

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, SANDWICH, ONT.

The closing exercises of the above institution took place on Tuesday, June 21st. Bishop Walsh of London, Ont., presided, supported by a numerous body of clergy from his own and neighboring dioceses.

Among them we noticed: Vicar General Laurent of Peterboro, Ont., Very Rev. Dean Wagner, Rev. O'Connor, Gerard, Villeneuve, Andreux, Carrier, Crespin, Roman, Scanlan and McGrath and others of the London Diocese.

Along with the distribution of prizes the College presented a very attractive programme, partly musical and partly dramatic for the entertainment of its guests.

The musical portion was decidedly interesting, especially the singing of Mass and the Eucharist which was of a very high order of excellence.

The dramatic portion consisted of an adaptation of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar with the following cast of characters: Julius Caesar, J. Savage; Brutus, J. Troy; Cassius, T. Murray; Antony, F. McNeil; Calpurnia, M. Montreuil; Portia, J. Nease; Cinna, T. Mulhans; Decius, J. Burns.

All the performers did well, some admirably well. The young gentlemen who played the characters of Brutus, Cassius and Caesar, evincing a keen understanding of Shakespeare's meaning, and showing themselves into their respective roles with a truth and an energy which speak well for their training in other things besides declamation.

DEANSON, MICH.; 2nd sec. Henry Mass, Bay City, Mich.

Latin—1st prize, Jas. McDonnell, 1st sec. Dennis Malone. Catechism—1st prize, Joe. Powers, 1st sec. Jas. McDonnell.

History and geography—1st prize, ex aequo, Jas. McDonnell and Garret Doyle, 1st sec. Adolphe Girardot, Sandwich, Ontario. FIRST COMMERCIAL CLASS.

Excellence—Prize given by Rev. M. Cunningham, of West Lorne, Ont., awarded to Dennis McGrath, Hamlet City, Mich., 2nd prize, W. Coleman, Toledo, O.; 1st sec. Victor Gankler, 2nd sec. Edward Mitanette, Mendon, Mich.

Excellence—1st prize, Angustus David, New Orleans, La.; 2nd prize, Hubert A. Lodge, Detroit, Mich.; 3rd prize, Francis A. Lee, Detroit, Mich.; 1st sec. Gaspie Davis, Windsor, Ont.; 2nd sec. Redmond Daly, Detroit, Mich.; 3rd sec. Hiram E. Leslie, Oberlin, O.

Excellence—1st prize, John Dea, Detroit, Mich.; 2nd prize, Fred Ramon, Sandwich, Ont.; 3rd prize, Wm. Lafferty, Detroit, Mich.; 1st sec. Jas. O'Meara, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 2nd sec. Willard King, Detroit, Mich.; 3rd sec. Wm. Dubois, Denver, Col.

Excellence—1st prize, John Dea, 2nd prize, Fred Ramon; 1st sec. Willard King, 2nd sec. Jos. O'Meara. Bible history—1st prize, Willard King; sec. John Dea.

RIDEAU STREET CONVENT, OTTAWA.

PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD LAST EVENING. The commencement exercises at Rideau street convent took place yesterday. They seemed even more than usually interesting. This is owing a great deal to the excellent well established name of this institution for refined, intellectual and artistic entertainments.

The programme seemed arranged with a view to set forth in a telling manner the year's achievements, broadly suggesting that the school years proper are but mere initiating steps towards the interesting, though rugged work to be accomplished in the school of life.

What is good for the gender is also good for the goose. The young woman can no more be dandled into usefulness than can the young man. She can be primed and drilled, governed, honed, corrected and "accomplished" for the market by the aid of care and capital, but what avail is she to the world when all has been said and done?

Excellence—Prize, H. Ironmonger, Grose Point, Mich.; sec. Wm. Brown, Sandwich, Ont. Catechism—Prize, Wm. Brown; sec. H. Ironmonger.

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THE GOOD WISHES FOR THEIR HAPPINESS

were by his Grace for "his dear children." His Lordship Bishop Cleary of Kingston, then spoke reviewing the programme at length. His advice to the young ladies was practical and encouraging.

A large representation of diocesan clergy was present. The other guests were the Alumnae and parents of the graduates.—Ottawa Free Press, June 22.

There are very few of the men, indeed, who have made their mark in the world school of necessity, working their way against obstacles; and this is a sufficient proof of the utility of friction in bringing out a man's strong points.

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LOBETTO CONVENT, NIAGARA FALLS.

Decidedly these monks and nuns have exquisite taste. And this is true not only of monks and nuns of the middle ages, who while civilizing the Barbarians of Europe, and changing the face of the country, always knew how to select the most bewitching nooks and the most commanding heights for their gorgeous monasteries and convents; but it is equally true of the religious communities of this century.

There is no spot more beautiful, more sublime in our country than that wonderful nature, Niagara Falls. Archbishop Lynch of Toronto, heir to the glorious traditions of the middle ages, and with a true Catholic love of all that is beautiful in God's works, made it one of his first duties to imitate the example of former times, and to have erected at this marvelous spot religious institutions, which would not be inferior to the great nurseries of learning, so numerous in the Catholic Church.

The superb, massive building, the spacious halls and corridors, the well-heated and well-ventilated rooms, the extreme neatness and cleanliness, the visible thoroughness, stamp it at once the fit abode of refined ladies, who know that physical health and strength are necessary to a sane and thorough education.

All the guests, as they arrived were most cordially received by the Lady Superior and the other ladies, and shown into the spacious reception-rooms, which were fitted for the occasion into a gallery of art.

Beautiful oil paintings and studies in water colors and pastel, were displayed on easels; the walls were covered with drawings, and tables were laden with most exquisite specimens of fancy work and embroidery.

We read, attached to most elegant drop-curtains in all shades embroidered by the young ladies, the names of Miss Maggie Flynn, Mary McNamee, Minnie Cahill, Minnie Hunsley, Mary Preston, Maudie Walsh, Mamie Dougherty, Sadie Kittel, Mary Gilday and a host of others. The embroidery in every instance elicited marks of admiration and delight from the many visitors.