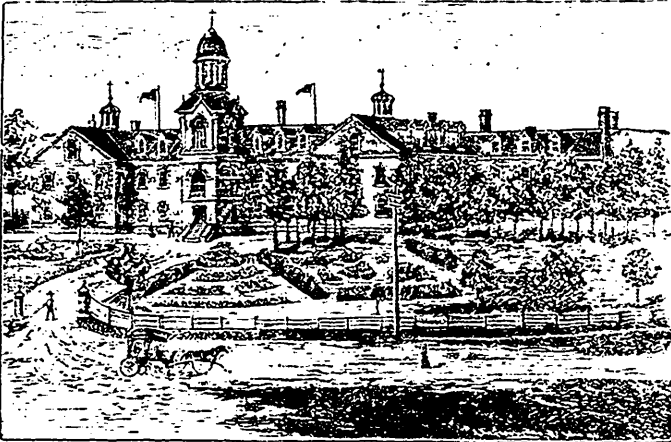


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NEW YEAR AND RESOLUTIONS.

Since our last issue the nineteenth century has passed away and the twentieth century has commenced. When we look back upon the past hundred years, the great works which they produced come vividly before us and we are awed by the great wonders they have wrought. The possibilities of the coming century are beyond us. Nevertheless in this unknown future we all have a part to act, and that we may make it a worthy part we must begin with the present. Doubtless many of us have returned to the work of this term with resolutions innumerable. It would be better if we made few, or even one, and stood by it, than have conceived many only to break them. Let us be able to say, when the present year has passed away, that we have acted our part manfully, and are one step further on towards the goal of our desires.

**CONFEDERATION
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The Confederation of Australia has added another bond toward consolidating the British Empire. The Australians, knowing well the value of a good constitution, have selected theirs with the greatest care. The one which they have adopted is unlike that of any other nation. It has been modeled partly after that of Canada, partly after that of the United States, and partly after that of Switzerland. It took what was best in the three, and the statesmen of our sister nation supplied what was still lacking. With a confederated Australia, with its vast resources, its progressive people and advantageous position it would be unwise to attempt foretelling its future. In the late war its people have displayed their loyalty and the Empire rejoices to see them united and formed into a nation.

XAVERIANA.

RE-OPENING. Vacation has come and gone since our last issue. Examinations, begun on Jan. 10th, are now happily a thing of the past, and the students have settled down to the old routine. Classes have been reorganized and work is progressing with all possible animation. We are pleased to see our old students back again and to welcome the new ones.

**CHRISTMAS
AT
ST. F. X.**

Vacation was very quiet at the College. The few who remained made little noise, but they admit that they spent a very pleasant and merry Xmas.

The altar of the Infant of Prague in our Chapel was very beautifully decorated and, when Christmas at midnight Rev. Dr. Thompson began the Holy Sacrifice, it was a mass of plants and lights. A few ladies and gentlemen from the town kindly lent their services, and during the three Masses appropriate

hymns and canticles were well rendered. At five o'clock Christmas morning the students assisted at Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral, at which the Rev. M. McAdam preached an eloquent sermon on the Nativity.

The beginning of the New Century saw the students at the Cathedral where, together with over five hundred devout Catholics of the Parish they performed their first act of the new year in receiving Holy Communion. After the administration of the Holy Communion the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and His Lordship celebrated pontifical High Mass. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continued until the end of last Mass when His Lordship gave solemn Benediction.

During vacation the skating on the pond was very good and the boys did not fail to take advantage of it.

VISITORS Since our last issue many have come to visit our halls, especially during the vacation. A number of old students have dropped in to see if everything were as usual, but they had much difficulty in getting their bearings. (The new wing, with its beautiful class rooms and lecture halls was a source of much surprise and pleasure.) One gentleman who had not seen St. F. X. since '91 lost his way completely and begged one of the students to lead him to the front entrance.

CONDOLENCE Mr. R. McIntyre has the sympathy of his fellow students and professors in the loss of his brother Jos. McIntyre who received fatal injuries while working at his trade in Somerville, Mass. His body was brought to his former home at Heatherton, where after a Solemn Mass of Requiem it was laid to rest with his kindred. May he rest in peace.

The H. N. S. held its monthly meeting on Sunday 19th inst. The attendance was very large, and after a few words by the President, the Rev. Director gave a short instruction. It was resolved that the members should go to Holy Communion in a body on the following Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Name. After the usual business was transacted the Society adjourned. On the Feast of the Holy Name all the students received Holy Communion. During High Mass the Very Rev. Dr. Macdonald, V. G., Spiritual Director preached a very edifying and instructive sermon on "Devotion to the Holy Name."

The General committee of the A. A. A. of the College, held a meeting a few days ago, and it was shown that the association is in a flourishing condition. We do not think it enough that the Committee should make this announcement, but we should like to see them do something. Sport was never so poor in the College as it is at present and we are at a loss to know the cause.

The St. F. X. Debating Society should start soon and we hope for more harmony and consequently better results than there was last term.

Will the St. Cecilia Society soon start to prepare that promised play which we are so eager to see placed on the stage? The Society has promised, at least on paper, and we expect something worth working for. The examinations being over, the students have now more time to spare. Come, then, Mr. B. pick your men and get them in line.

The members of the P. R. S. have not decided whether they will resume their weekly discussions or not, but while the President and Secretary with two or three prominent members remain in their present quarters, the Society cannot meet. It might be better if the place of meeting were changed and that discussions on medicine be added to those on Philosophy.

The Class of '01 held its last monthly meeting in December and the members listened to a very pleasant lecture by the Rev. A. McDonald, D. D., V. G. The Class has to be congratulated on its good fortune in procuring such an excellent lecturer. But why so exclusive, Messrs. of '01?

ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY.

DELIVERED BY H. Y. McDONALD, B. A. '00.

(Continued from Christmas Excelsior.)

When any faculty successfully rebels against reason, the object of its special activity, although it may remain a good for that faculty considered in itself, yet will, on account of its insubordination, not be a good of the entire nature. The sight of food, for instance, excites in the hungry man a desire for its use, and to obtain the food would be a good of the appetite; but if that food belongs to some one else, then reason forbids its appropriation, and reason as charioteer of the faculties will steer clear of taking it unless, indeed, there be some loose screw which may rob reason of control of the chariot, and allow it to fall into one of the ruts in which morality, alas, so often suffers. Strife between the faculties is a matter of universal experience, and in the successful revolt of the other faculties against sovereign reason consists moral evil.

But the authoritative judgment of rational will necessarily implies some standard or rule to which these judgments are referred, and such standard we have found in their relation to the ultimate end of man. For the Supreme Intelligence Who designed the Universe had a purpose in creation; He appointed an end to all things and His Providence provided the means necessary to attain it. God's knowledge of how things should be done to conduce to the attainment of one's last end is the Eternal Law; now a law can have no binding force until promulgated, and by creation and revelation God makes known His law. To man alone He gives the freedom to obey or not obey the Eternal Law which is mirrored in the conscience of every one born into the world; and the merit of a good act consists in the respect freely paid the universal order established by the Supreme Intelligence in Whom is all wisdom and goodness.

But though the Eternal Law is impressed on the nature of all things created, so that the stone unsupported falls to earth, the bee extracts honey from the flower, and "the noblest work

of God on earth, an honest man "lives to fear God and keep His commandments, yet it is an undisputed fact of history that the human mind is of itself capable of forming but a much blurred copy of the Eternal Law written over the face of the Universe by the hand of the Creator. Thus polytheists err in the very first principles, and we find Aristotle whose name will "ever re-echo down the corridors of time" propounding theories of morality which astound the Christian mind as much as the acuteness of his giant intellect elicits its admiration.

Had man remained in his original innocence, then perhaps his unclouded intellect might be able to recognize in their full the grand truths that concern us in the moral order; but taking human nature as it is, and not as we wish it were, we know that the path of duty is not always discernible by the unaided light of reason; and truths that are reached by the greatest minds only after years of diligent study,—and there is question whether the highest truths can at all be reached by reason alone,—truths that nevertheless determine the morality of the man's first act as a rational being, these could certainly not be known by the youth when he takes his first intelligent step on the road of free election. Hence it is that the Spirit of Knowledge comes in a special manner to enlighten our ignorance and in his Divine Revelation supplements the natural law, solving difficulties, removing doubts, and in the crucible of faith melting into belief truths so grand as to be mysteries to human intelligence.

Thus we see the close connection between religion and morality; we see how the existence of God is the foundation of all ethics; we see that the Supreme Being whom we worship is the same Being Who implants in our nature a necessary desire for happiness as a leading-string to draw us to our heavenly home; we see that the God Whose Eternal Law is imprinted on our conscience is our criterion of right and wrong is the same God to Whom we look forward for reward or punishment; and we see that when reason as dulled by original sin falls short of attaining the truth, then the Inspired Word is whispered into the ear.

How great then must be the advantage of having by precept, example and analogy these ideas of morality impressed on characters just forming. And the parchment which we have received to-day bearing the seal of the University of Saint Francis Xavier's College is a certificate that four of the most precious years of our lives have been passed in an atmosphere saturated with these notions of morality. Other institutions, with a false conception of what constitutes true progress, may, in their desire to cater to the materialistic spirit of the age, have substituted for God a Kant or a Spencer, and wasted energy in a vain endeavor to compute what combination of molecules or distribution of forces tells us murder is a crime; but this University, true to the motto of its patron saint, begins each day with the one sacrifice intrinsically worthy of God's acceptance; so that, begun in his name, all our actions may tend "*ad majorem Dei gloriam.*" Daily, hourly, every moment are we reminded by the rules and discipline of the house, by our very surroundings, that, however good and desirable it is to cultivate the mind, it is better and more desirable to form true character; and the fact that all things else should be held second to the attainment of man's last end is typified by the very building itself; for well-equipped as may be its laboratories, broad and extensive its base, and growing broader and more extensive almost every year as the success in life of its graduates adds testimony to testimony of its high standard as a centre for learning, yet the Cross, the Catholic standard, ever crowns the whole. Not only this but association with members of the Faculty who are at once priest and professor is to us a constant, a salutary reminder that the end and all of life is not to gain more knowledge, especially such knowledge as is content with naming as final causes the laws of nature that govern phenomena. Students of this College are taught not to doubt the existence of God just because they cannot find Him at the end of the telescope.

What then must be the feelings of young men about to sever their connection with such an institution? What must be our feelings in parting with professors whose zeal

and devotion in the cause of learning is equalled only by their zeal and devotion in the cause of religion; men whose lives, consecrated to God, are passed in teaching youth, with a constant eye on their conduct lest straying from the path of rectitude they become the greatest scoundrels, for there is no villain like an educated villain; teaching youth to seek the truth, and to pay to the Author of Truth the homage of cultivated minds. Much indeed might I say in expression of our feelings, if I could only arrange my thoughts; but in parting with you, professors, the sentiments at my tongue-point wage war for precedence in expression and I can say no more. With you too, fellow-students, we now must part, you with whom, in the class-room, in the play-hall, on the campus, we passed so many happy hours. And we part also with you, ladies and gentlemen of the Town, with whom, during our stay in Antigonish we formed an acquaintance, with some intimate, with others slight, with all agreeable; we part with you whose presence here to-night is further proof of the interest you have ever manifested in the welfare of the College.

So as students we bid you one and all a heart-felt farewell, and we enter upon a broader field of action, to assume the fuller responsibilities of life, conscious that the world has for each of us a mission, conscious that we each owe the world a *man*.



THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

BY J. J. FRANCO.

[Translated from the French.]

—That is honour's scorn
 Which challenges itself as honour's born,
 And is not like the sire : honours best thrive,
 When rather from our acts we them derive
 Than our fore-goers : the mere word's a slave,
 Debauched on every tomb ; on every grave,
 A lying trophy ; and as oft is dumb,
 When dust and damn'd oblivion is the tomb
 Of honoured bones indeed.

—Shak. (All's well That ends well.)

Chapter II.

Leofred was a young man, about twenty-seven years of age, of good parentage, possessing fine spirits, graceful manners, and a respectful, engaging disposition. His forehead was large, his eyes calm and clear ; his fresh and ruddy complexion was admirably set off by a pair of thick and very dark moustachios which displayed themselves profusely between his cheeks and his chin. In proportion as the exterior man was perfect, so was his soul firm, and hostile to all insinuations of baseness.

At the military school, Leofred had the reputation of being exceptionally expert in mathematics and the military art. He was an excellent horseman and a good fencer. In the army he acquired the good-will of all his comrades, not by any eccentric originality, but because he was a good companion, and was always cheerful. He seldom visited the theatres, or took part at soirees ; several hours of each day he devoted to his studies. His *companion-in-arms* were acquainted with Leofred's habits, and though sometimes bantering him about them, yet in secret held him in admiration. Admitted to the staff of instructing officers, he was always ready to replace those who were unavoidably absent. He also gave instructions to the sub-lieutenants who were newly enlisted. At his home, he was generally found in a small

apartment, papered with his own hands, and adorned with pictures of redoubts, entrenched camps; miniature forts, barricades, in fine, specimens of all sorts of military works: one might call it a museum of fortifications. In the midst of all this panoply there existed one emblem of peace: it was an image of the Blessed Virgin, a copy from the original by Sassoferrato.

On many occasions the younger officers would enter his apartments in groups to practice at fencing. While the master and one of his pupils were exercising, some of the others would look over the books in his library. Montecule, Borojo, Charles of Austria, Jemine, and others of the same appeared; also Italian and foreign strategists. In the midst of these works unravelling the intricacies of human strategy was conspicuous a volume giving information concerning celestial tactics—the Philotheus of St. Francis de Sales, an imitation with gilded leaves, with the back nearly torn off. This book seemed to have a curious attraction for the younger officers; for their fingers would sometimes ~~st~~ point in its direction.

One day in the heat of attack and defence, Leofred countered a thrust from his adversary's pointed foil, which would inevitably have taken him in the side, had he not warded it off, and made it pass above his left shoulder; but the parrying was not so quickly done as to prevent the foil from carrying off a large piece of his shirt. A silver crucifix which hung upon his breast, was snatched away and thrown against the wall. One of his comrades picked it up, showing great astonishment the while. Leofred took the crucifix, wiped it carefully, and replaced it upon his neck saying to him who picked it up:—

“My mother gave it to me the day of my first Communion, and neither in sham nor in real battle will I ever part with it.”

Those of his comrades who were rich paid him for his instructions, but to the less rich, if they attempted to speak about pay, “Comrades,” he would say, “I handle the sword to exercise and to amuse myself; do not speak to me

about money if you desire we remain friends." This he said so frankly that he was directly taken at his word.

Another beautiful virtue which showed that Leofred was an exemplary young man was the great affection for his mother. Whenever he found himself capable of placing her in the locality where he kept garrison, he hastened to procure for her a small decent dwelling in the most healthful part of the city. The afternoon was spent by the officers of the garrison in idle recreation in a coffee-house. Leofred, on the contrary, hastened to his mother's house, went out with her, shortened his step, bent himself down towards her, for she was a little stooped and not very tall, and gave her his arm with an affection so deep, an attention, so sensitive, that one could without hesitation point him out as a model of filial piety. The venerable mother observing the looks of admiration cast at them by the passers-by, seemed animated with a new spirit and appeared quite rejuvenated. All the mothers who saw them thus usually remarked, not without some sentiments of envy;—"Happy is the woman who in the eve of life can count upon such a support."

A very beautiful sight it was when on Sundays and holidays the officer accompanied his mother to church. He himself sought out his mother's seat, and unclasping his sword out of respect for the place, rested it against the kneeling stool. The Divine Office finished, he continued to pray by the side of his mother, and the two departed in the same manner as they had entered.

When the stations of the garrison would not permit his mother to follow him, Leofred confided her to the care of an old servant of the house who was very much devoted and attached to her. Like a comparatively small number of young men he was not forgetful in writing to his mother. Of all earthly creatures she had his first attention. Whenever he desired a leave-of-absence, it was to visit his mother and to spend a few days with her, which brought to a climax the happiness of mother and son.

Such was Leofred and as such was he known by his fellow-soldiers and his companions. He was equally favorably known

to Agnes, the gentle and beautiful daughter of the general. There already existed between this young person and Leofred hopes of a speedy union; but the affair of the watch happened at a very unfavourable moment and brought the intended relationship to the brink of a precipice.

(To be continued.)

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Moonshine feels grateful to his friends the Minims who could have made life uneasy for him when EXCELSIOR appeared last month. Had his identity been known perhaps it would not have fared so well with him, but it was amusing to hear the comments and surmises. The boys from L. H. would like to know who Moonshine is, and they have guessed at everyone from the Head-Master to little Tommy, but I am glad they did not discover him.

I shall give you a few extracts from my diary of the past month. Only five or six of the Minims remained at the

college for the vacation, but they had a famous time, so rumor hath it, yet I think they would have enjoyed themselves better had they gone home. Anyway all are back now safe and sound and ready for business.

The H. T. S. is again busily at work picking out a hockey team "to beat creation" during the new century. Our popular and the favorite Mullins has been chosen captain. Bud is one of the promising flowers in the bouquet. Moonshine wishes success and a prosperous year to this team representative of the Minims of St. J. B. School.

Things have changed a little since we left for our vacation. Messrs. Chisholm and McDonald, our prefect and sub-prefect during first term, have been replaced by Messrs. Walsh and Ryan.

The Hard Times Society has great hopes that these latter gentlemen will be everything that the H. T. S. can expect.

We have not yet started our Debating Club, but considering the amount of talk going on, we shall have some famous discussions in the near future.

The first meeting of the H. T. S. was held on the 10th inst. when a committee from the Left Over Club gave a very fine account of their vacation at the college. According to Johnny T. such a pleasant vacation could be spent in no other place on the globe. Frick gave his views in the same eloquent terms and was succeeded by Skip Jur. who seconded, aye, and thirderd the sentiments of J. T. The end of it all was that the Society by a large majority voted the Left-Overs a set of humbugs. The next business was the initiation of the pigmies from the U.—Initiation carried out successfully.

A long discussion followed on the advisability of admitting the new prefects, but the discussion was postponed "until we know them better." The amusement Com. was called then to furnish the fun and the Society resolved itself into a gang of fun-loving boys and played Blind Man's, Forfeits, etc., until the gong sounded.

I shall give you an account of our debate in my next and as we have decided to have our monthly entertainment in a few days, I expect loads of fun.

MOONSHINE.

EXCHANGES.

In this our first issue for the year 1901 we should like to have our exchanges note our ideal exchange column. True criticism consists of pointing out the good and the defective features of anything. A criticism of this kind is of value not only to the one offering it, but also to the one on whose work it is passed, showing as it does a sense of fairness and justice on the part of the critic as well as enabling the parties criticised to see themselves as others see them. To say that such a number of a college paper is not up to its usual standard is weak and ambiguous.

Every human effort is subject to criticism.

“Whosoever thinks a faultless piece to see
Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be.”

A great traveller writing of his experiences said that he had never met one in whom he had not seen something good and pleasing; and he had never seen anyone who was so happy or so fortunate that there could be no fault ascribed to him. As it is with individuals, so it is with staffs made up of a number of individuals, and the object which these try to accomplish represents some or all the characteristics of the minds of those individuals. Hence a college journal which is the product of the minds of the students of an institution of learning has merits and demerits.

We have received the Xmas number of most of our exchanges. They all appear in a garb becoming the occasion. The *Bee* comes to us in a beautiful and highly artistic cover. Its editorials express the sentiments of true Christians regarding the erroneous belief which is becoming prevalent that man should submit every act to no other tribunal than that of reason. When reason is given this exalted place faith is rejected and then men try to deny the existence of a Divine Law-Giver.

The *Xavier* dressed up for Xmas thinks it fitting to make a few cursory remarks upon the work done by some of the well known authors during the last year. Kipling, in our friend's estimation has as an author deteriorated when he

gave to the world the "Absent Minded Beggar." The writer pronounces it as "merely a poor piece of jingle that has found its right place in being sung in music halls." Out of the vast number of novels written during the year by such writers as Kipling, Mary Johnston, Anthony Hope, James Lane Allen, "the wonderful Marie Corelli who," he says, has surpassed even herself in the Master Christian," Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and Hall Kane "only one deserves to live over six weeks, and that is Tommy and Grizel written by "that delightful writer" J. M. Barrie.

We have received two issues of the *Normal*. The December issue is very neatly made up. From a literary stand point its merits are not many, but we have to say in its favour that it lives up to its motto "docendo discimus." Of the variety of subjects of which it treats very many are intended for the interest and guidance of teachers.

Other exchanges received are "*Le Lis de Saint Joseph* from "L'Ecole Apostolique Des Clercs" Seyssinet, France, *Laurel*, *North West Review*, *Weekly Bouquet* and *Kings's College Record*.

MODERN EDUCATION.

It may be truly said that the most important question of the present day is education. As a matter of fact, nothing is more important than the equipment of a sound education. If we consider our spiritual destiny, without this powerful armament, our path will be rough and dangerous indeed; viewing our end in this world its possession will be a source of great happiness and felicity. In our social status its benefits are inestimable.

Now according to our observation there seem to exist in the world to-day two standards of education, the one malignantly false and much in vogue; the other struggling to exist and sparsely patronized. We have no pretensions to pessimistic views. But the fact must be told that comparatively very little of true education is to be found among the vast array of learned men of the present time. To be a little less

general we say that in Canada and in the United States the education supposed to be given in the public schools is no education at all. And right here let it be stated that learning is not education. The object of the school-house is two-fold—to draw and develop the faculties of the mind; to build up a moral character.

We might say that true education consists in the practice of ethical principles. One may be versed and skilled in all the natural sciences, and in all the branches of the fine studies and polished in his accomplishments, but to him, if lacking in the higher principles which constitute true character, the adjunct educated cannot be applied. Man is made up of three parts, the physical, the intellectual and the moral. If, disregarding the latter two elements of our being, we develop the physical part only, then we become a little or no better than the animals of the field. If we disregard our moral element and cultivate the two other parts, then we are but as the ancient heathen. Thus far went the ancient Roman. But a higher and a nobler stage on the road to perfection can be reached, and when we arrive at that stage we can call ourselves educated.

So, to be truly educated, our moral element must be developed on the principles of christianity. We need not be learned in order to be educated; but the third and most important part must not be neglected nor belittled.

Now it seems to us we hear some superficial agitator murmuring over a statement in the opening part of the article. We have remarked on the usefulness of education in guiding us to our eternal home. We presume no objections are raised. We have further remarked that without education our path thence will be a rough one. "What," says he, "about the great majority of mankind, the common people? Do you mean to say that because they are *uneducated*, it is hard for them to save their souls? Well, here comes the point of difference, we assert that there is more of true education to be found among some classes of the unlearned, than there is among the learned. We find that the men who obtain the total benefits to be derived from the public schools of "pro-

gressive tendencies, are generally stuffed with a good deal of learning, but we find also that they bear a striking resemblance to the Romans of *the decadent* Rome—they become body-worshippers, mind-worshippers and state-worshippers.

SPORT.

With the return of winter has come the grand Canadian game of hockey, It is to be hoped that the students will take a greater interest in this than they did in the other branches of sport this year. Standing on the sidelines or talking is not going to win the series, but an interest in the game and hard practice will help to a great extent to bring the championship this way. So let everyone buckle on his skates and go to the rink prepared to put in a hard and earnest practice. The hockey prospects for this year, to say the least, are good. Several members of last year's splendid team are still with us and we have also much new and promising material. Together with this we have a very energetic hockey committee who are doing their very best to push the game along, and if the students will only give them support, not by word of mouth but by practice, we need have no doubt but that victory will perch on the banner of the blue, white, and blue. A meeting of the General Committee was held on the 16th inst. and among other matters it was decided to repair the handball court so that those who don't play hockey may enjoy a good lively game of handball. There are some persons who have a habit of forgetting to return material borrowed from the association. Such persons should in future be watched by the various committees as it is coming somewhat expensive for the association to have to pay for the forgetfulness of such persons.

“BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK.”

Through the noise and turmoil of the days
That my gentle rappings mock,
Unheeded, meek, with patient love
I stand at the door and knock.

I ask so little, My child, of thee,
Nor of wealth nor fame a part,
That which to others you freely give,—
A share in a loving heart.

Why is that heart against Me closed
With bar, and bolt, and lock?
All others may enter when they will
While I stand at the door and knock.

Through the quiet hours of the lonely night
That sound may reach your ear;
Refuse not entrance—turn not aside
And pretend that you do not hear.

Let not your heart where I long to dwell
Be as the unyielding rock—
So open, My child, to Me, your God,
When I stand at the door and knock.

—Florence Bain Seymour, in *The Review*.

ON THE HOP.

Alex. (before a mirror, viewing a faint shadow on his upper lip and thinking of the old A. A. club) murmurs:

“Shrine of the mighty can it be
That this is all remains of thee?”

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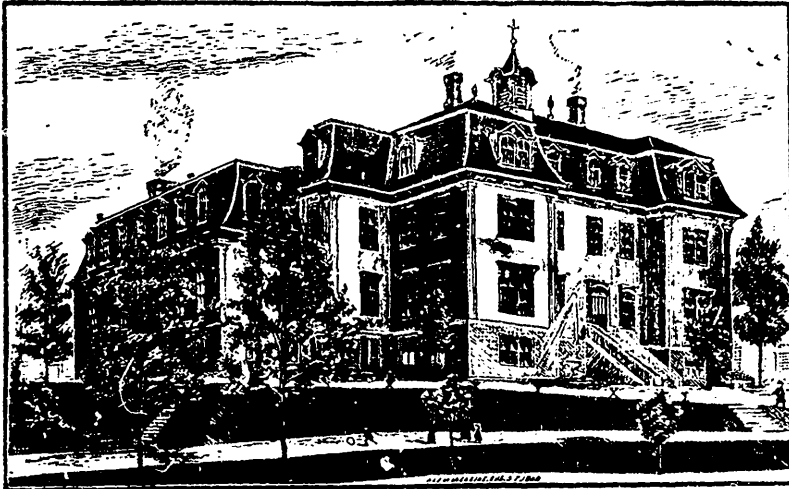
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