fine arts, as well as the exact sciences, continue to retain a first rank in the education of the pupils of Loretto, thereby preparing the students to hold their own in the different walks of life to which Almighty God may assign them. Rev. Father Kenny, S. J., distributed the premiums, awarding a full meed of praise to each fair recipient. The graduating diploma for the higher branches of English, French, Drawing and Music, was conferred on Miss Annie Yearley, of Baltimore, Md. The illuminatio of this diploma was undoubtedly a work of art in its best form, and was executed by one of the Ladies of the Institute.

This educational establishment has been recently so much improved and enlarged that it affords ample accomodation for a much greater number of pupils than in former years. That these improvements are appreciated by the patrons and friends of Loretto is shown by the numerous applications for the coming year. Classes will be resumed on the first Tuesday in September.

Distribution of Honors.

Gold medal for Christian doctrine, presented by His Lordship, Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, awarded to Miss O'Leary, accessit Miss Annie Yearley, honorable mention, Misses Parsons, Doyle, Malone, O'Callaghan, Keleher and Doran.

Prize for Christian doctrine in 4th class, obtained by K. McAteer.

Crown and prize for fidelity to school rules, awarded to Miss A. Yearley.

Gold cross presented by a friend of the Institute, awarded by vote of teachers and companions, to Miss L. Doyle, for charity in conversation.

Gold pin presented by Rev. R. T. Burke, for lady-like deportment, obtained by Miss N. Kloepfer.

Crown for amiability, awarded by vote of companions, to Miss Rose Sleeman.

Prize in St. Cecelia's choir, equally merited by Misses Yearley and Keleher, obtained by Miss Yearley.

Gold medal presented by Right Reverend Mgr. McEvay, for highest marks in commercial course. This medal is reserved until the result of department examinations is made known.

Crown and prize for prompt return after vacation, obtained by Miss Doyle.

Crown and prize for regular attendance in day school, equally merited by Misses Rena Doran, T. Campbell, Sleeman, Markes and Annie Bergin, obtained by Miss T. Campbell.

1st prize in division 5th class instrumental music, awarded to Misses Blanche McQuillan and Kathleen Flood.

1st prize in theory of music, obtained by Miss Keleher.

Gold pen, presented by a friend of the Institute, for excellence in penmanship, obtained by Miss C. Doran.

Gold medal for painting, presented by Rev. Father Healey, obtained by Miss Passmore.

1st prize for china painting, awarded to Miss Emma Reinhardt.

1st prize for oil painting landscape, awarded to Miss Anderson.

1st prize for pastel drawing, awarded to Miss B. McQuillan.

Diploma for superiority in graduating class English, excellence in drawing and honorable mention, in French, awarded to Miss A. Yearley.

Diplomas for stenography and type writing, awarded by the British American College, Toronto, to Misses Tottie Campbell and Rose Sleeman.

Testimonials of merit for type-writing, awarded to Misses Agnes Bergin and Marcella Long.

Miss Annie Yearley, 2nd prize in 5th class music.

Miss Agnes O'Leary, 2nd prize in 4th class instrumental music.

Margaret Malone, crown and prize in 2nd class senior div. Arithmetic, 2nd in 4th class instrumental music, 1st prize in perspective, geometrical and free hand drawing.

Edith Keleher, crown and prize in 4th class French, 1st in 4th class instrumental music, 2nd in 2nd class senior div. arithmetic.

May O'Callaghan, 2nd prize in 2nd class senior div. arithmetic, 2nd prize in 4th class French, 2nd prize in 3rd class music.

Miss Kathleen Parsons, crown and prize in 4th class French, first prize for choral class.

Miss Ethel Day, 2nd prize for essay in 5th class English and 2nd prize in 4th class instrumental music.

Miss Rose Sleeman, 1st prize for shorthand and type writing.

Miss Agnes Bergin, 2nd prize for shorthand.

Miss Kathleen Flood, 1st prize for mandolin, improvement in water colors.

Edith Holliday, 2nd prize in free hand drawing, improvement in oil painting, 1st prize in 1st class French, improvement in instrumental music.

C. Whalen, prize for general satisfaction in English studies, epistolary composition, penmanship and drawing.

L. Markes, prize for general satisfaction in French and instrumental music.

Marcella Long, 2nd prize in 2nd class music.

Celestine Doran, 1st prize in free-hand drawing.

Lillie Coghlan, prize for improvement in music and oil painting.

FOURTH CLASS.

Miss Anna Bergin, silver medal for 1st prize in English, 2nd in arithmetic and French.

Miss Gertie Heffernan, 1st prize for composition and drawing, 2nd for writing.

Miss Nellie Kloepfer, 1st prize in German, 1st in 3rd class music, 1st in 1st class oil painting.

Miss Lena Desroches, 1st prize in 3rd class French, 2nd in arithmetic and English.

Birdie Doran, 2nd prize in English, composition, French and drawing.

Kate McAteer, 1st in 3rd class instrumental music, 1st in 4th class arithmetic, 2nd in French.

Sadie Bloom, 1st prize in German, writing and drawing, 2nd in div. 3rd class music.

May Conway, prize for improvement in English, French and arithmetic.

Miss Nellie Burns, prize for improvement in epistolary composition, instrumental and vocal music, and penmanship.

JUNIOR DIVISION HONOR PRIZES.

Silver medal for Christian doctrine, obtained by Miss Mary McQuillan.

Crown for good conduct, obtained by Misses Rose McElderry, Blanche Doran, Eva Murphy, Maggie Pigott.

Crowns for lady like deportment, awarded to Misses Mazie Yearley and Rose McElderry.

Crown for amiability, awarded to Miss Minnie Yearley.

Prize awarded to Miss Gertie O'Donnell, for having been present every day of the scholastic year.

Prize for penmanship, equally merited by Misses Annie Doran, Mary McQuillan, Laura Hamilton, and Maggie Pigott, obtained by Maggie Pigott.

THIRD CLASS.

Miss Mazie Yearley, 1st prize in English, 1st in epistolary composition, 1st in music.

Miss Aggie O'Connell, 1st prize in English, 2nd in arithmetic, 2nd in div. 3rd class instrumental music, and 2nd in singing, 2nd in 3rd class drawing.

Mary McQuillan, 2nd in English and arithmetic, 2nd in 3rd class drawing, 1st in preparatory class music.

Myrtle Wilson, 1st in English, 1st in 2nd class arithmetic, 1st in preparatory class music, 2nd in singing, improvement in drawing.

Elfrida Duggan, 2nd in English, 2nd in 2nd class arithmetic, 2nd in singing.

Olive Shultz, improvement in English, arithmetic, penmanship and music, 1st in singing.

Katie McQuillan, 1st in 3rd class drawing, 1st in arithmetic, 2nd in English, 1st in music

Annie Lynch, 1st in 2nd class arithmetic, 2nd in singing, and satisfaction in English.

SENIOR SECOND CLASS.

Annie Doran, 1st prize in English and arithmetic, 2nd in singing.

Blanche Doran, 1st in English and arithmetic, 1st in 2nd class drawing.

Rose McElderry, 2nd in English, 1st in arithmetic, 1st in composition.

Eve Murphy, prize for general satisfaction in English, arithmetic and music.

Clara West, 2nd in English and arithmetic, 2nd in singing and drawing.

Lulu Hewer, 2nd in English and arithmetic.

Eleanor Ryan, 2nd in English and arithmetic, improvement in music and drawing.

Ursula Chamberlain, prize in English and arithmetic, 2nd in singing.

Eileen Crossman, prize for reading and arithmetic.

JUNIOR SECOND CLASS.

Marie Schmuck, 1st in English, 2nd in arithmetic and composition, 1st in 1st class instrumental music, singing, drawing and penmanship.

May Day, 1st in English and composition, 1st in singing and penmanship, 2nd in drawing.

Minnie Yearley, satisfaction in English an penmanship, 2nd in preparatory class music, improvement in arithmetic.

Maggie Pigott, 2nd in English, 1st in composition, arithmetic and singing.

Gertrude O'Donnell, 1st in arithmetic, 2nd in English, 2nd in singing.

Frankie McQuillan, 1st in arithmetic, 1st in singing, improvement in English.

Annie McKenzie, 1st in preparatory class music, satisfaction in English.

Nellie McKenzie, 1st in preparatory class music, satisfaction in English.

Frances Chamberlain, prize for penmanship, regular attendance, 2nd in English and singing.

Laura Hamilton, 1st for improvement in music and penmanship, 2nd in English, arithmetic and singing.

Genevieve McAteer, 1st in arithmetic, 2nd in English and writing.

PREPARATORY CLASS.

Helen Heffernan, prize for being a good little girl.

Agnes McAteer, for being a good little girl.

Flossie Sleeman, prize for being a good little girl.

Ida McQuillan, prize for being a good little girl.

Emma Reinhardt, prize for being a good little girl.

Hazel Norris, prize for being a good little girl.

Master Rex Holland, prize for being a good little boy.

Master Tommie Murphy, prize for being a good little boy.

Master Charles Doran, prize for being a good little boy

Master Willie Howe, prize for being a good little boy.

The Jubilee in Goderich.

In the town of Goderich, as elsewhere, the celebration of the Queen's jubilee was carried out with much enthusiasm. The Sons of Scotland lighted an immense bonfire, and speeches by prominent citizens was the chief feature of the occasion. Amongst others Judge Doyle made a very appropriate address. He said Victoria had been a most exemplary Queen, a model wife and mother, and a most noble woman, whose good example has not only been beneficial to the whole empire over which she ruled, but has had also a beneficent effect on the whole civilized world. There has been more civil and religious liberty in her's than in any previous reign. People of all nationalities and all religions throughout the Dominion are united in this glorious celebration. Judge Masson had referred to the loyalty of the Scotchman; but said the speaker, I claim that the Irishman in Canada is equally as loyal here, because of the justice of our laws; but I agree with the foremost Scotchman and the greatest British statesman in the world to day, Mr. Gladstone, that the Irishman in Ireland is not properly ruled. Give Ireland Home Rule, such as we have in Canada, and there will be no more loyal subjects than the Irish in the whole Empire.

Honors for a London Boy.

Mr. J. A. Wilson, eldest son of Mr. James Wilson, merchant, Richmond street, this city, has returned home for the vacation after completing his course of studies at Fordham College, New York city. A class of twenty-five was graduated, in which, we are pleased to know, Mr. Wilson obtained the highest possible honors. He also obtained a gold medal, valued at $50, for an essay, written in competition with many others, on the subject, "Sir Thomas More, Chancellor of England;" as well as first honorable mention for examination in mental philosophy, the examination being conducted in the Latin language; and first honorable mention for an essay, written in competition, on the subject, "The Rank of Edgar Allan Poe as a Poet."

We congratulate Mr. Wilson on his marked success. Fordham College, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, is one of the leading educational institutions in the United States, and the brilliant career therein of our young London boy is a source of pleasure to the members of his family and to his many friends in our Forest City.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES MADDEN, EAST NISSOURI.

Mr. James Madden was aged seventy-five years. A lengthy procession followed the remains to St. Mary's Church on Sunday, June 6. Rev. Father Brennan, after celebrating High Mass, spoke of the upright, Christian character of deceased, and bore testimony to his loyalty to his religion and to his country. The pall-bearers were the three sons-in-law and three brothers in-law of deceased.

Deceased was born in county Tipperary, Ireland; emigrated to this country in 1850, and, after spending a few years in New York State and Weston, Ont., he purchased the farm on which he died—lot 31, concession 11, East Nissouri. He was a man of quiet and unassuming disposition, fond of home life, a good neighbor and a kind husband and father—so much to console his partner in life who is left to mourn his loss.

Of his family of nine children, four died in childhood—one daughter, Margaret, died some years ago and recently two daughters followed, Mrs. John Clyne, of Downie and Mrs. James Ryan of Parkhill. The remaining two are Dennis, who resides on part of the homestead farm, and Mrs. James Stock, of Downie. May his soul rest in peace! Amen.

MR. JOHN STAFFORD, PERTH.

After a severe illness of some weeks our respected townsman, Mr. John Stafford, died of Bright's disease, on Wednesday, June 16, at the age of sixty-seven years. Deceased was born on the 11th line of the township of Drummond, and was one of a large family, the parents coming from the southern part of Ireland among the earliest settlers. The family through its various members, was well known throughout the county and province. The late Mr. Stafford learned the trade of shoemaking in the palmy days of the business and carried on a large business in Almonte for eighteen years, and also had a shop at Ferguson's Falls and Perth, afterwards having resided in Perth for the past fourteen years. His brothers were: Peter living at Niagara Falls, Tobias in Rentrew, Father Stafford (dead) at Lindsay, James (dead) in Drummond, Henry (dead) Almonte, Thomas in Drummond, and his sisters were: Maggie (Sister Mary Elizabeth) Julia Sister Mary Vincent (dead) both of the House of Providence, Kingston. His late brother, Father Stafford, was one of the best known advocates of temperance in the province, and was, besides, a very superior man, and a thorough Christian. Deceased was this spring appointed bridge tender by the Dominion Government but he did not, unfortunately, live long to perform its duties. He leaves a widow (nee Miss Kean, of Ramsay), and a large family—eight sons and three daughters—three of his sons being well-doing residents of New Orleans, La. The funeral was a very large one, and took place to the Catholic cemetery