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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

"If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their
best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prosperous and
general Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent
work."
—PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE LONG VACATION is again at hand. We have now reached the season when the young people are about to lay aside their books, to rest from their studies and to enjoy the weeks of well earned repose that come to them yearly. Each year we have had our word of advice to give to parents in regard to the manner in which their boys and girls should spend their summer holidays. For a change we shall address ourselves briefly to the young people this year. Remember that the summer vacation is a time of rest and recuperation; it is a season during which the mind should be freed from the ordeal of daily tasks. Thus it is that fresh vigor is acquired to be used in the term that will commence with September. But while it is proper that the drudgery of study should be avoided, it is well not to let the mind grow rusty, nor to forget in a couple of months all that you learned during the ten long months of your scholastic year. It is proper that from time to time, but not in a manner likely to cause fatigue, you should review what has been so carefully learned and cast a glance over what is likely to be the subject matter of the coming year's studies.

The next point that we desire to emphasize is that of the locality selected for the vacation. In all probability the greater number will spend the summer months in the homes of their parents. But there is a certainty that many will go to the seaside, to summer resorts of different kinds. What we have now to say applies to both the parents and the young people. Before selecting a place for the summer vacation make sure that there is a church within reach and that it is there possible to attend Mass. Not only does the obligation of hearing Mass on Sunday exist during the holidays as well as at any other time of the year, but there are other considerations of a grave nature. At all times and in all places we are exposed to the dangers of sickness, and in vacation time more than ever to the dangers of accident. It is well to know that we are within reach of a priest, for we know not the moment nor the circumstances under which we may be obliged to call upon him for services that he alone can render. It is not necessary to dwell any further upon this phase of the subject. The hint is plain and can be readily understood. Go to some place where there is a Church and a priest within reach. The former is, always necessary, the latter may become indispensable.

With these brief reflections and without wishing in any way to enter into all the considerations that this season suggests, we will wish the young people a very happy and beneficial vacation, and in expressing this wish we desire to extend it to the teachers. Too often do we forget the teachers when referring to the holidays. Perhaps, on account of the number of pupils being so great and that of the teachers so few, in comparison, we are led to think that the holiday relaxation is entirely for the benefit of the younger people. But none require the rest and recuperation more than do the teachers. Their task is an unending one. For the pupils a vacation will come day when there will be no more return to school and studies; not so with the teacher. He, or she, must go on year after year, in the same routine, until comes the great long vacation of unending rest and eternal reward.

COST OF ADVERTISING.—

cently the faculty of a Catholic College spent \$805.50 in sending circulars to 1000 priests and 10,000 Catholics, in order to advertise the institution. It cost that much for postage, stationery, printing and salaries of clerks. The Principal of the College told a Catholic editor of the amount he was spending to have his institution known to the world, and the editor most aptly replied: "Your ideas of publicity are good, but your means of securing it are costly and laborious. My paper goes into 10,000 of the choicest Catholic homes—a better list than even the good list you got by writing the clergy."

"Now, I will print your circular, which is ten inches long and four inches wide, at the top of the best page in my paper where it will be seen—where it will attract attention, and I will charge you \$20 for the service. I will run it twelve times in my paper in July and August and September, where it will be seen week in and week out for about half what you have expended on one circular." This is business and is common sense. We now call attention of all our friends in the various educational institutions of this country to this item. Possibly they may take a hint that will save them money and help the Catholic press.

"A HOLY CONFRATERNITY."—His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, Dr. Bourne, speaking of the League of the Cross, the great temperance organization, called it a Holy Confraternity. He begged that all those who were launched in the temperance boat would stand to their oars, and never relax for a moment their efforts. The task is huge, he admitted, but there is the inevitable blessing for those engaged in the great work. He said that every word wisely said or done earns a reward that delayed success cannot lessen. It is evident that, like his illustrious predecessors, the Archbishop of Westminster is a determined advocate of temperance.

DANGER OF WATER.—All the elements have their elements of danger, fire, air, water. In the summer time the water seems to us to be the most fatal. There is danger in drinking cold, and especially ice-cold water in the warm season. In nearly one-tenth of the cases it proves fatal. But the still greater danger is that of the water abroad on lake and river. Our Ottawa correspondent, in his correspondence of last week, stated that ten bodies were taken from the river, near the Capital, in one month. It would not be easy to keep a record of all that are found in the St. Lawrence during the course of a season. In fact the Lachine Canal seems to be a most fatal place, for the number of yearly drownings in its waters is very great indeed. We find that most of these sad events are due to boating. For the one who is drowned while bathing there are ten drowned from skiffs, canoes and sail boats. And the list seems to be yearly on the increase. Yet people without experience still keep on going out boating, and people with experience keep risking themselves in dangerous places. It is very remarkable that more fatal drowning accidents occur on Sunday than any other day of the week. This is quite easily explained. Sunday being the one day of rest, people take advantage of it to go out in great numbers, and the water seems to have a special attraction for the majority. We would wish that our warning

could go into every home in the land and that every individual could hear it. Keep away from the river on Sundays as much as possible.

BISHOP ARCHAMBAULT.—The announcement has been made of the appointment of Mgr. Archambault the Vice-Rector of Laval University, Montreal, to the newly-created See of Joliette. The creation of the new diocese had been long expected, and it was partly surmised that the coming Bishop would be the learned and energetic Vice-Rector. No more happy selection could have been made. Although comparatively young in years, the Bishop-elect has done great and good work, has left the impress of his zeal and administrative capacity on both diocese of Montreal, of which he was canon, and the University which he has directed in a masterly manner, during the brief period of his administration. The new diocese of Joliette presents a grand field for his activity and devoted zeal. His hand will write the first pages of the history of that new diocese, and they will be memorable and brilliant. As the organ of the English-speaking Catholic element in this district, we desire to convey to the new Bishop the sincere expression of our most hearty congratulations, the best wishes we can form, and our fervent prayers that he may be accorded many long years to commence and carry on the glorious mission that Providence has given him in the Church.

A NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.—On the 24th June, the city of St. John, New Brunswick, was in a state of high festival. Flags floated to the breeze, and the entire place put on an air of festivity. It was the three hundredth anniversary of the landing on American soil of the great French explorers, De Monts and Champlain. It was they who founded that city and called it St. John, because they reached its side on the 24th June, 1604, the feast of St. John the Baptist.

At daybreak salves of artillery were fired by the French, English and American men-of-war in the port. They, as well as all the merchant shipping in the port, were decorated in gala style. The most interesting part of the ceremony was the reproduction, as perfectly as possible, of the landing of De Monts and Champlain. An old sailing vessel, made to appear, as much as possible, like the one that had carried the explorers, entered the port, followed by some fifty yachts and pleasure boats. When it was tied to the wharf, persons dressed in the costumes of the seventeenth century, representing De Monts and Champlain, and their companions, disembarked. The procession moved up the streets, followed by a vast throng of people.

A tablet to the memory of De Monts and Champlain was unveiled at the Carnegie Library, in presence of the representatives of France and the United States. Several addresses were delivered. These were followed by a reception at the Royal Society of Canada, where an essay on the arrival of the French discoverers was read. The weather was grand, and thousands of people came from all sides, and all parts of Canada, and of the United States. The Mayor, Mr. White, gave a dinner at the Union Club. Among the invited guests were the commander of the "Touche," as well as those of the "Detroit" and the "Ariadne." The city and all the shipping were illuminated at night, and thousands joined in the torch light procession. After the procession the war-vessels left for Saint Croix Island, where, on Monday, the celebration was continued. It is rarely that such important anniversaries are celebrated and it is well for the generations to come that the men of the present will not allow those grand historical events to be forgotten.

IRELAND'S MORALITY.—Many times we have had occasion to refer to the grand moral character of the Irish people. In proof thereof we have often given statistics to show that the percentage of illegitimacy in Ireland is far below that of any country in Europe, in fact in the world. Another evidence of the purity of their principles and lives, and the value of the teachings of

their Church is to be found in the Parliamentary return, which takes the form of the 37th annual report of the Registrar-General of Marriages, Births and Deaths in Ireland. The return gives a series of decennial summaries of the marriages, births, and deaths, and causes of death in Ireland for the years from 1891 to 1900. We will quote from a summary of that report, which in itself is only a summary of the statistics. It runs thus:

"The Registrar-General points out that in the decade under review the births in Ireland numbered 1,055,020, as against 836,035 deaths, indicating a natural increase in the population of the country of 218,985. During the ten years 433,526 emigrants, at 9.5 per 1000 of the mean population, left Ireland. The number of emigrants would thus appear to have exceeded the excess of births over deaths by 214,541. The number of emigrants in the preceding decade was 770,706. The actual decrease in the population of Ireland from April 1891 to the 31st of March, 1901, was 245,975.

The report informs us that the total number of marriages registered during the ten years 1891-1901 was 221,608, as compared with 213,095 during the previous decade, showing an increase of 8513, or 4 per cent, in a decreasing population. The average annual marriage rates per 1000 of the population were, for the two decades, 4.31 for the earlier and 4.84 for the latter. The largest number of marriages which took place in any one year was 23,120, or at the rate of 5.07 per 1000, in the year 1895; the smallest was for the year, 1900, when the number was 21,330 or at the rate of 4.77 per 1000 of the population."

LOCAL NOTES.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.—This well known educational establishment, of St. Ann's parish, under the direction of the Christian Brothers, held its closing exercises on Thursday of last week. Rev. Father Rioux, C. S.S.R., the rector of St. Ann's, presided, and beside him were seated Rev. A. Cullinan, St. Mary's; Rev. Thomas F. Heffernan, St. Anthony's; Rev. A. Cullinan, C. S.S.R.; Rev. Father McPhail, C. S.S.R.; Ald. Daniel Gallery, M.P.; Messrs. C. A. McDonnell, John Slattery, Hugh McCormack, P. Kenehan, Dr. Mullally, Mr. Arden and J. I. McCaffery.

The hall was crowded by parents and friends of the pupils, and each item of the programme which we give below was most deservedly applauded.

The intelligent, calm, and business-like manner in which the various performers acquitted themselves was a striking evidence of the high standard of training which the establishment affords.

The programme was as follows:

Chorus—Soldier's Chorus, School Choir.

Addition Club, Juniors.

Musical Review, Music class under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea.

Duet, See the Pale Moon, Masters E. Ryan and E. Harney.

Typewriting and Shorthand, First class.

Speaking Contest, Masters J. Cloonan, E. Harney, E. Ryan, P. Dunphy, M. Sproule, A. Ryan.

The musical numbers were given with sweetness and precision, and the knowledge displayed of the rudiments of the art which was so entertainingly illustrated during the examination by Prof. Shea, was a feature much appreciated.

The boys of St. Ann's in all departments, literary, commercial physical and musical, and the corps of teachers under the able director, Bro. Prudent, have every reason to be proud of their achievement of last week.

The distribution of prizes evoked much enthusiasm. The prize donors were: The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rev. Father A. Cullinan, Rev. D. J. McConnin, Hon. Dr. J. Guevin, M.P.P., Ald. D. Gallery, M.P., Ald. M. A. Walsh, Dr. E. S. Mullally, Prof. P. J. Shea, Mr. J. Slattery, Mr. Jos. O'Brien, Mr. P. McCrory, Mr. C. Sheehan, Mr. J. McCormack, Mr. P. H. Ryan, Mrs. A. Gallery, The S. J. ...

The function was brought to a close in the presentation of an address to Rev. Father Rioux, the new Rector of St. Ann's, in which kindly references were made to the efforts of the Redemptorist Order in behalf of education in the parish. The Rector made a graceful and happy reply, during the course of which he eulogized the noble work of the Christian Brothers and the results achieved, of which so marked evidences had been shown by the pupils during the afternoon.

Rev. Father Heffernan, Rev. E. Strubbe, C.S.S.R., Ald. Daniel Gallery, M.P., and Mr. C. A. McDonnell also delivered brief addresses congratulating the Brothers and pupils on the high standard of their studies.

A GARDEN PARTY.—As we go to press a most successful garden party is being held by the new parish of St. Agnes.

PERSONAL NOTES.—Rev. J. A. McCallen, S.S., of Baltimore, so well known in St. Patrick's parish, is now in this city. He is a guest of the Sulpician Fathers at the presbytery of Notre Dame.

Mr. D. J. Byrne, of the well known firm of Leonard Bros., the largest importers and exporters of fish in Canada, has gone on a business trip to Western Canada.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas Burke, a charter member of the Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association, who recently suffered a most painful accident, will be glad to learn that he is now convalescent.

EDUCATION.

Education does not make a man successful in business, but to the man successful in business it is an invaluable aid. The educated man invests business with grace and power. He lifts the mere acquisition of dollars and cents above the groveler, whose only delight is his hoard, and places wealth on the plane where it justly belongs and where its results are beneficial to humanity.—Pittsburg Catholic.

OLD PUBLICATIONS.

(By a Regular Contributor.)

This week I have not much to tell about my old books, for the good reason that I am a long way away from them, and I naturally cannot recall the dates and all the details connected with them. I had the pleasure of giving the readers a lot of information regarding my collection of the "British Essayists"; I have another bundle of old books, of still greater antiquity, and of a very peculiar interest. Before writing about them I would prefer to again look them over and take them in their regular order. Some of them are Italian, other Spanish, and again others are French, German, English and Irish (Celtic). They date back hundreds of years, and the prefaces to them, though all short, are real indices of the characters, characteristics, manners, language and customs of their respective periods and countries.

It may be asked where I got all this collection of old books. Some day I will tell the story. I have one volume that came to me from the late Judge Church, who got it from the father of the late Judge McCord, who received it from a Mr. Wolfe, of Quebec, at the beginning of the last century. Mr. Wolfe signed all his books "Lupus." Now, he got the book from a Mr. Barton, in 1782; and Barton got it, in 1750, from a Mr. Fieldy, in England, and Mr. Fieldy got it in 1709 from a named Grose in "the Cathedral city of York," and whom Grose got it from I do not know. It was published in 1687. Now the story of that volume alone would make a fine essay. But, as I said, I would not like to attempt it, until I again am able to have my books under my hand. And that may be some weeks hence.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From our Own Correspondent.)

There is scarcely anything to be told from here this week but the various local celebrations of St. Jean Baptiste. While the city of Montreal had the great general national demonstration, each parish, or district has apparently selected some day for its own celebration. In Ottawa, in Hull, in the surrounding villages, at Buckingham, at Aylmer, and elsewhere the great Saint, who is patron of the French-Canadian people, has been fittingly honored. It is certainly a good sign to witness all the deep faith that these people display—for each celebration begins with a High Mass and the offering up of the day to God and the invocation of the Almighty, through the advocacy of their patron saint, for the blessings needed for the year to come. Another point that should not escape attention, is the fact that universally these demonstrations are most orderly, peaceful and yet enthusiastic. Rarely does intemperance intrude upon them, and still more rarely are there any discordant notes heard. If ever one forgets himself, the case is such a marked exception that it serves to accentuate the general rule.

THE SESSION.—Last week ended with the memorable debate on the Dundonald affair. This week seems to be given over entirely to the consideration of the estimates. It is true that Dominion Day will make a gap in the legislative progress; but then there is little or nothing left to be done. All the private bills are passed and ready for sanction; all the Government measures, except one, have been disposed of. Perhaps that one—which is the new Militia Bill—on account of the recent Dundonald difficulty, create a certain amount of debate. But that and the Militia Estimates alone can give rise to any protracted discussion. Consequently it is about fair to expect that by the 15th July, the fourth session of this very exceptional and memorable Parliament will be closed.

Then comes the ever-recurring question as to the general elections. We all know how last year it was supposed at one time that there would certainly be elections. But circumstances changed in the course of a few months, and all those who had made preparations, more or less for that event, were disappointed. It may be the same this year. Still, the very fact of so little being said on the subject might incline us to think that there is a greater probability this year than ever there was last year, of an appeal to the people. At all events, we can only rely upon one thing; the general elections will have to take place inside of twelve or fourteen months. And it is a time of fearful turmoil for the country, and few care for it, as the profits it brings to a few never compensate for the disturbance it causes others.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The concert, this week, at the Catholic Sailors' Club was under the auspices of St. Michael's Court Catholic Order of Foresters, and was a great success. Mr. John Harrington, Chief Ranger, presided, and delivered a neat speech, which he assured the executive of the club that the organization which he had the honor to represent would always be prepared to assist in the good work carried on in behalf of visiting seamen.

The programme was varied and was much enjoyed by the large audience.

The following ladies and gentlemen were contributors:

Mrs. P. Murphy, Miss S. O'Brien, Miss Harrington, Miss Broderick, Miss T. McBride, Miss M. Walker, Miss Coleman, Messrs. M. J. Power, Allan Scott, T. Hogar, J. Brothers, Geo. Morgan, H. Nolan, A. Foran, B. Latimer, M. O'Loughlin, Master Louis Sever, Jas. Owen, R.M.S. Tunisia; Mr. D. Allan, Hugh Riley, SS. Vancouver, Jas. Clark, SS. Montreal; Miss Lynch was the accompanist.