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A Happy New Year! Since EXCELSIOR last went forth, 1899 has gone into the irrevocable past, and 1900 has succeeded, for the year, like the king, never dies. The year just past, has been, like its predecessors, an epitome of the life of the common average man, "with the usual share of virtues, and with vices two or three." The same resolutions were formed and broken, the same sorrows caused tears, the same joys brought smiles. Some bright intellects have ceased to shed light on the "Book of Nature" or the "Book of Man;" no doubt some have come into the world destined to make men happier and wiser.

The year saw the civilized nations of the world assembled in representation at the Peace Conference of The Hague; it saw two of the most powerful nations of the world engaged in war. Its close has seen evidence of a loyalty and devotion to Union Jack that must have impressed all. "Our Lady of the Snows" has sent her sons to fight under the broiling sun of Africa for equality and justice to their brothers.

The new year has come in well. Celestial fireworks were a prelude to its birth, and Catholicism in vigil awaited its coming. Hymns of thanksgiving were borne on its first breeze, a universal prayer was offered at its cradle. A year begun so well will, let us hope, pass well, and be a fitting preparation for the twentieth century.

The war in South Africa still rages. We cannot but think—and we certainly wish—that British pluck and perseverance will, in the end, triumph, and that the Cross of St. George will be firmly planted in the Transvaal, guaranteeing liberty and equality to all. Some may entertain doubts as to the justice of the present struggle; but now when the integrity of the Empire is at stake, it behooves all loyal subjects of the Queen to rise in the might of their union to sustain the “flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze.” Nor do we think that a fair consideration of the causes that led to the war will throw the responsibility on our Mother Country. Some sectarian papers of the day seem anxious to create the impression that in the present crisis Catholics, as such, are in strong sympathy with the Boers. But this is simply the old, old story begotten of prejudice, and nursed in the lap of narrowmindedness. The most cursory glance at the history of our country will show that from the reign of Elizabeth, when they rose as a man to defend themselves and their persecutors against a foreign foe, they have ever been to the fore in fighting the battles of the Empire; and in the present struggle to overthrow an assumption of oligarchy, their lives are freely given to their country’s cause.

Since the beginning of the present term several new students from various parts of the Maritime provinces have entered the College. We are glad to see that the influence and reputation of St. F. X. is growing stronger and better.

Again do we make our appearance before the public in new dress. We have for some time contemplated this step. Indeed it was always our fixed purpose to advance if possible a step or two further towards the ideal college paper, combining beauty of form with soundness of matter. We trust that we have approached our ideal, and leave the verdict to our readers.

ONCE WE DIDN'T CARE.

There was a time we didn't care
For statutes, or the state's career,
Successful wrong possessed no stings,
The gloss of cold material things,
That now embroil distracted men,
Had no attraction for us then.
Pride's wounds, and disappointment's dart
That tears the festering, nerve-knit heart,
The blood-shot eye, the throbbing brow,
The toil, the fret, the torture now,
Once woke no sigh, provoked no tear,—
There was a time we didn't care.

There was a time we didn't care,
When heaven and earth and all were fair,
When free as fleecy clouds on high,
Swift cruising down the sapphire sky,
We traced the balsam-scented ways,
That tunneled deep the greenwood's maze,
And felt the tingling, healthy blood
Heat high each fibre with its flood.
Ere hampered with the whims of dress,
Ere we had studied to impress,
Ere beauty's thrill, ere sorrow's tear,
There was a time we didn't care!

J. BRANSFIELD.

IN THE SUNNY WEST INDIES.

(Continued.)

Leaving Antigna on a beautiful day, we set the steamer's head for the Isle of Dominica, where we arrived after a pleasant voyage of 18 hours. The highest land is Mount Diablotin, 5314 feet, the highest mountain in the Caribbean Archipelago. There are very few wheeled vehicles on the island, but ponies can be procured at a moderate price. Roseau, the principal town, lies at the base of immense hills, the sides of which are covered with plantations of cocoa and lime trees. The sight of these hills after a heavy rain shower followed by the sun's glistening rays, enraptures the spectator, and one is at a loss to find words to express his admiration of so sublime a scene. The trees and vegetation appear as if studded with rubies and diamonds. I visited one of the largest lime estates while on the island and watched the process through which the fruit passes from its picking, until it is ready for shipment. The employes in the factory were nearly all women, selected on account of their carefulness and dexterity. The limes are sorted by them into various grades, the best being packed in crates, while the inferior are placed in large presses and the juice extracted.

In the interior of the island, away up among the mountains, is the Boiling Lake, one of the wonders of the Caribbees. It is sunk in a huge basin, the surrounding walls of which are 100 feet high. It is usually in a high state of ebullition, and the basin is constantly filled with steam from the internal fire.

Within a run of three hours lies the island of Martinique. The capital is Port au France, and St. Pierre is the chief commercial town. The tourist on stepping ashore here is immediately struck with the amount of running water, and naturally enquires the reason of this. St. Pierre, having no drainage, has resorted to the agencies of nature. Surrounded by high hills, the highest of which is Mount Pelee, 4429 feet, and being one of the "wet" islands, the town has consequently an immense water supply. At the foot of the hills are reservoirs in which the water is collected, and from these

issue iron pipes. And it is a common sight in the environs to see water pouring from an iron pipe, which issues from what appears to be a garden wall. The water runs day and night. And as the water rushes over the stone paved gutter it has the sound of a brook wending its way through the woods. In the suburbs of St. Pierre is a botanical garden. Here may be seen palm trees from 130 to 150 feet high. On the Savannah is erected a monument to Charlotte Corday, who killed the French revolutionist Marat in his bath. In another portion of the city is a statue of Josephine, the wife of Napoleon. The town possesses a one-mule tramway system, the conductors of which are women. The Catholic cathedral, which is a magnificent edifice, both exteriorly and interiorly, is among the finest buildings in St. Pierre. The Governor is sent out from France and resides some months in the capital and some months in St. Pierre. The manufacture of rum is the principal industry.

The Island of St. Lucia which lies at a distance of 24 miles from Martinique, was our next port of call. On approaching the island from the south the attention of the tourist is drawn towards two immense peaks, called Pignons, which rise from the sea 2715 and 2500 feet respectively. St. Lucia is one of the most interesting of all the Caribbees to the student of history. Here the Caribs made a desperate resistance. In less than two months after the first settlers landed from the English ship Olive Blossom, in 1605, the Caribs descended upon the settlement and all the colonists were either killed or driven from the island. Again in 1639 a company of English settlers attempted a colonization. Scarcely had they laid the foundation of their settlement when the Caribs, stirred to hostility by the French at Martinique, or outraged by an attempt to make slaves of their countrymen, fell upon the English and killed all they could lay hands upon.

The chief town of St. Lucia is quite flat, the houses are low, as a prevention against the violence of hurricanes which are common in this region. The public market building is a splendid structure of iron and steel. As no person is per-

mitted to sell vegetables or other articles upon the streets, vendors are obliged to go to the market building, where a toll is collected.

St. Lucia is one of the stations for British troops on this side of the water. Here women coal the steamers. The coal is placed in baskets capable of holding 100 pounds, and carried by these women upon their heads. These poor creatures must carry several basketfuls before they receive a penny. Here also are numbers of youngsters who dive for coppers. They swim off to the steamer and solicit one to throw a penny in the water; the instant the penny strikes the water they are after it, and it is very amusing to watch them fighting below the surface for the much coveted penny. These lads will get it no matter how hard it may be thrown. They are just as much at home in the water as they are on land.

AN INTROSPECTION.

There are times in our affairs when it is expedient to pause and reflect. Whatever path in life we tread, it is well occasionally to stop, look around, examine the blazes made by those who have gone before us, and consider whether the road we travel will bring us to a happy realization of the intention with which we started.

We feel that the time has come when we may well examine our conscience politic. To do so, to see whether we have proved worthy of the inheritance successively of the classes of the past three years, we refer to the initial number of EXCELSIOR in which men who have since made their mark in the world laid down as the object of their venture "the development of literary composition among the students, the uniting more closely of students of former years with those of the present time, the chronicling of college doings in and out of class, and general news." We think we may without egotism claim that we have in a measure attained our end. The thought that you, former editors, would read our productions, pass criticism on our work, and say of the strong argu-

ment, or the happy metaphor, "well, here is something worthy of the 'banner with the strange device'"—this has spurred us on to stronger efforts to merit your commendation. And while there yet may be room for improvement, we feel assured that Scott's old partner in wiping out his debt will accomplish the rest. Nor do we doubt that the bonds of union between past and present students are being strengthened by the monthly visits of our journal. Does not the son away from home feel the fire of domestic love fanned into brighter flame by a breath from the scenes of his childhood? But has it ever occurred to you that that son should now and again dedicate an hour to the memory of his mother and brothers at home? We feel confident that only the suggestion is needed to bring us from our many talented alumni such help as will soon enable EXCELSIOR to reach the goal of its ambition where it sees its ideal self.

While we ever keep in view the third plank in the original platform, yet we feel that the changed circumstances of our situation warranted our venturing on a wider field of dissertation. To chronicle college doings we still strive; but we think a college paper should do more. The organ of an institution should, we think, be somewhat like the sense of touch which not only tells of the modifications and affections of its proper body, but also gives a knowledge of the things external that act upon that body and the manner in which they act.

Although we have shaken off the modesty with which EXCELSIOR was started on the journalistic sea, we feel that we have endeavored to carry out the intentions of the fathers of the paper. Our progress may not have been very rapid, still it has always been upward and onward; step by step we have striven to advance nearer perfection. Thus we have presented the first number of 1900 in a new garb. It has for some time been our intention to obtain a suitable design for the cover, and through the kind assistance of our Business Editor of last year we have selected the present one, one which we hope will meet with the approval of our many friends, especially the alumni.

Having said so much, a glance backward may not be out of place. How EXCELSIOR came into existence or how its name was chosen is still a secret, confined to the few worthy spirits of '96. It is generally believed that it was first thought of and planned in that wonderful grove, where so many plots, schemes, and depredations have originated. What tales that hallowed spot could reveal if trees were only gifted with the power of speech! It is one of the first places to be visited each year by the returning student, and the last to receive his adieu each June. It seems to be a medium between the spirits of one year and those of the succeeding.

" And Ardennes waves above them her green leaves
 Dewy with nature's tear-drops as they pass,
 Grieving, if aught inanimate e'er grieves,
 Over the unreturning brave alas!"

Rumor gives its origin thus: as our students were in the habit of contributing to the neighboring weeklies, they often met disappointments in the line of printing, etc. One worthy wight was so badly treated in this manner that he determined to publish a pamphlet of his own. On confiding his intentions to his friend—a fellow sufferer—he was advised to propose the publication of a college paper. The scheme was readily adopted and acted upon; and the next night of meeting it was sprung upon the literary society. The suddenness with which it was announced, and the eloquence with which it was urged, took the society by storm, so that there and then it was decided to publish a college paper. But half the task was done, a name had to be given to the sudden apparition. Many and great were the high sounding titles proposed for the infant, all the way from the patriotic *May-flower* to the more personal *Elevator*, but this last served as a clue to the title of our pet. Something uplifting not in the physical, but in the intellectual sense; hence EXCELSIOR. But even that was destined to meet with opposition from one high in authority. What great things have ever been accomplished without meeting obstacles? Finally all opposition to the name was silenced by the following: "We are all

aware that the name we have chosen for our little monthly has been of late years a badly used term. But some of the best words in the language have shared the same fate, and have none the less retained their native dignity and usefulness. 'Excelsior' embodies a noble and uplifting ideal. No amount of misuse can degrade such a word. Gold is gold still and loses none of its value and regal splendor even though it be flung into the streets. We have adopted, then, the name EXCELSIOR—picked it up from the streets, if you will—to indicate that our aim, both as young men and as students of St. Francis Xavier's College, is ever to strive after noble and lofty ideals, however far we may fall short of them." We should like to say something about the leading editors of its first year, but we shall have to defer it to another occasion.

EXCHANGES.

The place of honor among our exchanges is certainly to be given to the *University of Ottawa Review*. It approaches nearer our ideal of what a college journal should be than any of the papers that come to us. A considerable portion is devoted to the review of some of the works of great authors, and the magazines of the present day. At the same time it does not neglect college doings, while careful not to burden its readers with those details which some college journals fill their issues. The November number, with its championship cover of garnet and grey, is very instructive as well as interesting.

In its review of the theme of MacBeth it points out three great morals to be drawn from the play, namely: "Present fears are less than horrible imaginings."

"The practise of witch craft or trust in sorcery is a great sin, so it carries with it, even in this life, a great punishment."

"Remorse of conscience is the greatest affliction that can befall mankind."

The review of Dicken's character, Mr. Winkle, is very interesting, and the writer shows a particular tact for being

out the amusing qualities of the character of the sketch.

The character of Prospero is well brought out, showing a "combination of all those qualities that are best and noble."

We wish to congratulate our Ottawa friends on their securing the championship for another year, and hope that they may remain victors till "*The crack of doom.*"

The *Acadia Athenaeum* is the first exchange to reach us each month. It is carrying out its design of discussing public questions with considerable success. Its short sketch of "South African History" is timely and instructive. The "Alaskan Boundary" briefly puts the main feature of the dispute before its readers, and shows the spirit of fair play that exists on the part of Canada and the justice of her claims. For it is clearly evident that it was the intention of the treaty that Canada should have an open port on the Alaskan coast.

"A National Literature" is an ably written article and worthy of a careful perusal.

The December number of the *Argosy* contains some very good matter. In an article on the Development and Unity of the British Empire are briefly summed up the different steps in the growth and consolidation of the Empire; the landing of the United Empire Loyalists, the establishment of responsible government in various colonies, the colonizing of many lands all over the globe, the exhibition of Britain's greatness at the jubilee celebration in 1897, and finally the rallying to her aid of the various colonies in this her present hour of trouble. It points out the proud position held by Canada in the Empire "whose morning drum-beat, following the sun and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

"A Ramble in Historic Montreal" brings to our minds a recollection of the scenes in the happy days of the French Dominion in Canada: and serves to show what rapid strides in advance Montreal has made since the days of the heroic Wolf.

We are pleased to see the *Kings College Record* again among our exchanges. The December number contains a Christmas story and an instructive article giving an account of the life of the late Sir William Dawson, pointing out the great work he has done for the advancement of science in the Dominion of Canada, and the high place to which he has raised McGill University among the institutions of America. But outside of these the matter of the *Record* is not equal to what one would be led to expect from a paper bearing Volume XXII. on its cover.

SPORTS.

HOCKEY.

We are once more enjoying our favorite winter sport and although many of our old hockeyists are not now with us, yet we have the finest lot of skaters we have had for years.

Practice games soon brought out material for two good teams and there was much difficulty in selecting the men. Arrangements for a series of games with our old, yet ever new opponents, the town boys, for Senior and Junior teams have been completed. The games are to be played in the town rink and on the space cushioned off on the pond. Our town friends are out with a strong team and will no doubt uphold their former good reputation. The college team, we think, is equally as strong as last year and everything points to a most successful year. (Now students when our boys line up against a foreign team, support them to a man with your old time loyalty in song and yell.)

The season opened on the 25th inst. with the first game of the Senior League, which was played on the pond.

The day was all that could be desired, and a large number of friends of both teams assembled to see the first game of the much talked of series. The ice was not in condition for good hockey, being very heavy, which made the game an individual one instead of the combination which we expected to see.

The teams lined up as follows :

College.		Town.
W. Brown,	Right Wing,	N. Cunningham
B. Brown,	Left Wing,	D. McLean
J. McNeil,	Centre,	W. Archibald
H. B. Gillis,	Rover,	H. Chisholm
A. McGillivray,	Cover Point,	W. Jardine
W. Harrington,	Point,	H. McDonald
P. Power,	Goal,	A. Mellish

The boys got to work sharp on time and the first half was easily the Collegians'. After ten minutes of sharp play they scored the first goal, while the town boys soon followed with another, making the score 1 to 1 at the end of the first half.

The game being resumed it was soon evident that the town boys had the more latent energy, and the second half was decidedly in favor of our opponents. The college succeeded in scoring their second and last goal after some fifteen minutes of fast play. At this juncture they appeared to tire and never regained their usual vigor. The townsmen now made a desperate attempt to even matters and were soon rewarded by another goal and thus matters stood at the call of time. Unfortunately on account of darkness the game could not be continued, so it was agreed to count a point for each team. We feel it would be unjust to pass remarks upon any of the town men as all played an excellent game in their respective positions and are deserving of equal praise. On the college team Byron Brown was easily the star with McNeil a good second. The defence was excellent and to them we owe our success. Mr. Copeland refereed the game to the utmost satisfaction.

The second game of the Senior Series took place on the 2nd inst., in the Town Rink, and resulted in a victory for the town men by a score of 7 to 5. The teams consisted of the same men as played in the previous match except for the town point.

The game during the first half was again decidedly in favor of the collegians. they scoring two goals during the first five minutes. The play was very fast, and considerable severe

checking was indulged in. By sharp play and grim determination the townsmen scored three goals during the latter part of this half, the collegians also adding one.

The second half was at times much faster, and the continuous applause showed clearly how the crowd enjoyed the game. The little combination which was evident during the first half now gave way to individual play. Some fine bursts of speed by the forwards of both sides were rewarded by the townsmen scoring four goals, the collegians also adding two. Thus the score stood when the seniors were reluctantly forced to leave the ice for our juniors. Considerable loafing off-side was indulged in by one member at least of the town team which made the game most unsatisfactory. We would strongly advise that gentleman to play his position in future in order to avoid disputes. Mr. Copeland again refereed the game.

The second game of the evening and the first of the Junior series resulted in an easy victory for the collegians. The teams lined up as follows :

College.		Town.
F. Brown,	Right Wing,	S. Copeland
H. McGillivray,	Left Wing,	P. Brine
W. Rawley,	Rover,	F. Blanchard
P. Brown,	Centre,	C. McGillivray
E. Geizer,	Cover Point,	P. McGillivray
A. Frazer,	Point,	H. McDonald
H. Babin,	Goal,	M. Mahoney

The game was much faster than the first. The boys were a little nervous at first, this being their first appearance in public. The checking grew stronger as the game proceeded, and both sides lost their shyness, and played hockey as our Juniors have not played before. In the first half each side scored one goal. The town boys were blanked in the second half, while the collegians added two more.

Mr. Brown of the College refereed the game to the satisfaction of all.

 SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

 COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

(The figures refer to the rank taken by the students in their various classes. Those whose papers were valued at 85 or upwards are marked in the first rank. Papers valued at from 75 to 85 secure the writers a second rank, and those valued at from 65 to 75 a third rank.)

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. (Second Division.)

English.

Passed, C. Cotter, Thomas Winn, Joseph Salterio, Bertie Reardon.

Arithmetic.

3, Elphege Delaney. Passed, Thomas Winn, Joseph Salterio, C. Cotter.

Useful Knowledge.

Passed, C. Cotter, J. Salterio, Elphege Delaney, B. Reardon, T. Winn, H. Reardon.

Geography.

3, B. Reardon. Passed, H. Reardon.

Writing and Drawing.

Passed, Elphege Delaney, J. Delaney, J. Salterio, C. Cotter, B. Reardon, Thos. Winn, H. Reardon.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. (First Division.)

English.

3, James Nulty. Passed, C. F. Chisholm, R. Desmond, F. McGillivray, J. Dunne, W. Chisholm, Hayes.

Arithmetic.

3, C. F. Chisholm. Passed, Hayes, R. Desmond, J. Nulty, W. Chisholm, F. McGillivray.

Algebra.

1, C. F. Chisholm, Hayes. 2, W. Chisholm. Passed, F. McGillivray, J. Nulty, R. Desmond, J. Dunne.

Geography.

1, R. Desmond. 2, C. F. Chisholm. Passed, J. Nulty, F. McGillivray, W. Chisholm, J. Dunne, W. Delaney.

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2, C. F. Chisholm. 3, R. Desmond. Passed, J. Nulty, W. Chisholm, F. McGillivray, J. Dunne, W. Delaney.

Book-Keeping.

2, F. McGillivray. Passed, C. F. Chisholm, Hayes, R. Desmond, J. Nulty, J. Dunne.

Useful Knowledge.

3, R. Desmond. Passed, J. Nulty, C. F. Chisholm, F. McGillivray, Hayes, W. Chisholm, Dunne, W. Delaney.

Writing and Drawing.

2, R. Desmond. 3, W. Chisholm. Passed, Dunne, W. Delaney, Geizer, C. F. Chisholm, Nulty, F. McGillivray.

ADVANCED DEPARTMENT.

English.

Passed, D. A. McIsaac, F. McKinnon, Jos. McDonald, H. H. Millidge, J. C. Chisholm, S. McKenzie, J. McIsaac, H. McGillivray.

Latin.

1, P. Brown. 2, J. McIsaac. 3, J. McDonald, R. McIsaac, A. O'Toole. Passed, Millidge, White, D. A. McIsaac, N. McIsaac, F. M. Gray, F. McKinnon, G. McSweeny.

French.

3, Millidge, J. McDonald. Passed, T. Webb, R. McIsaac, White, J. Chisholm, D. A. McIsaac, A. O'Toole, G. Oldfield.

Geography.

2, R. McIsaac. 3, J. McDonald, Millidge, J. Chisholm. Passed, G. Oldfield, D. A. McIsaac, F. McKinnon, O'Toole, J. McIsaac, F. Brown.

History.

3, J. Chisholm, D. A. McIsaac. Passed, F. McKinnon, O'Toole, Millidge, J. McDonald.

Algebra.

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PERSONALS.

Rev. D. L. McDonald, P. P., Brook Village, C. B., paid us a visit at the re-opening of college.

R. F. Phelan, Barrister, North Sydney, spent a couple of days with us. He is a brother to Rev. D. V. Phelan, Professor of Literature, whom he accompanied on the latter's return from his native parish where, during the Christmas holidays, he officiated in place of Fr. Gillis who was indisposed.

Rev. A. J. Chisholm, P. P., Creignish, and Rev. Neil McDonald, P. P., Arisaig, called on us lately. We are always pleased to see such friends of EXCELSIOR.

Rev. J. W. McIsaac, P. P., Sydney, visited our sanctum while on his way to Georgeville where he officiated at New Year's in place of the regular incumbent, Rev. A. R. McDonald, who exchanged pulpits with him to meet the first flock placed under his charge. Father McIsaac was one of the founders and first editors of EXCELSIOR, and we, naturally, are peculiarly pleased to see him enjoy that vigor so earnestly wished him by his friends, all who know him.

We were pleased to have an opportunity of personally extending the compliments of the season to three of the graduates of '99, Messrs. R. A. J. McIsaac, Allan Macdonald and John Murphy. All three are this term "teaching the young idea how to shoot;" all three served on our editorial staff, and this year give substantial evidence that their interest in our paper has not ceased with their graduation from our institution. Mr. McIsaac is engaged in Dummore, Antigonish, Mr. Macdonald in West Chezzetcook, Halifax, and Mr. Murphy in Lower L'Ardoise, where Mr. Floyd, now on the College staff, taught last term.

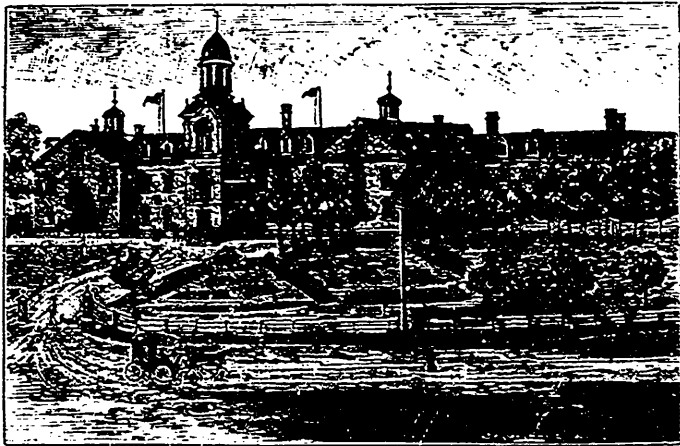
Rev. Dr. Quinan, V. G., paid us a short visit some days ago.

We are happy to learn that our genial manager of last year, Mr. H. H. Hayes, who holds a responsible position in the

House of Commons, Ottawa, is receiving that recognition which his talents so well merit. He has been selected to take an important part in a play to be presented in Mt. St. Louis College, Montreal, on the 15th March. The play is to be acted by former students of the College, and some have been called from distant parts of the U. S. Mr. Hayes is one of the warmest friends of EXCELSIOR, which takes this occasion to wish him every success, and to thank him for his help by word and deed.

Rev. Dr. R. McDonald, has been appointed Vice-Rector in place of Rev. D. C. Gillis, who resigned. During his term of office, Father Gillis ruled with a gentle yet ever-firm hand, and we are fortunate in having such a man as Dr. McDonald to fill the place of so worthy a predecessor.

Father McDougall, P. P., Thorburn, has resumed his weekly visits to the College. The interest which the students evince in his coming shows that they fully appreciate the noble spirit which prompts him to undertake those visits in conjunction with his arduous parish duties.



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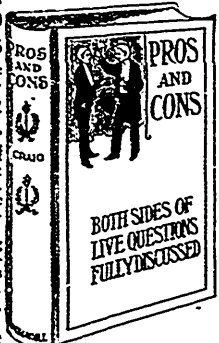
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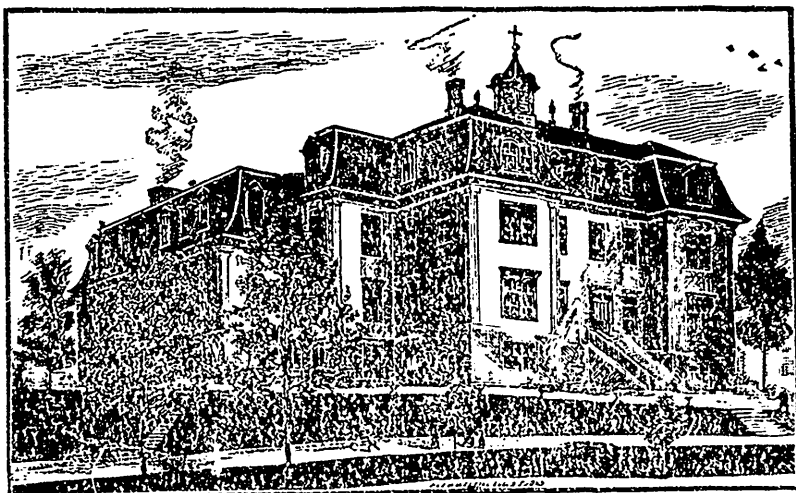
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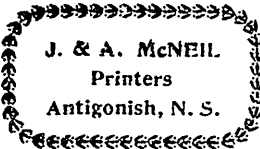
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