

SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY ENDS TODAY

INTERESTING EXERCISES AT MEMORAMCOOK

Prominent Men Take Part in Proceedings of Encenia Day

MANY VISITORS AT COLLEGE CLOSING

Saint John Students Have Leading Part—Premier Speaks

Special to The Times-Star.
ST. JOSEPH'S, June 16.—Degrees, diplomas and social premiums were conferred at the closing exercises of the 62nd convocation of St. Joseph's University and Academy in Lefebvre Memorial hall this morning. The impressive ceremonies marked the termination of one of the most successful years in the history of the institution. At 9 o'clock the faculty and graduating class entered the auditorium, which was already filled with alumni, parents and friends of the students.

The valedictory in French was delivered by Abel J. Cyr, and in English by John F. Sheehan. Following a selection by the orchestra the degrees, diplomas and social premiums were presented. Among those present was Rt. Rev. Dr. E. A. LeBlanc, Bishop of Saint John, who gave an address. His Lordship was to have spoken last night, but was delayed in arriving by his train being late.

Among the selections by the orchestra today were "Ave Maria Stella," "God Save the King" and "O Canada." The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given and a solemn Te Deum was sung.

OTHERS PRESENT
Notable guests present at this year's exercises were Hon. Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., premier of New Brunswick; Hon. A. T. LeBlanc, Hon. E. A. LeBlanc, K.C., Hon. A. A. Dyrart, Hon. A. J. LeBlanc, provincial secretary; Rev. P. V. Cormier, Rev. P. Hebert, Rev. N. Landry, Rev. P. Belliveau, Messrs. Placide Gaudet, V. Bourque, F. J. Robitoux, K.C., ex-M. P.; S. R. Weston, chief engineer of the N. B. Power Commission; A. H. Granger, F. R. Sumner, A. E. Tremblay, Moncton; Rev. B. Fraser, Sackville; S. Grauvine, L. Roy, Mrs. Thibodeau, Green River; Mrs. J. Coughlan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Daley, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Sheehan, Saint John; F. MacFarlane, Miramichi; F. Boudreau, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Robitoux, Monctonville, Mass.; Miss K.

Valedictorian



JOHN SHEEHAN.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey J. Sheehan of Saint John, who this morning delivered the English valedictory at the closing exercises of St. Joseph's University at St. Joseph's, N. B.

Franklin, Brookline, Mass.; W. C. Sharkey, Boston; Messrs. Alderick McLellan, F. Morreault, L. Gagnon, O. Leger, N. Bourgeois, from Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax; C. M. Leger, Memramcook.

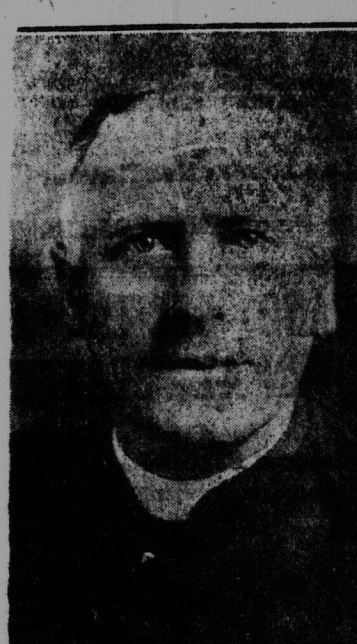
Prizes and diplomas were presented as follows:
DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS.
Artium Magister (M. A.), Albany M. Robichaud (French and Philosophy, Shippegan).

Artium Baccalaureus (B. A.), Raymond F. Boudreau, Memramcook; Joseph S. Carey, Moncton; Ernest Chasson, Lameque, N. B.; Michael Joseph Coughlan, Saint John; Abel J. Cyr, St. Basile; Gerald E. Gauvin, St. Anselme; Georges F. Poirier, Shediac; J. Aldoria Robichaud, St. Louis; John F. Sheehan, Saint John; N. B. Damase S. Thibodeau, Riviere Verte; J. Calixte Savoie (special examination), Buctouche.

COMMERCIAL DIPLOMAS.
Wilfred Lucas (G. D.), Grand Pabou, P. Q.; Leo A. Robichaud (D.), Moncton; Adeodat Drapeau (D.), Lunenburg; Oscar Allain (D.), Dorchester; John McLean, Moncton; Roy McNamara, Moncton.

Typewriting (50 Words), Edmond Desrosiers, Adeodat Drapeau.
Spot's Writing Diploma, Louis Beaudry.
Spot's Writing Awards, Edgar Akery, Omer Cormier, Alden

University Head



REV. D. J. LEBLANC, C.S.C.
President of the University of St. Joseph's College, at St. Joseph's, and a former graduate, who presides at the encenia proceedings which began last night. The exercises continue this morning with the conferring of degrees, certificates and prizes.

English Valedictory

John F. Sheehan, of Saint John, English valedictorian, spoke as follows:
The immortal Shakespeare, with his amazing insight into human nature, tells us that "one man in his time plays many parts, his acts being seven ages." Today, we, the graduates of '26, realize that the curtain is about to fall on the first and probably the most important act of our life's drama—an act which has absorbed nearly a score of years in the making—an act whose successful completion will determine the outcome of the whole performance. For the first time, we stand before the eyes of the world as men in more than name and, while rejoicing in the fact, we begin to comprehend the serious nature of man's estate. No longer shall we be judged with the leniency accorded to verdant, thoughtless youth; no longer can we cast responsibilities to the wind with the license of carefree undergraduates, for, as we cross the threshold of manhood, the door to our youthful folly is closed behind us, never to be opened save by the golden key of reminiscence. When the curtain rises again, it will unfold to our eyes the real drama of life.

LIFE'S GOAL.
"Life is real, life is earnest." What a wealth of significance is contained in these simple words! We shall find them indelibly impressed on every pathway open to our future efforts. In the years spent here we have garnered a mass of theoretical knowledge, now to be submitted to the crucial test; for, in the world, theory, reduced to practice, must yield material success to ourselves and good to our fellow-men. Failing these, it may be accounted mere waste. And yet, let us not be too deeply influenced by the world's standard of material success, for, too often, it means the acquisition of wealth at all costs—a game hardly worth the price. Fame and wealth are but fortunate eventualities, whereas we have before us a definite goal—whatever be our state in life, to become good citizens and honest men—always to keep before our eyes our duty to God, to our country and to our Alma Mater.

In these days of scoffing materialism, if not downright atheism, the church regards its young men, imbued with the solid principles of a Christian education, as the pillars of the marble temple of religious conviction. Unless we, who have received such an education, actively employ it in the pursuit of our chosen profession, our college training will have been in vain. No matter to what heights we may rise, there must ever remain the bitter conviction that we have failed in our duty to God and allowed ourselves to languish in the mire of lukewarm Catholicism. How deplorable would be the knowledge that "we have bartered our

glorious heritage of faith, with what self-contempt should we regard our moral cowardice! If they achieve little else, may the class of '26 be known as men who were Catholics before all else—ever ready to live up to their faith.

SUGGESTED MOTTO
"God and my country," the motto of the royal crest, is one that we might well make our own. We are Catholics and Canadians—the one before the other. It is true, but in Canada, more than in any other country, the two may go together in complete harmony. We are Canadians and Catholics in the name. Today, in a world of ultra-revolutionary ideas and modernistic "bunkum," our country stands for all that is sane and rational in mode of living and thinking. Possessing the purest form of democracy yet firmly united by the bond of imperialism; her forests, fields and mines inexhaustible sources of untold wealth, Canada without a doubt is the nation with a future.

DUTY TO CANADA
Wherefore, then, the steady exodus to the States, the sharp thorn in the side of the Maritimes? Can they call themselves Canadians who, blinded by their greed for suddenly-acquired wealth, neglect the vast field of opportunity in Canada and fly avidly across the border? Something vitally necessary is lacking in the education of those who thus mock the spirit and frustrate the aim of our forefathers, the glorious pioneers who, though confronted with gigantic obstacles, toiled unceasingly

for the progress and betterment of their country and died happily envisioning their future greatness and prosperity. Today, Canada needs men of this calibre, loyal sons who believe in their future and are willing to devote their best talents and energy to the fulfillment of her ultimate triumph. Let us never forget then, that as Canadian products, we owe to our country the best we have in us.

ALMA MATER

If we attain any success in our adopted sphere of life, assuredly we must divide the honors with our Alma Mater. It has ever been her earnest endeavor to supplement our intellectual formation with firm religious principles and many ideals. Our university is justifiably proud of its sons; every walk of life may be found the distinguished names of those who, in years gone by, received from her hand, as we do today, the reward of their labors. They are men who showed inflexible attachment to their religion, unquestioned obedience to the law, willing and cordial responsiveness to all the duties of loyal citizenship. In other words, they have preserved inviolate the sacred trust confided to them at the hour of graduation. So that ours is no mere duty of gratitude but a positive one, the fulfillment of which will reflect credit on our Alma Mater and give to ourselves a deep sense of satisfaction at the preservation of her record.

A RETROSPECT

Not so long ago, in our earlier years at our Alma Mater, we sat amidst the student body, gazed in awe and envy at the graduating class and dreamed golden dreams of that great day when we too, would leave the walls of St. Joseph's far behind us. For us that mystic day has dawned, but how our attitude has changed! Forgotten is the triumph of the occasion. The exultation of our newly-assumed position is submerged beneath the wave of sadness that overflows our hearts as we reflect that we are spending our last hour under the roof that has sheltered our happiest days. Within these walls we conceived our noblest inspirations and formed our dearest friendships. The mirage of glory has faded leaving but vain regret.

FAREWELL WORDS

Rev. Father President and members of the faculty, your tedious and difficult task is done. Not always have we shown ourselves grateful for the untiring energy and paternal solicitude which has ever marked your bearing towards us. Much we wish that your encouraging eyes might still beam upon us; but this cannot be. Henceforth our labors and life of sacrifice, we bid you a last and affectionate farewell. Companions in study, you are making the same journey that we have just completed. Be persevering and patient, for the end is worth your greatest efforts.

Fellow-graduates, it would be trespassing on sacred ground to give vent to the sentiments that fill my heart on this, the occasion of our parting. Only those who have shared the same joys and endured the same troubles, toiled side by side, impelled by similar ideals, can know how strong and lasting is the bond of friendship that binds together comrades of the same class. Thus far

Valedictorian



ABEL J. CYR.
of St. Basile, Madawaska Co., who this morning delivered the French valedictory at the encenia exercises of St. Joseph's University at St. Joseph's, N. B.

We have sailed side by side, but now our feet have reached the high sea and, in a few moments each shall be flying his separate way. Though different the course, the same goal awaits us all. And now, as the wind and tide of the present are wafting us apart—one and all, classmates, farewell.

French Valedictory

Abel J. Cyr, St. Basile, Madawaska county, delivered the French valedictory, taking as the theme of his discourse the line of Reboul.
"Tout ame a son espoir
Tout cede a son effort
Mais l'espoir s'assombrit
Comme le ciel au soleil."

Mr. Cyr spoke feelingly of the dreams and aspirations of the student during his first days at college, the long years of study with their trials and the joyous moments that finally came when success had crowned his efforts, but with a touch of remorse on leaving the portals of his Alma Mater. He closed with a few words to his classmates and a fitting farewell to professors and undergraduates.

ON TUESDAY EVENING

An excellent program was given on Tuesday evening in Lefebvre Memorial Hall.
The opening number of the program was a musical selection ably rendered by the University orchestra, after which Mr. Damas Thibodeau, '26, presented an interesting sketch of the noted French doctor and scientist,

Louis Pasteur. Mr. Thibodeau spoke of the life and labors of Pasteur in the realm of science, dealing at length with the experiments by which he shattered the theory of "Spontaneous Generation." He concluded the English part of his speech with the words of the noted English scientist, Lister, addressed to Pasteur: "Truly, there does not exist in the entire world any individual to whom the medical sciences owe more than they do to you. Thanks to you, surgery has undergone a complete revolution, which has deprived it of its terrors, and has extended almost without limit, its efficacious power."

BILINGUAL DEBATE

A second orchestral selection was followed by the evening's debate, the subject being, "Resolved, that Canada should participate in all the important wars of Great Britain." The affirmative was taken by Aitoria Robichaud, '26, and the negative by Raymond F. Boudreau, '26.
Both speakers showed a thorough knowledge of their subject, presenting their arguments in an easy and unaffected manner which has been used to such advantage by the visiting English debating teams and which is gradually superseding the former oratorical style of debate.
The affirmative speaker considered that Canada, being a colony dependent on Great Britain, was consequently subject to her will in such matters as war.
The negative, defending his side of the question, and basing his arguments on the economic situation arising from the war, thought it would be more advantageous for both England and Canada if the latter should keep the Mother Country supplied with such necessities as food and clothing and retain her men in both fields and factories for that purpose.

ROBICHAUD WINS DEBATE

The judges of the debate were Mr. Justice LeBlanc, Hon. A. A. Dyrart and Hon. O. J. Lege. The debate was awarded to Alderick Robichaud, the announcement being made by Hon. Mr. LeBlanc, who stated the decision was a close one.
Rev. D. J. LeBlanc, C.S.C., President of the College, next addressed the assembly.
ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.
Joseph Coughlan, of Saint John, delivered the second oration of the evening. Speaking with ease and fluency in both French and English, his address on "Alumni Associations" was an urgent appeal for greater unity and co-ordination among the alumni. He spoke as follows:
"With the approach of the commencement exercises these immediately enter into the mind of the college student a thought necessarily associated with these memorable days, namely, that of the Alumni or of the 'Old Grads,' as they are popularly and lovingly termed. For does not every real student at college look into the future and picture in his mind that eventual day, when he will proudly say that he is a true son of his Alma Mater."
"Thus, on the eve of our graduation, whilst we still remain united by the common bonds of friendship, love, and mutual interests shall we face the

future and say to ourselves that soon all these fond ties will seem only a myth, and that our 'college spirit,' along with all that it means, will be extinguished forever."
"Many things have been suggested to help the young graduate at this most important mile stone in the journey through life, in order to keep glowing within him the sound principles and practices he has formed during his college days. The means recognized today as most practical and effective in accomplishing this end are 'The Alumni Associations.' Before I treat of the Alumni Association and all that it means, both to the college graduate and to the university itself, I would like to say a few words concerning the Alumni themselves.
"At the present time there are too many graduates of our Catholic colleges and universities who have failed to realize a definite obligation of interest in the growth of our higher educational institutions. They have left their college days after several years of the most interesting, helpful association, forgetful of their staunch friends and counselors of earlier years. They have been indifferent to the interest that served them as faithfully and as completely as mental and physical equipment permitted. They have sometimes slighted the men who are attempting, successfully in most cases, to serve the increasing number of young men who seek admittance to our Catholic institutions."
"The history of Catholic colleges is an endless story of sacrifice in everything but principle. The Religious who have devoted their entire lives to the upbuilding of these educational institutions, those who have contributed every effort to the advancement of learning in our schools and labored for the betterment of our college courses, the strengthening of our scholastic standards and the instilling of the proper religious faith in our own youth, have received little support, even moral, from our Catholic alumni. Only in comparatively few instances have alumni contributed their minimum share towards this work.
"It would be unfair to say that the average alumnus has been uninterested in his college. He has always proudly claimed allegiance, proclaimed his loyalty, defended the institution in discussions, if need be, and followed the success or failure of its representatives in athletic or other competitions. There has been an interest, but the interest has not been properly recognized, reasonably cultivated, or genuinely appreciated. The alumnus has remained unacquainted with the administrative policies and problems, the strengthened scholastic standards, the increased enrollment and the many other matters strictly educational.
"And why? The blame, if there is any, can be attributed both to the alumnus and to his college. The organization of the alumni in many of our colleges has long been neglected. This neglect was not intentional, nor was it an oversight. The facts, perhaps, were that our institutions had entirely too many other seemingly more important problems to cope with, too many more pressing obligations of administration that would not permit the time, money or service to be expended for this important work.
"Let us now consider the Alumni Association in itself. The purpose of each

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE To BOYS and GIRLS

You happy boys and girls with a daddy and mother—what a good time you have! Mother makes you nice things and daddy is always giving you ten cents—a quarter—sometimes a dollar, all for yourself! What a nice world it is for you! Lots to eat; good clothes to wear; not a worry.

Boys and Girls, send at least a quarter for the Orphans

BUT HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE POOR LITTLE CHILDREN WITH NO DADDY, WITH NO MOTHER, WITH NO ONE TO CARE FOR AND LOVE THEM? OF COURSE YOU HAVE!

And you are going to do more than think about the Orphans. Why, the boys and girls of New Brunswick can do wonders when they try! Just imagine, if every Protestant boy and girl sent a quarter to the New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home, thousands of dollars would be raised. Perhaps enough to pay off the big amount of money the Orphanage is in debt.

Now, Boys and Girls, Just Ask Your Daddy to Give You at Least a Quarter to Send to the Orphans—He Will Give It to You Right Away, and Be Proud of You For Your Kindness. And Remind Him, Too, to Send in His Own Contribution. Fill in the Coupon.

COUPON FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
(And grown-ups, too.)
New Brunswick Protestant Orphans' Home.
Office: Room 15, 71 Dock Street,
or P. O. Box 796, Saint John, N. B.
I enclose
Signed
Address

Funds Are Urgently Needed to Carry on the Work of the Orphanage.

Read This Letter From a Little Girl With No Daddy or Mother.

Dear Friends:
I am a little girl seven years old and am in grade 2. My father died when I was little so my mamma took care of me. She fell down stairs and died, so I came here to live. I love it here and like to play in the nice green fields. I do not want to go away for I love to go to school.
FLORENCE

