

whom 87 are in the classical course. The proportional increase of English-speaking residents has been still greater. In 1895 there were only 19, that is to say 23 per cent. of the total, and of these 19 only 9 studied Latin and Greek. This year there are 55 English-speaking students, twenty-nine per cent., or almost one third of the total; and of these, twenty-two are studying the classics, which are now taught systematically both in English and French.

"All this is due in the first place to your Grace's wise directions and counsels, so prudently given that, while leaving to subordinate officials a fitting freedom of expansion you are ever pointing and stimulating to higher and broader ideals. These we trust, will be ever ours too. We learn under our able and learned masters, always to aim at what is best in the training of mind and heart, and above all to make our studies contribute to the development within us of practical Catholic life, in order that, when we graduate from this college, we may continue to live up to the pattern set before us by our masters and by yourself, our Father in God. May the Lord, whose servants we all are, grant to your Grace many returns of the ninth year, so that all our great projects for the glory of God may be fully realized."

J. Tremblay's fine voice came out with advantage in "La Chanson des Decouvreurs," The song of the Discoverers, composed for the occasion, and more fully explained immediately after by J. Mondor in his brilliantly written essay on "Les Decouvreurs," describing the discovery of the Red River country by La Verandrye in 1732. There followed a five-voice song with chorus of the College musical society, St. Cecilia's, entitled "Clestes Clartes" by Concone.

Now came one of the best features of the evening, a dialogue, "Temps Heroiques," setting forth in easy and sometimes very amusing conversation the trials and virtues of the first permanent missionary and bishop, Mgr. Provencher, whose lines were spoken by J. Chabot, while A. Bernier personified Father, afterwards Bishop, Laflèche, and G. Toutant played the Canadian voyageur to the life, eliciting much hearty laughter and applause. J. Robertson then recited very acceptably Whittier's "Red River Voyageur" with the famous passage on the bells of St. Boniface. After the orchestral selection from Gillet, which we have already mentioned, A. Beaupre read, with remarkable ease and grace, a striking eulogy on the late Archbishop Tache. This was followed by Schumann's "Song of Freedom," admirably rendered by the College choir.

Four small boys, "kids" His Grace afterwards called them, now entertained the audience with a most spirited and clever dialogue, replete with high principles of conduct delicately insinuated, with local hits at clerical and lay celebrities most politely and tastefully thrown off. The names of the performers are: J. Trudel, J. Bertrand, V. Guilbault, A. Decosse. This was apparently the greatest success of the evening. The audience caught on to every allusion and every happy hit and applauded with evident delight. C. Becher recited with much feeling, a clear boyish voice and apt gesture "His First Mass," a poem written by Father Drummond, S.J., to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of Mgr. Langevin's first Mass said on July 31, 1882. The last number was the new College song composed by Father Chossegros, S.J., who is also the author of the chief literary features of this memorable entertainment. We hope to give a metrical English translation of it soon.

His Grace's replies in French and English are so weighty and important that we reserve a full report of these for a future issue. Everybody felt that, just as the College had "done itself proud," so the Archbishop had surpassed his well known flights of eloquence.

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