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## Famine in Ireland.

The news from Ireland is that another famine is threatened. The anti-rent movement is increasing, the cattle trade is seriously injured. This will be heard with regret by the millions of Irishmen who are scattered over the world. But a "Famine" such as the "Famine" which decimated Ireland a few decades ago is not possible now-a-days. The people in the country are too few, and the few who are there are richer than their fathers were. The crops may fail and they may be a famine in production, but the people cannot starve. Irishmen will not be permitted to die of hunger in this age, as they were permitted some years ago, nor is such a crisis to be anticipated. But Irishmen died by the ditches before rather than beg food from England, and when food was sent, without being asked for, it was too late. That "viper," the late Lord John Russell, starved the people by contract, and we hope he has been forgiven in eternity, for his callousness will never be forgotten on earth.

## The Dunkin Act.

The Dunkin Act is supposed to be in force in the county of Argenteuil. Lachute, however, furnishes proof that the Dunkin Act is not in force in Argenteuil, and that salmon keepers snap their fingers at the law's delay. Before the Dunkin Act was supposed to be in operation at Lachute, there were two saloons in that little town, now that the Dunkin Act is said to be law, the two saloons have been increased to seven. According to this the Dunkin Act increases, instead of decreases, the number of saloons, a state of affairs for which the framers of the act will not be prepared. But if the authorities are too weak to enforce the law, then it would be better to repeal it. Better have no law than allow law-breakers to defy the authorities, and to escape the consequences of their crime. Whatever is the cause of the authorities neglecting, or refusing, to enforce the Dunkin Act at Lachute, something should be done to ensure the public that laws are not made merely for the purpose of passing the time, and enabling our legislators to draw their indemnities.

## Red Hats.

When the *Witness* becomes the organ of the Catholic Church in Canada, as no one doubts it will in time, how it will do penance for its early transgressions. Let us fancy our contemporary, not defying Ajax, as is its wont, but, in all humility, prostrate at the altar and repeating *Pater Noster* in atonement for all the errors of its youth! The sight will be edifying, the penance ample, the angels will rejoice, and mankind will be happy. But the *Witness* of the future is not the *Witness* of the present, and to-day our contemporary makes merry at the expense of "Red Hats" and other emblems of its future spouse. The *Witness* thinks that "Red Hats" will be very amusing in Canada, and when we Canadians have a live Cardinal, as we are, it appears, promised, the spectacle will, our contemporary assures us, be a source of amusement to a portion of the people. We are sure that no one will be so delighted to hear this as the coming Cardinal himself. Princes of the Church like to see people enjoy themselves in a becoming way, and we are quite sure if they thought that such journals as the *Witness* would be made merry at the idea of "Red Hats" the Cardinals would be glad if some one would add to the pleasure of the public by reminding the world that Cardinals wear Red Stockings as well.

## Quebec.

We rejoice to learn that the Irish Catholics and the Irish Protestants of Quebec are on good terms. Irish Protestants are members of St. Patrick's Society. Irish Protestant volunteers attend the Catholic Church on parade days, and the general tone of social intercourse is free from the blight of religious feuds. Protestants and Catholics meet and are friends, and they all pride in associating their names in everything that is calculated to induce harmony and good will. What is the cause of this? There must be a reason, and the question occurs—What is that reason? It is because Orangism is infinitesimally weak in the *Rock City*. Let that enemy of order once show a bold front in Quebec,

and then farewell peace and good-fellowship—farewell, kindly intercourse between Catholic and Protestant, for strife will triumph, and anarchy will let loose its dogs of war. The Irish Catholics and the Irish Protestants of Montreal were once as good friends as they happily now are in Quebec, but that was before Orangism dared to speak of lordship through our thoroughfares. There is where we draw the line, and there is where the line will be drawn for all time. Irish Catholics and Irish Protestants can agree for ever. Each can go their own way, and a kindly greeting will be the only salutation that will ever come between them. Irish Protestants have helped to make the name of Ireland illustrious. They have moulded history with patriot hands, and highest on the scroll of fame stand the illustrious Protestant patriots and orators of Ireland. We do not quarrel with Irish Protestants in the old country, nor do we quarrel with them here, but Orangism steps in and spoils it all. It will be no harm if the people of Quebec keep this fact in view, and, if they want the present happy relations to continue, they will give Orangism a wide berth.

## The "Mail."

The *Mail* is developing all the symptoms of religious monomania. It berates the Catholics, it sneers at Archbishop Lynch, and it tilts against the windmill with gallant nonchalance. It is becoming the Cervantes of Canadian journalism, and unless it does something serious, people will soon begin to think that it exists for the amusement, and not for the instruction of the public. It talks about the "semi-tincture of Popery" because some one played a trick on it, and made it trantit the idea of the Quebec Legislature sitting on Sunday. It denounces the *Globe* because that journal is not what it used to be. The *Globe* published a letter from His Grace in reply to Bishop Sweetman, and this the *Mail* goes on to say is a lie. But what harm. Let it croak itself hoarse, and then marvel at the guttural blasphemies it utters. The *Mail* has taken its stand, and that stand bodes no harm for the future peace of the Dominion. If it wants war it will not have it, because the age we live in will not respond to fanatical appeals. The world has outgrown rildary and intolerance and the *Mail* will soon find the recoil of outraged public opinion, and let us hope, it will have decency enough to hide its face with shame.

## Fee Faw Fum.

The Orangemen of the north of Ireland, true to their order, are at their silly work again. They are, in vain, attempting to retard the progress of Civil and Religious Liberty. They opposed the right of the Irish Catholics to the franchise; they opposed the abolition of the Tithes; they opposed Catholic Emancipation; they opposed the disestablishment of the so-called Irish Church, and now they oppose a compromise measure for a Catholic University! "Keep the Papists down," has been their battle cry, and they are acting up to it. But what does it avail? Civil and Religious Liberty will move forward in spite of them. A Protestant parliament gave Irish Catholics the franchise; a Protestant parliament abolished the obnoxious system of collecting the Tithes; a Protestant parliament gave Catholic Emancipation; a Protestant parliament disestablished and disendowed the Irish Church, and a Protestant parliament will grant a charter to a Catholic University. Orangism is less powerful to stem the tide of religious liberty now than ever it was before, and the Orangemen may swear until they are black in the face, and Civil and Religious equality will keep moving forward, and leave Orangism, that Fee Faw Fum of bigotry and intolerance, for the laughter of men and the confusion of fools.

## The Late Prince Imperial.

The London *Times* says that there is not one redeeming feature surrounding the circumstances which attended on the death of the late Prince Imperial. He was sent out against the instructions of Lord Chelmsford; but, worse than all, he appears to have been abandoned to his fate. The officer in charge says the troops retreated two or three hundred yards before they pulled up, but the troops contradicted this, and say that they retreated two or three miles before they pulled a rein. From the moment the first accounts came to hand the misfortune bore an ugly look about it, and the story of the troops only makes that look uglier still. Suppose it had been an English, instead of a French prince, whose life was in danger, fleeing on foot, while his escort were lying for their lives from a few Zulus? All England would cry out, the officer in charge would be court-martialed, and the indignation would be universal. We do not like to venture condemnation without being in possession of all the facts; but we venture to say, if the facts are even as reported by the officer in charge, then that officer must be a poltroon. There are times when men, who are soldiers, make up their minds to die, in a second, if necessary. Such a time was that when the late Prince Imperial was dismounted in face of a savage foe, and when the mounted men around him would have added glory to the profession of arms by dying to a man beside the brave young foreigner. But it looks as if the officer in charge had disgraced the coat he wears, and if this be so he should be told to go and lick lollypops for the remainder of his days.

## OUR QUEBEC LETTER.

QUEBEC, 3rd July.

Tiger hunting is said to be glorious sport; but some one has said that it is not appreciated with so much zest when the tables are turned—in other words, that there is not half so much sport in it when the tiger takes it into his head to hunt the man instead of being hunted by the latter. This trite saying pretty nearly realizes the position of political parties here at this moment. Since the memorable look sitting of Friday and Saturday, there has been a comparative lull in political circles; and both sides have been taking it at their ease, with about as much real good nature on the surface as it would seem possible for them to summon up under circumstances where there is really so little natural respect, confidence and kindly feeling. But the apparent calm is unquestionably deceptive; the storm is about to burst forth anew, and I do not doubt, with a violence which shall compel the tempestuous scenes of the past to hide their diminished heads. It is Mr. Premier Joly and his friends, however, who are about to take the first hand at the bellows this time. They are tired of being stormed at and are determined to see what they can do themselves in the way of storming; and it would be childish to deny them the exercise of their undoubted right in this respect. Mr. Joly has given notice that he will move to-morrow for "the house to go into committee to consider resolutions relative to the attempt made by the federal government to dismiss Lieutenant Governor Letellier and to the encroachment by that government and the federal parliament upon the rights of this province." With

his present assured majority, there can be no doubt of his carrying his resolution and of asserting, in so far as a parliamentary majority can do so, that the people of this province resent any interference in their local affairs and approve of the lieutenant-governor's conduct. It remains, however, to be seen what effect a formal pronouncement of provincial opinion in the matter will have either upon the imperial or federal governments in shaping their final action with respect to the incumbent of Spencer Wood. Another promising subject for noisy contention is afforded by Mr. Gagnon's threatened motion for the expulsion of Mr. Tarte on account of his repeated disloyal and grossly insulting conduct and utterances. I need scarcely say that there is no love lost between the members for Kamouraska and Bonaventure, and that each in his way is a type of out-and-out partyism. Mr. Tarte, however, has the advantage of his rival. He owns and runs a paper, and is not very particular as to the personalities he indulges in through his columns against all liberals in general and Mr. Gagnon in particular. The latter has thus a score to settle with him, and he threatens to do so in the shape of the motion alluded to, which has created considerable commotion in some circles and much amusement in others. Whether it ever will be made is, perhaps, questionable; but it is very generally felt here that Mr. Tarte's utterly indefensible conduct towards the Marquis of Lorne cannot be too severely or publicly stigmatized. The future has certainly some fun and excitement, if not more serious matter for reflection, in store for those who interest themselves in the proceedings of the Quebec Legislature.

Turning now from matters political to matters municipal, it may be mentioned that our city fathers have raised a storm of indignation throughout the city by voting, on the score of economy and to make both ends meet, to reduce the wages of our police, fire and watermen from the miserable figure of \$1 per day to the still more starvation one of 80 cents. The vote stood 9 to 10, and I am sorry to say that several of our most prominent fellow-countrymen divided with the majority. However, there is some reason to hope that, with a full council, this ill-advised and unjust piece of cheese-paring will be reconsidered and reversed, as the citizens are extensively signing petitions asking the council to do so. There could be no better servants than these men, especially the fire and watermen, and it is certainly to be hoped, for their sake and that of their poor families, that the unfortunate decision with regard to their wages may be recalled.

The annual pilgrimages to the venerated shrine of St. Ann, at St. Anne de Beaupre, are now setting in under such aspects as to the numbers of the pilgrims, and the fervor of their zeal and devotion as are most edifying to all Catholics, and surprising to our separated brethren. From all points of the compass, now in small knots, now in the more imposing proportions of large, religious or benevolent societies, guided and accompanied by their chaplains, and now in the shape of immense crowds, the votaries of St. Ann have been constantly flocking for weeks past to the shrine, and passing back and forth through this city. Only today, in this way, we had the visit of a formidable pilgrimage of American Catholics, from the New England states, and their demeanor was most edifying. But by far the most noteworthy event of the kind, so far, this season was furnished on Dominion day by the pilgrimage to St. Ann's of those worthy and zealous defenders of the papacy. The Papal guards, or what still remains of the Canadian contingent, under the name of "Union Allie," coming from Montreal, Ottawa, Three Rivers, Quebec, Sorel and other parts of Canada. On their arrival at St. Ann's high Mass was celebrated for their benefit by Rev. Father Gibaud and an appropriate sermon preached by Rev. Father Vincent, of St. Columba of Sillery, a son of an Indian chief at Lorette, and, we believe, the first Indian ever ordained a priest in this country. On the return by boat, from St. Ann's the *Zouaves* held their annual meeting, when the following officers were elected for the current year: President for the Dominion, Mr. De Montigny, Montreal; vice-president, A. C. Guilbault, Quebec; president for the city of Quebec, Mr. Bussiere; secretary, L. Martin; assistant secretary, Mr. Gervais; treasurer, E. Hurlbut; council, Messrs. Hebert, Labelle, Brunet, Caron, Bedard, Drolet, Leveque, Beaudoin and Prud'homme, all of Montreal. After the election several speeches were made, when it was moved by Mr. J. O'Flaherty (Quebec), seconded by Mr. L. T. Dussault, and resolved—"That it was with deep regret that the members of the 'Union Allie' learned of the demise of their ex-comrade-in-arms, Mr. Terence P. Lynch, in the city of New York, an ex-member of the Irish Papal brigade, who nobly defended the flag of the cause, and was known as a brave and honorable member of the Irish Veterans Papal association of New York; and that it be unanimously resolved that this annual meeting of the *Zouaves* of Canada do instruct their secretary to transmit a copy of these presents to the family of the lamented deceased." J. O'F.

## ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.

The Closing Day—A Brilliant Affair—Distribution of Prizes—The Roll of Honor—Father Hogan's Ante-Venation Address.

Friday was the third and closing day of the examinations in Brother Arnold's academy, and it may be safely asserted that if it were ancients of a university assembled to give away its fullest honors no more interest could be manifested by the large audience present, no more anxiety felt or zeal shown by the competitors for local fame and glory.

The hall in which the examinations were held was tastefully set off with all kinds of gay decorations, the numerous ladies present were arrayed in holiday attire in honor of the auspicious occasion, and the students themselves were dressed in a manner that does credit to the female guardians of the rising generation. The prizes to be distributed were ranged in elegant profusion on tables in front of the platform, and were composed chiefly of gold and silver medals and hand-somely bound volumes, both instructive and amusing; the kind of books, in fact, in which intelligent boys take delight and persevere with pleasure and profit.

Among those present were the Rev. Fathers Hogan, O'Reilly, Leclaire, Father Ryan, S.J., Father McDonald, Brother Albanus, visitor to the Christian brothers, Messrs E. S. Murphy, James Sheridan, F. E. McNamee, A. Brogan, Johnson, Shea, Finn, Professor Keegan, &c.

The proceedings were begun by the singing of "Gaudeamus, he comes," by the school choir in chorus, after which the pupils of the 1st and 2nd classes were questioned on the subject of astronomy of which we can merely say that if our venerable great grandfathers could listen to the answers given by boys of from twelve to fifteen to such abstruse questions as "how can you find out the specific gravity of a planet, or what causes an eclipse

of the moon," they would open their eyes wide with astonishment. And so on with the other branches; the pupils answered with a rapidity and prompt intelligence that would not disgrace students of a college with very great pretensions. They are specially well posted in mensuration, algebra and geometry, and answer the most difficult and suddenly-given questions in mental arithmetic with marvellous ease and quickness. In order that the whole world might see that there were no set questions which were asked the boys, Brother Arnold told the gentlemen present they were at liberty to ask questions of any kind, with the proviso that they would not be worked out laboriously on paper first and then given to the boys to answer mentally and at once, which would not be fair. One professor present did indeed put a few problems and definitions, but the sharp answers given made him, like my grandfather's clock—

"Stop short, never to go again—And the old man—sighed."

As on the two previous days, duets, recitations and dialogues divided the sciences and killed half their monotony. The recitation by Master G. Martin, "King Brian's address before Clontarf," was splendidly done, and argues a certain amount of histrionic talent in possession of the reciter. The songs sung also show a good master, and Mr. J. P. Wilson need not be ashamed of his pupils, short time and all as he has been instructing them. Master W. P. Clancy especially, has a singularly sweet, rich and cultivated voice, to which it is a real pleasure to listen. Indeed this boy, fourteen years of age, is by far the brightest scholar in the whole school; he has the versatility of an embryo admirable Creighton, and it is not asserting too much to say that if the streak of genius which is undoubtedly his, does not open for him a brilliant career in the future it will be very strange. It would, perhaps, be dangerous praising a boy to such a degree if he were not as modest as he is clever. Master O'Neill also is solidly clever, trends closely on the heels of young Clancy, and, speaking generally, the faces of the boys up for examination yesterday on the platform of St. Ann's school presented that intelligently aggressive appearance which people like to see in those they love.

The examinations were wound up with the fine chorus of the "Red Cross Knight"—

"The Mass will be sung  
And the bells will be rung,  
And the knight will be led merrily."

It would be unjust to close this short description of the programme without mentioning the really good piano playing of Master C. Breen and the two boys J. and J. Kennedy, as well as the singing of Master A. Whelan and the elocution of Masters O'Neill and Martin.

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

In this connection it may be mentioned that there can be no mistake as to the points made by each pupil, for they make and compare them every week themselves, so that they all were aware long ago how they stood on the list. Master Clancy, the highest, scored 8,104, and O'Neill, the second, 8,075. We regret our space does not permit us to give all the branches for which the boys scored marks, but we insert the most important.

## FIRST CLASS.

W. P. Clancy, (gold medal), 8104. 1st, English reading, English grammar, history of England, history of Ireland, algebra, geometry, mensuration, trigonometry, mental arithmetic, written, geography, French, composition, astronomy, book-keeping. Silver medal presented by Mr. Wilson for musical proficiency.

Thos. O'Neill, (2nd gold medal), 8075. 1st, good conduct, grammar, history, algebra, geometry, mensuration, trigonometry, arithmetic, geography, orthography, composition, astronomy, book-keeping, penmanship.

F. B. Crove, 1st silver medal, 7517. 1st, history, arithmetic, mensuration, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, astronomy.

M. Cullinan, 2nd, silver medal, 7265. 1st, history, geography, grammar, geometry, trigonometry.

F. J. Greene, 6855. 1st, propriety, history, geometry (intermediate), astronomy.

Patrick Galvin, 6747. 1st, history, geometry, penmanship.

James Morrissey, 6610. 1st, history, penmanship, mental arithmetic.

James Brennan, 6482. 1st, weekly notes, propriety, astronomy.

Patrick Coughlan, 6159. 1st, history, astronomy.

John McInerney, 6100. 1st, application, attendance.

J. Butler, 6014. 1st, reading.

J. Driscoll, 5605. 1st, penmanship.

P. O'Neill, 5607. 1st, orthography, geometry, algebra, mensuration, written arithmetic, mental arithmetic.

A. P. McGuirk, 5433. 1st, written arithmetic, mensuration, geography, geometry.

James Martin, 5735. 1st, politeness, mensuration, English reading, English grammar.

P. McDermott, 5682. 1st, algebra, written arithmetic, mental arithmetic.

W. H. Smith, 4776. 1st, geometry, propriety.

E. A. Martin, 4754. 1st, declamation, English reading, arithmetic.

D. Donahue, 4648. 1st, penmanship.

O. Green, 4625. 1st, politeness, propriety.

J. E. Kennedy, 4593. 1st, propriety, politeness.

F. McGuire, 4423. A prize!

W. Stinson, 4210. Prize, propriety.

Ed Casey, 4200. 1st, penmanship.

Patrick Hart. Prize recitation.

## SECOND CLASS.

LIST OF PRIZES IN ORDER OF NOTES.

W. C. Finn, medal No. 1, 5164. John Fox, medal No. 2, 5013. M. J. Quinn, medal No. 3, 4804. Aloysius M. Whelan, medal No. 4, 4659. James Wickham, medal No. 5, 4379. William Parker, 3746; Francis Lynch, 3731; Walter Lefevre, 3657; E. O'Keefe, 3559; John Holland, 3550; Owen J. Giblen, 3540; John Power, 3530; James Kivly, 3528; Lawrence Craven, 3453; John Hayes, 3300; James McLaughlin, 3249; Daniel O'Donnell, 2204; James Warren, 3045; John Ryan, 3042; Joseph Campbell, 2939; Patrick Flanagan, 2828; Celeste Gingras, 2818; William Cunningham, 2817; James Murphy, 2813; Thomas Jones, 2701; Peter M. Skelly, 2621; Patrick Morrissey, 2620; Michael McGarrity, 2617; Alexander Desmarais, 2605; J. W. Mullin, 2394; Patrick Gilligan, 2134; Francis O'Kane, 2364; James Howard, 2110; Michael Rodgers, 2057; John Collins, 2020; Lawrence McEnaney, 1822; Edward Pegman, 1702; Alexander O'Connell, 1656; Dennis Shea, Michael Bergin, prize for arithmetic; Michael Danaher, reading and orthography; James Ferguson, good conduct and politeness; J. Germain, a prize for politeness and cleanliness.

## THIRD CLASS.

The following boys in this class received prizes:

Thomas McNally, 1st silver medal, medal for general excellence; Patrick Flannery, 2nd silver medal, medal for grammar and written arithmetic; John O'Farrell, Hugh Farmer, Patrick Shea, Arthur Angras, Thomas Blackburn, Patrick Kelly, Thomas

Wynne, Michael Flynn, John Cahill, Thomas Foley, Robert Holland, John Hannan, James Burns, William McKenna, Patrick Reynolds, John Sheeran, William Crowe, George White, Stephen McCann, James Burke, Jas. Rodgers, Thomas Carey, James Doran; Jas. Kennedy, John Farmer, David O'Farrell, Edward Tobin, Henry Scanlan, Francis Coady, Patrick Savage, Francis Doolan, Simeon Germain, John O'Brien, Thomas Clancy.

## LIST OF THE FOURTH CLASS.

William Cullinan, Frank McLaughlin, Maxime Fournier, George Grace, Owen J. Ahern, Sars P. Craven, Thomas Gavins, John Greene, Jas. Cushing, Pat Lovett, Pat Power, Pat Murray, Dan McCallum, Jas. Enright, T. Madigan, Thomas Greene, John Brown, J. W. Hart, M. Brophy, P. Mooney, Jeremiah O'Connell, George Cooper, Alex. Moan, Rob. W. Newman, H. Matthews, J. O'Neill, M. O'Brien.

The medals, books, &c., so generously donated to Brother Arnold for prizes were given by gentlemen who do not care to have their names mentioned, but St. Ann's Temperance society, not being an individual but a body corporate, must be accredited with the sum of \$50.

When the prizes had been distributed Master O'Neill, on behalf of the pupils, read a very nice address, thanking Father Hogan and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly took an interest in their welfare, present and future.

This address was replied to by the reverend gentleman in feeling and eloquent terms. He advised the boys, while improving their minds with sound secular knowledge, not to neglect their religious duties which conferred a happy immortality, to go to confession and communion often, and to pass their vacation in a manner which would reflect credit on their teachers and themselves.

The boys then went away laden with prizes, and with happy faces, which the vacation just begun did not by any means render the less so. As for the prizes, they won them well, and may they keep them long.

## Father Salmon's School.

St. Gabriel's—or, as it is better known, Father Salmon's—school was last Wednesday the scene of a very pleasant entertainment, given before the vacation. A very enjoyable concert was given, and the beautiful opera of "Lalla," in which Miss O'Byrne took the part of Lalla, and Miss Herbert the Fairy Queen.

About ninety boys and one hundred and fifty girls were present, and enjoyed the music and singing very heartily.

Among the officers present were the Rev. Father Salmon, himself, Father Ryan, S. J., Father Nugent, of New Brunswick, Miss Amund, the competent teacher. Addresses were delivered by the reverend gentlemen, Father Ryan bestowing high praise on the management, and saying he had rarely heard such excellent elocution as in the rendering of the opera. He also complimented Miss Amund for the proficiency in music of her pupils. The prizes will be distributed this evening.

## St. Patrick's School.

In the early part of last week the annual distribution of prizes took place in the music hall of the above school on St. Alexander street. The exercises were conducted by the Rev. Father Dowd, the beloved pastor of St. Patrick's parish. A number of prominent clergymen who interest themselves in the cause of education were also present.

The young lady pupils at the opening ceremony, presented the reverend pastor with two addresses. The proceedings were varied by singing and musical performances. The singing was beautiful and sweet as the fair pupils. "Home, sweet Home," in C, by Mazuretta, was executed by Miss Kate McDonnell in an impressive manner. The execution was marvellously perfect, and would lead the listener to believe himself listening to its rendition by the talented composer.

Previous to the awards for merit the following young ladies were presented with graduates' diplomas: Miss Nellie McShane, Miss Agnes Gordon, Miss Susan McDonnell and Miss Whelan. A handsomely bound copy of the "Lives of the Irish Martyrs," presented by Rev. Father Leclair, was won by Miss Ellen McShane.

Rev. Father Callaghan gave great praise to Miss Kate McDonnell for the success she achieved in the vocal and instrumental music class. He also presented this most deserving pupil with a valuable edition of the "Lives of the Saints."

In this connection we should mention Miss Kate Grant, who is a most excellent and promising musician, although as yet in a lower course.

This institution is in charge of the Sisters of the Congregation, it is under the best clerical patronage and possesses a staff of competent teachers. The pupils are remarkable for an earnest application to their studies, which instruct them in all that will tend to their happiness and comfort in after life.

## Closing Exercises of the Portuguese Hebrew School.

The fifth annual public examination and distribution of prizes in connection with the above school took place last Thursday in the Natural History society's rooms. Rev. Dr. De Sala occupied the chair. On the platform were Rev. W. H. Hingston, Rev. Mr. Rosenber, Rev. J. F. Stevenson, L.L.D.; Mr. Lunn, of the Protestant board of school commissioners; S. Davis, president of the Jewish congregation; J. Samuels, E. H. Hart, A. H. Samuels, J. Rubenstein, J. S. Ascher and H. Blumenthal. A large number of our Hebrew fellow-citizens thronged the hall. The examinations were conducted by Mr. Jacob, who takes charge of the Hebrew branches and religious instruction, and Miss Millan, who conducts the English instructions.

The exercises consisted of Hebrew and English reading; Bible history, physiology, Hebrew and English grammar, translation, geography, arithmetic and mental calculation. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. De Sala, Rev. J. F. Stevenson, L.L.D.; Mr. S. Davis, Mr. A. H. Samuels, and Dr. Hingston.

The successful competitors to whom prizes were awarded were:

First division—Flora Blumenthal, highest number of marks; Jacob Fridman, general proficiency in Hebrew and English; Henry Rosenthal, progress in Hebrew; Israel Joseph, scripture history; Max. Solomon, physiology; Hyman Blumenthal, Hebrew grammar and singing; Rachel Samuel, writing and good conduct; Kate Davis, drawing.

Second Division—Tillie Fresco, highest number of marks; Jacob Haas, scripture history; Robert Goldmann, Hebrew translation; Sarah Viseberg, Hebrew reading; Mary Jacobs, good conduct and arithmetic; Rachel Samuel, punctuality; Fanny Albert, general progress; Lillian Lesser, Jewish catechism; Minnie Jacob, spelling.

The following generously donated the prizes, which were presented by Wm. Lunn, Esq.—Rev. Dr. De Sala, Mr. S. Davis, Mr. S. Davis, Messrs E. H. Davis, J. Samuels, H. Blumenthal, Albert Samuel, Jesse Joseph, H. Blumenthal, Dr. Viseberg, J. G. Ascher, Meldola De Sala and Mr. Ansell.

The proceedings were terminated by the execution of the national anthem by the children.

## Nicolet College.

If there is a day dear to the heart of a student during his collegiate career, surely it is the day when he bids adieu to the joyful time of vacation. After passing ten months in search of deep education, always bent over Latin, Greek and other authors, students are generally happy to return among their beloved parents, by whom they are received with the tenderest affection. Yes, 300 Nicoletians said that last Wednesday, the 2nd of July, will be a day long memorable among them. As soon as the horizon sun had poured down its first beams the parents of most every student were flocking in from all parts to witness the progress of their children, and to honour our grand feast by their presence. At 8 o'clock a.m. the doors were opened and the beautiful large hall, which was decorated with many flowers and garlands, such as—*Ece quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.*—was thronged with people, among whom we remarked many of the most distinguished of the Rivers, and about 100 priests, who came far and near, even from Montreal and Quebec, to take part in our solemn and religious festival. What a magnificent scene! This same sanctuary tarried over 2,000 people, and such a fine clergy, all united like brothers, and talking with love of the happy days they formerly spent on the same benches we occupy.

Our entertainment was opened by an address, delivered by S. Tourigny, to which his lordship answered in his usual eloquence. He said he was most happy to see a grand dinner was prepared for them. Now, it was time to separate and to bid adieu to those with whom we spent so many happy hours. Our hearts were full of sadness as we parted from the last time of our dear "alma mater," but still joy was glittering on every visage, for we were returning home to press the hands of our beloved parents who long to see us again. T. H.

## Academy of Music of Quebec.

The annual meeting of this institution took place recently in this city, immediately after the *concerts*. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, M. Calix Lavallee, Quebec; vice-president, M. A. J. Boucher, Montreal; secretary, M. J. A. Defoy, Quebec; treasurer, M. A. Lavigne, Quebec; committee of management, Messrs. Ernest and Gustave Gagnon, Quebec, and F. E. L. Barnes, M. Saucier, J. B. Label