

tutions, the schools, the religious societies of every kind, of the friendly relations which exist in the Province between Catholics and the Government, and the various religious denominations. No one, said His Grace, can live in Rome for any time who must not see that the head of the Church is not a captive in his own Palace, and that to leave it would only subject him to insults and indignities from a government without honor or principle. Within a few feet of the stairs by which the Vatican is entered stand the soldiers of the traitor King. It was needless to tell them, as they were all familiar with it, of the thousands of religious of both sexes driven out on the world, their churches and homes confiscated."

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The 19th of June came to an end, but the world didn't. Whether we escaped this sensation owing to the planets refusing to get into line, or to mother Earth's agility in getting out of their way, we know not; perhaps never shall. The following comments of the *Catholic Union*, (Buffalo, N. Y.) on the scare caused by the grand final event which did not happen as appointed by the prophets, are so appropriate, so suggestive of Christian duty, that they deserve to be fixed between the pages of our prayer books, near the "Examination of Conscience!"

The world waxes old, to be sure; but the signs of its approaching dissolution are not more evident than they were in the year 1000, which many good people believed would be the year of doom. War and pestilence, social upheavals and religious dissensions were as rife in the eleventh century as in the nineteenth. For aught we know to the contrary, this old world of ours may want yet a decade of centuries to complete its allotted span. And we are assured its end will be well heralded. Portents will appear far more direful than those that heralded a drowned world in the days of Noah; and will be, perchance, equally disregarded. We are divinely warned of the dread happenings that then we are to expect. False prophets will appear—plausible beyond any that have yet drawn men from God. Evil will seem for awhile triumphant. Antichrist will rule the world. The Church will go back to the catacombs. And then, there shall be signs in the sun and moon, and upon the earth distress of nations. So much for the coming of the universal doom. But for us, individually, the day we die is the end of the world, and we can learn a lesson of preparation, even from those whose misplaced credulity makes us smile. To-morrow, it may be that for us the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. To-morrow, perchance, we shall see the Son of man coming in great power and majesty. The question is—are we ready for that dread advent?

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

The examination of the Boys' High School, directed by the Christian Brothers, took place on the 15th June, somewhat earlier than usual, on account of a proposed change of quarters. Mr. Glashan, Public School Inspector, presided, and at the close placed on record his estimation of the proceedings, as follows:

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I have this day assisted in the examination of the pupils in this school and am much pleased with all that I have heard and seen. The school is evidently in excellent condition and well managed, and I believe need not fear comparison with our best High Schools and Collegiate Institutes.

(Signed,) J. C. GLASHAN. P. S. I.

SILVER MEDALS were awarded as follows:—

1st Department—Richard Sims, 1st division, Excellence, presented by His Lordship the Bishop.

George Lamb, 2nd division, Excellence, presented by the Christian Brothers.

2nd Department—Sylvester Teskey, Excellence, presented by the Christian Brothers.

Alfred Myers, History of Canada and Geography, presented by Hon. Jno. O'Connor.

3rd Department—Peter Marchand, Book-Keeping and Arithmetic, presented by P. Baskerville, M. P. P.

John Murphy, Reading and Orthography, presented by Mrs. John Clancy.

On Thursday, June 30th, the Girls' High School, taught by the Grey Nuns, was submitted to a severe examination by the Board of Separate School Examiners for the City. In the English department a magnificent Gold Medal for general proficiency, presented by the English-speaking School Trustees, was awarded to Miss Esther Carroll; a Silver Medal by Rev. M. J. Whelan for English Composition to Miss Mary Doyle of the Sixth Course; and a second Medal for the same subject to Miss Katie Connell of the Fourth Course.

The demands on our space are so many and so urgent this month that we are compelled to give a mere skeleton report of the interesting proceedings which brought to a close a very successful term at the Congregation de Notre Dame. We regret in particular our inability to publish the splendid address delivered by the Rev. Dr. O'Hara of Syracuse, N. Y., on the duties of Catholic parents. A large number of costly medals and premiums were awarded to the successful competitors in every department of art and science. The Silver Medal donated by His Excellency the Governor General was awarded to Miss Dowling of Almonte; the Silver Medal by the Bishop of Ottawa for religious instruction, to Miss Catellier of Ottawa; the second medal for the same subject by Rev. Father Smith, O. M. I. Chaplain, to Miss Costigan, New Brunswick; a Gold Medal for Music by Rev. Father Walsh of Albany, N. Y., to Miss Maloney of Belleville, Ont. The Gold Medal and Diploma of the Institution were awarded to Misses Costigan, Dowling, St. Denis, Catellier, Coleman, Stafford, Hyatt and Leduc, graduates. The following young ladies were promoted to the 2nd degree of the graduating class: Misses Brannen, Brophy, Duff, Long, McClusky, Moloney, and Molloy.

The Exhibition Hall of the College of Ottawa never before rang with such jubilant applause as on the evening of the 20th ult., the last of this scholastic year, when their hard won honors were conferred upon successful students, in presence of a numerous assembly of parent and friends. This year each Form of the classical course rejoiced in having a representant that had attained the high total of marks required for the Medal of honor for general proficiency. The happy winner of the Murray Medal, presented this year for the first time, lengthened this list of medalists. Moreover there was additional cause for joy in the fact that this year the number of Graduates and Undergraduates has considerably increased. The essays read by Mr. John B. Robert, of Ottawa, and Mr. John J. Griffin, of Lawrence, Mass both of the graduating class, reflected great credit on the literary and scientific attainments of these young gentlemen. Choice music from Chorus and Orchestra charmed the ear and afforded a pleasing variety, especially to those who might consider the intellectual part of the programme somewhat serious.

The following gentlemen, after having successfully passed the several examinations required, received their diplomas for the following Degrees:—

Bachelor of Arts—Rev. Augustin Doutenville, O. M. I., of Bischviller, Alsace, (with great distinction)—Mr. John J. Griffin, of Lawrence, Mass. (with great distinction)—Mr. John B. Robert, of