

impetuous mountain torrent which carries all before it—while that of Cicero was like the gentle streamlet, finished, ornate and complete in all its parts. The French Revolution gave birth to some of the greatest orators the world ever saw, quoting Mirabeau and others to illustrate his subject. He paid a graceful and eloquent tribute to the memory of one of the greatest of our modern orators—the late Thos. D'Arcy McGee—and was frequently applauded. We predict for this young gentleman a splendid future career in whatever path of life he may choose to adopt.

In the intervals between the different speeches some capital songs were sung by the pupils, accompanied by Professor Fleck on the piano.

His Lordship then distributed the prizes to the successful pupils, a list of which we herewith subjoin, and addressed them in a feeling and affectionate manner. He complimented the boys on the progress they had made during the past year, and expressed himself highly gratified at the proceedings just terminated. He trusted they would all enjoy themselves during the vacation now about to commence, and would return to College at the end of the holidays, prepared again to start in that career of acquiring knowledge which must fit them to discharge their duties in after life with profit to themselves and advantage to society.

We cannot close this short notice without complimenting the reverend gentlemen who have been in charge of the College for the past year—the Rev. Mr. Leonard as Director, and the Rev. Mr. Gautier as Prefect of Studies.

## PRIZE LIST

## PHILOSOPHY CLASS.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY.—Prize, Edward O'Brien, Perth, Ont.; Accessit, Thos. Spratt, Lindsay.  
MATHEMATICS.—Prizes, Thos. Spratt, Lindsay; Michael Connelly, Perth—ex-æquo.

## RHETORIC CLASS.

LATIN THEMES.—Prizes, John A. Houlehan, Matilda; Accessit, Edward Walsh, Lohborough.  
GREEK VERSION.—Prize, Dominick Casey, Smith's Falls; Accessit, Charles Duffus, Peterboro'.  
HISTORY.—Prizes, Charles Duffus, Peterboro'; John A. Houlehan, Matilda—ex-æquo; Accessit, Dominick Casey, Smith's Falls.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.—Prizes, Charles Duffus, Peterboro'; Dominick Casey, Smith's Falls—ex-æquo; Accessit, Edward Walsh, Lohborough; John A. Houlehan, Matilda—ex-æquo.  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT.—Prize, Armand Rinfret, Baileau.

## BELLES LETTRES.

LATIN THEMES.—Prize, John Drennan, Perth; Accessit, John Gerin, Coburg.  
LATIN VERSION.—Prize, Thos. Plunkett, Watertown, N. Y.; Accessit, John Gerin, Coburg.  
GREEK VERSION.—Prize, John Gerin, Coburg; Accessit, John Drennan, Perth.  
FARNS.—Prize, John Drennan, Perth; Accessit, John Gerin, Coburg.  
HISTORY.—Prize, John Gerin, Coburg; Accessit, Thos. Plunkett, Watertown, N.Y.

## VERSIFICATION.

LATIN THEMES.—Prize, George A. Cicolari, Kingston; Accessit, Michael McDonald, do.  
LATIN VERSION.—Prize, George A. Cicolari, Kingston; Accessit, Michael McDonald, do.  
HISTORY.—Prizes, George A. Cicolari, Kingston; Hooper C. Van Vorst, Utica, N. Y.—ex-æquo; Accessit, Michael McDonald, Kingston.  
ENGLISH COMPOSITION.—Prize, Michael McDonald, Kingston; Accessit, George A. Cicolari, do.  
ENGLISH GRAMMAR.—Prize, Michael McDonald, Kingston; Accessit, George A. Cicolari, do.  
FRENCH.—Prize, Michael McDonald, Kingston; Accessit, George A. Cicolari, do.  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT.—Prize, Wm. Fox Belleville.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT—SENIOR DIVISION.  
DIFFICULT ORTHOGRAPHY.—Prizes Wm. Turley, Frankford; Edward Turley, do; Accessit, Fred. Gabourie, Hungerford.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.—Prizes, William Turley, Frankford; John Carroll, Malone, N. Y.; Accessit, Ed. Turley, Frankford.  
ENGLISH GRAMMAR.—Prizes, William Turley, Frankford; Edward Turley, do; Accessit, Fred. Gabourie, Hungerford.  
HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY.—Prizes, W. Turley, Frankford; Fred. Gabourie, Hungerford; Accessit, Ed. Turley, Frankford.  
MATHEMATICS.—Prize, William Turley, Frankford; Accessit, Ed. Turley, do.

JUNIOR DIVISION.  
ORTHOGRAPHY.—Prizes, R. M. Higgins, Kingston; George M. Kennedy, do; Accessit, Napoleon Lamontagne, Ste. Flairi, Quebec.

GRAMMAR.—Prize, Edward M. Higgins, Kingston; Accessit, George M. Kennedy, do.  
IMPROVEMENT IN PENMANSHIP.—Prizes, John A. Murphy, Kingston; Napoleon Lamontagne, Ste. Flairi, Quebec; Accessit, George M. Kennedy, Kingston.

ARITHMETIC.—Prize, Edward M. Higgins, Kingston; Accessit, George M. Kennedy, Kingston.

## MARIA VILLA.

On Friday last we had the pleasure of assisting at the annual distribution of prizes at Maria Villa, and the brilliant scene, with its truly excellent music, vocal and instrumental, interesting dialogue and distribution of gold medals, diplomas, prizes and honours to the different classes, amply indemnified us for the fierce tropical heat we had braved and the quantity of dust we had inhaled on our way thither. Very delightful was it to leave the glare of sunshine outside, and enter the noble hall of the establishment, decorated with fragrant festoons of cool green branches, flowers, natural and artificial, white vases and statues, the tempered light stealing in through close drawn blinds on the heads of two hundred young girls in snow white dresses, the favoured pupils of Maria Villa.

His Lordship, J. J. Conroy, Bishop of Albany, presided, and a large number of the clergy, together with most of the elite of the city, who are not off to the country or sea-side, filled that part of the hall set apart for spectators. We noticed also many American guests present, but this is not to be wondered at when we remember how highly the institution of Maria Villa, unique in its beautiful and healthy situation, and the complete and polished education it imparts, is esteemed and patronized by our neighbours in the States.

After a brilliant introductory musical piece, on harp, piano and harmonium, a poetical welcome to his Lordship, worthy of the occasion, was spoken by Miss Orr. This was followed by a brief but charming dialogue in French, between the Misses DeSalaberry, LeBlanc and Giroux, in which the duty of woman to herself by mental cultivation for being the suitable companion of father, husband or son, was very justly inculcated.

The lovers of scientific music next enjoyed a treat in a selection from Sembrance. Sixteen performers on eight pianos, in which the fair players admirably interpreted the strains of the inspired composer. Now there was a minute's perfect silence in the hall, and many young hearts beat high, for the most interesting moment, at least to them, was at hand. Then the names of the graduates, the fortunate winners of gold medals, together with the prizes they had earned, were proclaimed aloud. The graduates,

fifteen in number, were the Misses McGee, Stewart, Orr, Brunson, Vaughan, Carr, Royston, Piquette, Foley, Guenette, Burns, Boudreau, Gravel, Giroux, Egan and de Blaciquiere, of Woodstock.

More music followed, vocal this time, and well-trained young voices, clear and sweet as the notes of the birds nesting in the trees outside, filled the hall with melody. The superior course then received the silver medals and prizes they had worked for and won. Another vocal piece, 'Le Rossignol,' which was enthusiastically applauded, succeeded, after which came the awarding of prizes and honours to the Junior classes, dimpling with smiles the rosy bright faces of the younger pupils. A valdictory in verse was recited by Miss Stewart, in which the fair speaker touchingly bade farewell in her own name, and that of her companion graduates not only to friends and well-loved teachers, but also to objects and places which had become dear by association. The play ground, classroom, chapel, the shady nooks where lessons had been conned and reveries indulged in; the sunny uplands where the first spring flower had been triumphantly plucked, all received their tribute; and when the last line was uttered, tears filled the bright eyes of more than one of the young girls who, standing on the threshold of womanhood, were now about to exchange the quiet simple pleasures of a convent life, for the unknown cares and joys awaiting them outside the walls of their Alma Mater. A farewell song was then sung and thanks tendered his Lordship for his presence.

In reply, the latter briefly but eloquently expressed the pleasure he had derived from the scene, at which he had just assisted, felicitating the young ladies on the many proofs of proficiency they had given, and concluding by the apt comparison, that Maria Villa, if called upon like the Roman matron of old, could point proudly to her pupils and say 'Behold my jewels.'

To the closing strains of 'God Save the Queen,' the spectators dispersed to inspect in an adjoining room the magnificent specimens of embroidery, wool and fancy work of all kinds, covering several long tables. We were glad to see thickly interspersed among these brilliant trifles, plain needlework, children's dresses and capes and underclothing, rivaling in finish, as they are surpassed in usefulness, the gay embroideries beside them.

Well-executed drawings and paintings also awaited inspection, but not being much of a connoisseur in this particular department, we bestowed but a cursory glance at them, and passed out through the old porch, fully convinced that Maria Villa repaid a visit far more fully now than it did in those days when under the name of Monklands, it quenced it as a viceregal residence.—*Gazette.*

The Mid-Summer Examination of the pupils in attendance at the Convent of Notre Dame, Williamstown, was held on Thursday the 25th and Monday the 28th ult. The two sessions occupied seven hours; and the different classes were thoroughly questioned in Reading, Spelling, French and English Grammar, French Vocabulary, French and English History—ancient and modern; Sacred History; Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, Use of the Globes; in a word, on everything requisite for a first class female education.

Quite a number of the friends of the young ladies were present, and appeared very much pleased at the marked progress made by them in their various studies. Wednesday evening, July 8th, will take place the Annual Grand Concert, and Distribution of premiums, at which, it is expected, His Lordship of Kingston will assist.

During the evening about one hundred pieces of work, comprising drawing, fancy work, plain sewing, &c., will be exhibited.

The following was received too late for last week's publication:—

ALEXANDRIA, ONT., June 29, 1868.

(To the Editor of the True Witness.)

SIR,—After a sojourn of many years in your good city, I now find myself enjoying the pleasures of a quiet retreat amongst my relatives and friends here in Glengarry. Those only, who like myself, have spent the better part of their days at a distance from home, and all its endearing associations, can thoroughly comprehend the satisfaction I now experience in living over again the days of my youth; and in contrasting the past with the present, I acknowledge that I feel an honest pride in noting the moral as well as material improvement in my countrymen. But I must likewise aver that I could not believe, had I not ocular demonstration of the fact, that our holy religion had taken such deep root in the hearts of the brave Highlanders of Glengarry. The Procession of the most Holy Sacrament, referred to by your correspondent of last week, was all that he claimed for it, and more, since he omitted the important fact, that, although there were upwards of two thousand people in the village on that occasion, not the slightest disturbance occurred; the sign of liquor was not observable upon the countenance of a single individual, and 'ere six o'clock that same evening, the entire assemblage had peaceably returned home. Justly, then, did their priest congratulate them last Sunday on their having achieved for themselves an honorable position; and he earnestly hoped they would ever maintain it; and right nobly have they acted up to his paternal advice so far. The Triduum of Prayers for the Pope was held here last week simultaneously with the Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and truly it was a sight worthy of the admiration of angels and of men, to behold the crowds of old and young of both sexes, who hastened to avail themselves of the treasures of the Church. From early morn until well nigh midnight, did Father O'Connor, and his three kind neighbors, Fathers Masterson, St. Raphaels, MacDonald, Lochiel, and Vezina, St. Justine, L.C., labor in the Confessional, and with the most gratifying results—for I am assured by Father O'Connor that the very large number of eleven hundred and seventy-eight persons have partaken on this occasion of the Bread of Life! Just fancy, Mr. Editor, four Priests at this sultry season of the year conferring within a fraction of twelve hundred penitents in the short space of two days and a half, and giving sermons in English, French and Gaelic besides. The above data should, it seems to me, prove conclusively to the mind of every impartial person, that the Catholic Religion is in a most flourishing condition among the Highlanders of Glengarry. So may it ever be!

Yours, fraternally,

D. McD.

Remittances in our next.

LEICESTER, GLENGARRY, July 4th, 1868

To the Editor of the True Witness.

SIR,—A very interesting, and to this part of Glengarry, a novel ceremony commenced here on the morning of Tuesday last, and terminated on the following Thursday after Solemn Mass, Benediction of Blessed Sacrament, and Te Deum.

In obedience to instructions to that effect from the Right Rev. E. J. Horan, Bishop of this Diocese, the indefatigable Pastor of this Parish, Rev. Alexander McDonnell, made arrangements for the holding of the Triduum for our Holy Father the Pope, on the days above mentioned; and secured the assistance of his Reverend neighbors of Alexandria, St. Raphaels, Williamstown, and St. Justine, C.E. The result of their united labors on this occasion, shows the number of about five hundred communions in a parish not exceeding eight hundred souls, some of whom had taken advantage of the Devotion of Alexandria the week previous: Father McDonnell has expressed to myself and others his unmingled satisfaction with the manner in which the Triduum has been attended, conducted, and brought to a close; and from conversation had with his Reverend neighbors, I am satisfied that they were equally well pleased with the conclusion of the exercises. Verily, there is great faith in Glengarry! Believing that these few details will not be without interest especially to those of your readers of Highland origin, I forward them for publication in your next impression, and remain respectfully yours, &c.,

CLAN-NA-GAEL.

## ST. PATRICK'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The following gentlemen have been elected officers for the coming half-year:—President, Ed. Spelman; 1st Vice-President, James O'Farrell; 2nd Vice-President, Michael Bergin; Secretary, James R. Wynne; Assistant Secretary, Peter Lyston; Treasurer, Felix M. Cassidy; Collecting Treasurer, Maurice Murphy; Assistant do, James Murphy; Chief Marshal, Thomas Bowes; Assistant Marshals, Michael Foley and Patrick Rowland.

## COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

St. Ann's Ward—John Tierney, John Fitzgerald, Wm Finn, and Thos Clarke.

St. Antoine Ward—William Parker, Patrick Corbett and Michael Danaher.

St. Lawrence Ward—Michael Quinn, and William Burns.

St. James Ward—William Bishop, and Patrick Prendergast.

St. Louis Ward—Patrick Dillon, and John Guineas.

St. Mary's Ward—Andrew Purcell, and John O'Neil.

East Ward—James Connolly.

West Ward—Bernard McNally.

Centre Ward—Peter Brown.

Continued success still attends this Society, there being no less than 59 new members elected during the term just expired. Financially there is also an improvement, there being to the credit of the Society, in both funds a gross sum of \$1407.24.

EXECUTION OF RUELL AT ST. HYACINTHE.—Joseph Ruehl, the prisoner, was executed at St. Hyacinthe on Dominion Day in presence of between 6000 and 7000 people, a large proportion of whom were women and children. Since the day of his condemnation the wretched man received all the consolations of religion, being constantly attended by the Sisters of Charity, the Bishop of Germanopolis, the Rev. Mr. De La Croix, and other priests. The night previous to the execution Ruehl slept from nine until near four o'clock next morning. Bishop Larocque and the Rev. Mr. Blanchard remained by his bedside during that time, and at four o'clock were relieved by the Rev. Mr. De La Croix, cure of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Mr. Veroneau cure of St. Valerien. At 4:30 Ruehl partook of the Blessed Sacrament, and from that time up to the hour of execution he engaged in prayer with the Rev. Fathers, at times crying very bitterly. 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