

Mrs. Kramer (nee McLaughlin), the Treasurer, votes of thanks were passed. The new officers are: Hon. Pres., Madame Forget; President, Mrs. Rimmer; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Acaster; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Keenan; Secretary, Miss Lenhard; Treasurer, Miss Mahar. The Rev. Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Suffa delivered a short and most interesting and instructive address.

The weather has been ideal winter weather up to date. To-day there seems prospect of better sleighing, for although sleighs have been in use, the roads have not been all that could be desired. Curling is the order of the day now as the Big Bonspiel will be in full swing on Tuesday morning. The Ladies of the Hospital Aid will serve coffee and cake, as will also the Auxiliary Club and Alexandra Club, during Curling Week.

The first marriage celebrated in the new Catholic church was celebrated January 9. We had not the pleasure of being present but send you a clipping from the "Leader" of that date: "On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock Mass, John W. Ehman and Elizabeth Dutkowski, were wedded in St. Mary's R.C. church, being the first couple joined in the holy bonds of wedlock within its consecrated walls. The young couple being well and favorably known, their friends and relatives gathered in large numbers at the residence of the bride's parents and enjoyed the day and evening in the true "Marriage Feast" spirit. Music, song and dancing were never wanting and the time honored custom of stealing the bride's slipper and having the same redeemed after a spirited auction was carried out, the ransom being Mr. Daniel Ehman, and the price paid \$15.00."

GENA MACFARLANE

LYCEUM JOTTINGS

Hail! The Conquering Heroes Come. Those green and white shirted puck-chasers of the Lyceum seven that gained such a signal victory last week over the strong Victorias, last year's champions of the Junior League. And, moreover, there was a turn-out of Lyceum supporters that was worthy of the initial victorious game. The Lyceum games are worth attending, if only from a hockey standpoint.

The remainder of the Junior League schedule in which the Lyceum is represented, stands as follows:

Friday, Jan. 26—Lyceum vs. Kennedy, at Wesley.

Friday, Feb. 2—Lyceum vs. Winnipeg, at Arena.

Wednesday, Feb. 7—Lyceum vs. Victoria, at Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 16—Lyceum vs. Kennedy, at Auditorium.

The Lyceum is now striking its pristine pace after the interruption of the holidays. The Quartettes, string and vocal, have resumed rehearsals, the dramatic branch's last rehearsal brought out a full representation; the "gym" is finally in motion, while the orchestra and hockey branches are maintaining their full practices with unbroken regularity.

It was expected that the weekly Thursday evening meetings by this time, would have become a feature of the Lyceum, but an unfortunate collapse of the ceiling has prevented the furnishing of the parlor as soon as had been looked for.

This week's public reception, held on Thursday evening, fell too near publishing day to permit of a fair report in the Northwest Review. Extended notice of Rev. Father Drummond's very enjoyable and learned lecture, and the musicale will be given in the next issue.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School in entering on a collegiate course of its own, has refused all state support, and no longer submits to anything that is suggestive of state control in the matter of text books; hence all such as are offensively Protestant have been discarded, not blindly through religious bias, but because the Catholic books, besides safeguarding the child's faith and morals, are superior in method, plan and choice of material.

No apology need be made for adopting methods distinctively and absolutely Catholic.

They are based upon the sound principle ever adhered to by Mother Church, and followed with much success by her great religious teaching orders. Now, the question arises why do Catholic parents send their children to public schools, when they have such a mag-

nificent school of their own, the equipment of which is second to none in Western Canada presided over by the Brothers of Mary in the Boys' department, and in the Girls' department by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

School Hockey

The Brothers' rink at the rear of their house is becoming quite popular with the young athletes who play there. The contests that came off between the "Thistles" and the "Stars," two teams from Brother Thomas's class, created not a little excitement among the other boys, the score for these matches played, three in all, is as follows:

"Stars"	"Thistles"
1-3	10
2-2	1
3-2	10

Now why not form a league and have matches come off say every Thursday and Saturday. You have abundant material only too glad to participate in a friendly game now and then. Brother Thomas has set you the pace with his speedy bunch of puck chasers, the "Thistles" and "Stars." Frank Russell is Captain for the "Thistles" and for the "Stars" we have James Brogue.

The "Brownies" from Bro. Joseph's class will play its first game this week against the strong "Junior Lyceums," but these notes are written too early for comment on the result. However, we feel sure that the Brownie's will put up a good front to their opponents and make it lively for them in the first half. Brother Edward's team, the "Junior Lyceum's" have Kavanagh for Captain, and O'Leary is Captain for the Brownies.

There are four new teams organizing under Brother Andrew, the "Olympics," "Imperials," "Crescents," and the "Shamrocks;" Captains J. Roshon, Jeffard, C. Bawlf, P. Sullivan.

The Curriculum

Little fellows of the junior class on entering the portals of St. Mary's school for the first time are taken in charge by Bro. Matthias who has a happy knack of making them feel at home almost immediately; his congenial manner fills in that void which children experience in the public schools.

After going through the rudiments of the three "R's" though loth to leave Bro. Matthias and their tiny classmates, they pass on to Brother Joseph to take part in the race for the laurels of the third and fourth grades and under the strict but kind Brother Joseph they are promoted to the fifth and sixth grades under Bro. Thomas. Here they work their way to the seventh and eighth grades with Brother Andrews at the head. At this point many of St. Mary's pupils have to leave school for salaried positions, and those who continue their studies pass into Brother Edward's High Class, sections A. B. where they finish their education and bid a reluctant adieu to St. Mary's and the Rev. Brothers with whom they passed the happiest days of their lives.

N.B. The half yearly exams. will take place during the present week, and next week. For full reports look in these columns.

BLEEDING POLAND

When Finland gets home rule out of the new shuffle in Russia and the Russians proper get free institutions surpassing the dreams of all but the wildest reformers, suffering Poland is dazzled for a day with the prospect of liberty and then put back under the rude embrace of martial law. There is a vast difference between the situation in Finland and Poland, but the gap between martial law and practical self-government is wide indeed.

Finland had the machinery of self-government in working order as late as 1898, and it required but the will of the czar and a stroke of his pen to put it in working order again. Early in the 19th century the Poles possessed a liberal constitution, with a diet, a ministry accountable to the people, a separate army and liberty of the press, but after a series of insurrections and wars, Russia, with the help of Austria, effaced the kingdom of Poland, as it was called from the Russian official documents. Since then all education has been in the Russian tongue, the Russification of Poland has gone on remorselessly. Peace Poland has not known for a generation and not even the peace that the Finns and Russians have had during the past two turbulent years. Strikes, riots, insurrections and the Cossack iron heel have been the order of the day in Poland, and many a gory page has been written in the history of Lodz, Warsaw and other Polish cities.

The czar's liberal hand-out of privileges to the oppressed Russians at home



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and to the Finns has not swelled the heads of the Poles, and of late they have not asked the rights they enjoyed 80 and 100 years ago, not even the liberty possessed by their fellow Poles in Galicia under the Austrian crown. They have only asked freedom of conscience, freedom from arbitrary arrest, freedom of the press, of public meeting and association and a national legislature that shall be something more than a farce. These things conceded, they will assent to the czar's appointment of all administrative officials. It seems at times as though Poland must fight Prussia—and that means all Germany—as well as Russia in her struggle for liberty. Prussia has its own Poland and with difficulty is Germanizing the Poles of Posen and west Prussia. It was believed during the war in Manchuria that the Kaiser stood ready to police Russian Poland with German bayonets in case the withdrawal of the czar's troops for the far east led to uprisings. Seemingly William III. does not want the Russian Poles to have the free institutions of the Finns, nor even those in prospect for the Russians at home. Prussia actually co-operated in the suppression of the Polish uprising of 1863, and for nearly a century the Berlin Government has firmly opposed Polish Independence. Like his predecessors on the throne, the German emperor has reason to dread a revival of Polish independence, and whatever influence he has with the czar is likely to be used to thwart the ambitions of Poland. Thus, the hapless country is now, as heretofore, between two fires. —Home Journal and News.

The Duke's Response

The London "Daily News" tells the following story:

"The late Duke of Cambridge's father had a habit of making responses on his own account during the Church service. 'Let us pray,' said the clergyman. 'By all means' responded the Duke. The clergyman began the prayer for rain. 'No good, so long as the wind is in the east,' muttered the Duke. 'Zacchaeus stood forth, and said, 'Behold, Lord the half of my goods I give to the poor.' 'Too much, too much; don't mind subscribing, but cannot give half,' said the Duke. When one of the commandments was read the Duke responded, 'Quite right, quite right, but very difficult.'"

"Pa," said Willie, "an equine means a horse, doesn't it?"

"Yes."

"And an ox is a kind of cow, isn't it?"

"Yes, one kind."

"Well, what kind of a blamed thing is this equine ox everybody's talking about?"

Pa thought a minute, looked sheepish and then said, as he backed out of the room. "Oh, that's a wether."—Kansas City Telegram.

"Goodness!" exclaimed the policy-holder. "I hope no more of these insurance companies get tangled up." "Hope not myself," replied the friend. "Do you carry a policy?" "No, but I depend on the insurance companies for my supply of blotters."

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