

In and

Around Toronto

THE PASSION WAS SUNG AT ST. MARY'S.

The singing of the Passion during High Mass at St. Mary's on Palm Sunday marked the occasion as the first on which this arduous piece of work was performed by any choir in Toronto, and unless it has been sung in some monastery or cloister, we might in all probability go further and say it never before was sung in Ontario. To branch out even more into the field of speculation, one might perhaps venture—were it not for Quebec—to say it never before was sung in Canada, because the rendition as presented here is surrounded by so many difficulties from a musical point of view, that few choirs would or could make the attempt.

To give some idea of the plan of presentation, it may be said that the Sacred Passion of our Lord was in a manner dramatized, the picture being given by means of narrative and chant. The real characters in the great Tragedy were represented by different voices, and the intervals supplied by a solo voice representing the historian or narrator. The principals on Sunday were Mr. F. Fulton, who sang the words of our Divine Saviour wherever they occur, Mr. R. Fulton the narrator or teller of the history, Mr. Donville who represented St. Peter or others who incidentally come upon the sad scene, and the choir chorus personating the synagogue or rabble. The singing throughout was unaccompanied. The tenor voice of the narrator, smooth and unimpeded in keeping with the character of the impartial witness, together with the deeper and more highly colored voice—if we may so speak of a voice—of Mr. F. Fulton, were an effective contrast, and the high tenor of Mr. Donville was also a distinctive feature. The chorus singing in which the parts were harmonized, was altogether graphic, and one would require to be indeed without imagination, even without any knowledge of Latin, not to have been able to picture the crowd as they surrounded Pilate, calling out that they preferred Barrabas, and as for that other, the meek and gentle One whom they had so lately hailed as King, and for whom they had laid down palm branches and shouted loud Hosannas, as for Him, and with Him, crucify Him. The work of singing the Passion occupied about an hour, and this in itself is sufficient to enable us to form some idea of the labor involved. An hour of continuous singing without accompaniment, means an hour of very hard work. The necessity, too, for continued attention is obvious from the nature of the arrangement, where the chorus came in not at stated intervals, but as the incidents in the narrative demanded. To sustain the pitch throughout such a period of time required great care and attention, and yet this was seemingly done, no change being perceptible. On the whole Mr. Donville and his choir are deserving of their excellent production of a piece of work which required so much preparation, and which when rendered as it was on Palm Sunday at St. Mary's, adds infinitely to the beauty and solemnity of the occasion.

ST. FRANCIS' SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR MARCH.

The following boys obtained sufficient marks to merit having their names on the Honor Roll this month: Sen. IV.—Francis McGinn, William Kirk, Harold Smith, Francis Carey, Francis Bero, Fred. Glynn, Charles Finley. Jun. IV.—Bernard Donovan, William Valley, Clarence Durand, Alphonse Stewart, Leo Lambrick. Sen. III.—John Brennan, Leo O'Leary, Walter Kennedy, Thomas Belisle, Ernest Broderick, Addis Byrne, Jas. Wright, Chas. Finley, Fred Durand. Results of Easter Examination. Jun. III.—1st, Gerrard Kelly; 2nd, Francis Gentile; 3rd, Fred. Kearns; 4th, William Cahill; 5th, Edward Murphy. Sen. II.—1st, James Heffron; 2nd, Jno. Heffron; 3rd, Hunter Morrissey; 4th, Edward Newman; 5th, Edgar Sullivan. Testimonial List. Jun. III.—Ed. Murphy, G. Kelly, Wm. Cahill, Fred. Kearns, F. Gentile, E. Bolger and Leo Glynn. Sen. II.—Jas. Heffron, Ed. Case, N. Tully, H. Morrissey, Jno. Heffron and Edgar Sullivan.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Form IV., Sen.—Wm. Ayers, Thos. O'Brien, Romeo Grossi, Edward Lane, Thomas Lundy, Edward McCool, Jno. Ciceri, Thomas Shannon, Leo Brodie. Form IV., Jun.—John Cronin, Bernard Donville, John Lane, Harold Landreville, Louis Murphy, Francis O'Brien, Henry Sullivan, John Wigglesworth. Form III., Sen.—Patrick Spelman, Alfred Smith, Wm. Hand, Arnold Lawrence, Jno. Pannon, Gerald Moore, Jas. Deferari, Gordon Fenison, Fred. Fensom, Francis Hickey, Frank Akrey, Peter Haffey, Wm. Thompson, Jas. Feehy, Hugh Callaghan, Frs. Shanahan, Edw. Conderon, James Cronin. Form III., Jun.—John Moroney, Edward Keating, Justin Real, Arden Hayden, John Danahy, Wm. Madegan, Clifford Landreville, Louis Scallan, Edw. Spelman, Ed. James Spelman, Edw. Smith, Wm. Murphy, Joseph McCurdy, James Spelman, Wm. Power. Form II., Sen.—James Murphy, Henry Foley, John Benane, Charles Ayers, Leo Shannon, Chris Kelly, Louis Akrey, Thomas Johnston, Pat-

rick Cassidy, Wm. Hallern, James Cassidy, Harry Thompson, Henry Kennedy, Ray. Wade, James Hammell.

Monthly Examination. The following boys obtained the highest number of notes: Form IV., Sen.—1, Wm. Ayers; 2, John Ciceri; 3, Thomas O'Brien; 4, Thomas Lundy; 5, John Barrett; 6, James Doyle. Form IV., Jun.—1, Louis Murphy; 2, John Wigglesworth; 3, Bernard Donville; 4, Leo Ryan; 5, John Cronin; 6, Harry Sullivan. Form III., Sen.—1, Patrick Spelman; 2, Alfred Smith; 3, Wm. Hand; 4, Arnold Lawrence; 5, Chas. Watson; 6, Edw. Devine. Form III., Jun.—1, Basil Watson; 2, Francis Murphy; 3, Patrick Foley; 4, Wm. McGarry. Form II., Sen.—1, J. Banane; 2, Henry Foley; 3, James Murphy; 4, Patrick Cassidy; 5, Leo Shannon.

DE LA SALLE'S ANNUAL GYM-NASTIC CONTEST.

Several hundred friends and ex-pupils of De La Salle Institute witnessed what proved to be the keenest contest in the history of the Literary and Athletic Association, last Thursday evening in the gymnasium of the school. Two classes, twenty boys in all, took part and only fifteen points separated the highest from the lowest. The contest is an annual affair and consists of parallel bars, vaulting and other exercises of strength and agility. Some of these were most amusing, particularly so the barnyard contests and the pyramid.

Mr. J. J. Seitz was the chairman and Prof. Williams of Toronto University the judge of the contest. Mr. Thos. Boland, President of the Society, opened the programme with a few well-chosen words. At the conclusion of the contest Prof. Williams announced his decision, placing the boys in the following order of merit: Senior—Percy McAleer, Joseph Tracey, Herbert Belanger, Francis Tracey, Joseph Clarke, John Lenihan, John McCabe, James Heffron, Thos. O'Hearn, Junior—Louis Rousseau, Rodolph Toutant, Charles McCabe, Charles McCurdy, Vincent Brown, John Shaw, Telesphore Dault, Morgan Burns, Bertram Kearns, Vincent Ware, Charles Grant.

Brother Edward, the principal of the school, gave a detailed statement of the De La Salle Literary and Athletic Association since its inauguration by Brother Rogation nine years ago. In that time the receipts amounted to \$1,075.17 and the expenditures \$975.37. The chief expenses had been in connection with the gymnasium, the establishing of lecture, reading and lunch rooms, the formation of clubs for out-door sports and the providing of a splendid skating rink for the winter season. In order to make this year surpass all others, many prominent Catholics came to the assistance of the Association with handsome donations, thus enabling the boys to add to the gymnasium and to secure the services of a professional instructor. Though only fifteen regular lessons had been received, the showing of the boys was excellent and called forth the repeated applause of the spectators.

Brother Edward also expounded the educational advantages of De La Salle. He said that if properly encouraged the school could fill the want of higher education among Catholics of Toronto. Many are advocating the cause of a Separate High School, but in De La Salle the commercial classes as well as classes in different sciences and languages, are doing the regular High School work. Here is the tilled soil waiting for support and it was not necessary to go to the unexplored land and hew out the unknown. Here was the easy proposition, so why seek the one with difficulties, at present unsurmountable? Everyone with even a passing acquaintance with De La Salle knows what the commercial classes have produced and now a similar degree of success in the matriculation work is almost assured. But De La Salle is handicapped for with the additional classes there had come no addition to the teaching staff.

Notwithstanding the lack of funds the school board had provided these additional advantages without the additional government grant or private contributions and thus De La Salle is placed in competition with institutions equipped with modern facilities, supplied with learned professors in abundance and basking in the sunshine of popular favor.

To expect twice the amount of work with the same old time proficiency was unreasonable, and two more teachers were urgently required. These could be obtained at a small cost and it requires only the aid of our Catholic friends. Brother Edward spoke forcibly and concluded by asking those present to consider the question well.

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IRELAND ITS RELIGION AND ITS CULTURE

(Continued from page 5.) The Chairman then addressed some encouraging words to the boys and tendered them the hearty thanks of the visitors for their splendid entertainment, which, he said, surpassed even their annual dinner. Further, he advised those present to extend a helping hand to dear old La Salle.

REGMAN.

I.C.B.U.

On the death of Mrs. Donovan, mother of our esteemed sister members, Mrs. Shea and Miss M. Donovan, the following was unanimously carried.

That the members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Society extend their sincere sympathy to Sisters Shea and Donovan and members of their family in their sad loss. We pray our Lady Patroness to intercede with her Divine Son for the soul of deceased.

S. KELLY, Rec-Secy. Branch 10, I.C.B.U.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Despite the fact that Monday evening was far from inviting, the 11th annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society called forth a fine representation from the different parishes of the city, among those present being Rev. Fathers Rohleder, Hand, Nasr and Minehan, and Messrs. Eugene O'Keefe, D. Miller, W. O'Connor, V. A. Russell, Jas. J. Pape, J. J. Hanratty, F. P. Lee, T. P. Winterberry, R. Elmsley, J. J. Murphy, W. E. Blake, L. V. McBrady, P. Hynes and W. E. Kernahan, Mr. M. O'Connor was in the chair. After routine business the report of the Society was read, showing that for the year ending March 31st, 317 cases, affecting the interests of 418 dependent, neglected and delinquent children, were brought to the notice of the Society. Of these 174 were from the Children's Court and 145 were private cases reported to the office. Stress was laid on the point that the best results were obtained from individual examination of each case by the Agent working under instructions from the Advisory Board, and also on the fact that preventive and amendment work ever found first place in the methods of the Association. During the year 15 wards were added to the list of the Society, giving a grand total of 123. Report was also made of the fact that a telephone had been placed at the service of the Agent, Mr. Hynes and appreciation of his services was further shown by a substantial increase to his salary. The allowance for the wards in the different institutions of the city was reported as increased from 1c per capita per day to 8c for maintenance. The wards were all reported as doing well and the finances as in good standing. Regret was also expressed at the loss of two worthy members of the Board of Management, viz., Dr. Mathew Wallace and Mr. Andrew Cottam, and the secretary was commissioned to prepare formal letters of condolence to be sent to the family of each.

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