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UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, ST. JOSEPH'S, N. B.

JUNE 28th.—Last Thursday was the 37th annual commencement of our institution, and in point of interest perhaps surpassed any previous closing. The year just ended was, at least materially, a red-letter year for our college. Apart from the extensive improvements and enlargements of the buildings, the number of students in attendance was over 200, while the accommodations excelled all previous years.

Among the many visitors present yesterday were Lieut. Gov. McLellan, wife and niece, Bishop Casey, Revs. Michaud, O'Donnovan, Cormier, Massé, Carney, Onellet, Drs. Dolan, Belliveau, Gaudet, Doherty and others.

At 11 a. m. the Lieut. Governor was tendered a reception and welcome in Lefebvre hall. The English address was delivered by Hugh Catter and the French one by Edgar Paradis. The Governor replied very fittingly. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock he held a reception in the college parlors.

The commencement exercises commenced at 2.30 p. m. with an exceptionally large audience. The programme was as follows:

Vocal Quartette—R. Gaudet, A. Melanson, T. Arsnauld, R. Bourbeau.

Address—"Confederation," John H. Kelly.

Alumni Poem—Rev. L. G. LeBlanc.

Vocal Quartette—R. Gaudet, A. Melanson, T. Arsnauld, R. Bourbeau.

Valedictory—English, Andrew K. Dysart.

Valedictory—French, Arthur T. LeBlanc.

Distribution of premiums; Conferring of Degrees.

God Save the Queen.

WELCOMED THE BISHOP.

The following address of welcome to the Coadjutor Bishop, to which Bishop Casey made a very appropriate reply, was read by M. C. Collins, son of J. M. Collins, of Fairville, St. John Co.

May it please your lordship to hear a word of welcome from us to-day. Your lordship, when in the year past we students occasionally welcomed to our alma mater men renowned in church and state, we were not unfrequently called mercenary; but this charge cannot be made to-day, for the age of conges, like that of chivalry, is unhappily past and gone. To-day the feeling stirring us is unbounded admiration for the learned gifted ones who have planted St. Joseph's banner on heights of safety and eminence, and who have thus demonstrated to a thinking Canada that, if colleges are the foundaries of our characters are moulded, St. Joseph's is a college eminently suited to give men for the most lofty positions in church and state. Therefore, it is with ineffable sincerity that the students all, old and young, big and little, earnestly join me in extending to your lordship a sincere cordial welcome to your old home.

We students, glorying in the abnormal growth of our college home, feel that it must interest your lordship to see that St. Joseph's is rapidly becoming a power in this province. It is not hyperbolic to say that from a few stray huts on the

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banks of the Tiber there arose a city that by the magnitude of its conquests astounded the world, so there has sprung up in the valley of the Memramcook an educational house known far and wide for its ameliorating influence on the Catholic mind. The French Acadian St. Joseph's has elevated to a "higher, a more ethereal level," to his English brother she has been no mean benefactor, for she has given him the language of France. Even inculcating in the past, but especially in the present, the pressing necessity of quality of tongue, St. Joseph's has done no little part to promote Acadian unity—to promote that unity which is the mother of authority. In the history of St. Joseph's be it known that this year has been an era of progress. There are more voices in St. Joseph's halls to-day than in those of any other college of this province. From the West Indies, from the land of our friendly neighbor to the south, and in Canada to Vancouver—diffusing in nationality and differing in faith—students have come to drink of the pure knowledge springing copiously from St. Joseph's fount. This phenomenal influx of late years, your lordship, has necessitated that the old buildings make way for grander and more modern ones. If then you old graduates to-day, in returning to your alma mater on this commencement day, must needs remark that materially St. Joseph's is on the advance, I can assure your lordship that we young students, who stay at home and read and watch, must say to you, in turn, that intellectually, too, St. Joseph's is advancing ever onward and upward. Priest and doctor, lawyer and statesman, who not long ago in St. Joseph's halls were Bill and Joe, are now bright, luminaries in the outer world, reflecting not less glory on the mother that bore than on ourselves. On the cathedral throne, on the bench, in the senate, in the house of commons, we can with pardonable pride point to St. Joseph's sons, our elder brothers. The Landrys, the Poiriers, Melnerneys, Richards and many others, St. Joseph's boys, are brain powers not unknown in Canada; and lastly, be it never forgotten, that Bishop Casey is himself a St. Joseph's boy, most illustrious of St. Joseph's graduates. Welcome then, your lordship, thrice welcome to St. Joseph's.

THE VALEDICTORY

delivered by Mr. A. K. Dysart, of Co-cagne, was as follows:

Reverend Superior and Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Students,

As the mace of Time beats off the last year of this greatest century, my classmates and I gather here together on this commencement day to discharge the most interesting duty of our college life. That duty is one which has long been associated in our minds with all that stands for supreme happiness in college; one which has been the culminating point of all the endeavors of our course; one which closes the door on our career in St. Joseph's and ushers us into a broader sphere of activity; one which marks, in many ways, an epoch in our lives. Standing to-day upon

the threshold of a new existence and glancing back down the vistas of the past and forward to the Elysian fields of the future, we are filled with confiding sentiments, some reverential, some sympathetic, some joyous and some sad; sentiments which, magnified as they are on the horizon of our parting, we might not faithfully portray, and which, even could we depict them, you might receive in indifference. They have their source, however, in the crystal founts of human nature itself, and welling up from its depths they overspread our souls with a slight suffusion which mellows the memory of the past and brightens the perspective of the future.

Of the vicissitudes through which we have passed; of the numerous trials and difficulties which we met with in study hall; of our ambitions and hopes in the class room; at our joy at success or gloom at reverse, we shall not speak. We will view the past from another standpoint, and speak of other things. We will pause for a moment on the events and associations which have given this life an interest or a charm. Now that we are to leave, perhaps forever, these haunts of our youth, shall we prove so destitute of affection that our farewell glance shall not be kindly? No; that parting sigh shall escape our lips! No; happy as may be our anticipations of the future, we love the present and cling to the past.

And what is that past? It is a few years replete with matter for pride to all friends of our Alma Mater, and with matter for interest to all lovers of higher education in these Maritime Provinces. From the days, nearly four decades gone by, when the students lamp was first lighted on St. Joseph's hills by the Apostle of Acadia, and its glimmering rays fell as feeble glints within the limits of the county, that light has steadily increased in candle power until to-day it stands an educational auro-light, whose intensity illumines these provinces by the sea, and penetrates to the distance of provinces and states beyond. Considering the difficulties under which St. Joseph's rose and the circumstances under which she lived—no rich endowments being hers to enjoy—her progress has been truly wonderful. Even during our brief sojourn here, we have witnessed many marked advances in material and educational prosperity. The enlargement and embellishment of the premises, which have formed a prominent feature in the history of our college in recent years, still continues; and while we speak, the college building is enlarging to meet the pressing demand for increased accommodations for our students, whose number, ever growing, has this year.

PASSED THE TWO HUNDRED LIMIT.

The addition of a story to the infirmary building will place at the disposal of the seniors a number of much-coveted rooms, and by satisfactory results hasten the day it is hoped, when such accommodations will be furnished to the whole under graduate body.

The past year was a successful and pleasant one. Over the bright landscape of a sunny term, only one ominous cloud cast a shadow of gloom to dampen the

happiness of many a young life. I refer to the sad death of our comrade Francis A. Hayes, whom all loved and respected, whom Heaven had endowed with many and varied gifts of heart and mind, and who, it is our prayer, is now in the blessed possession of the heavenly diadem so richly deserved by his model life. Excepting this sad occurrence, the year was a pleasant one. In the way of sports, we have been well provided for, but it is regrettable that with our splendidly equipped gymnasium so little interest is taken in indoor athletics. This should be remedied and the only effective remedy, apparently, is compulsory attendance. Out-door work has been more encouraging. Baseball has had an unusually successful year; the enthusiasm for the game was felt by all, from the awkward lad to the well-matured gentleman whose ardor wars with his dignity. The games of the season have been many and interesting, and with two exceptions have been attended with victory for our nines. By a great effort football was fairly well established last autumn, but though we had abundance of good material, the support given the game was hardly encouraging; still we trust that it will be taken up with more zeal next season, and will win the popularity it enjoys in so many of our sister institutions. Whatever may be thought of our standing in the realm of sports, it is our belief that the fullest advantage is not taken of our opportunities, that much more could be done, and done with great benefit to both the students and to the college.

The different societies have had a more or less prosperous year. St. Patrick's Academy was, owing to peculiar circumstances, unusually late in organizing, but still did very good work; while St. John the Baptist's society was never more flourishing. The fortnightly entertainments given conjointly by these societies afforded a pleasant relief to the background of routine life. Another society was added to the number, the Seniors' Bi-lingual Debating Society, which promises to develop into the most beneficial literary club in the institution. Great stress is laid on the importance of acquiring proficiency in both languages, and the willingness and earnestness with which this line of action has been prosecuted are matters for congratulation to the authorities, while the success of the public debates given by the students amply testifies to the good results of the system.

In the matter of studies we are steadily progressing—are gradually adopting new theories and employing more modern practices. One very popular change, which came into full force this year, is that whereby the baccalaureate is awarded on the results of examinations held throughout the course, thus dispensing with the excessive number of finals and affording, at the same time, a more agreeable and more accurate gauge of the merits of the candidate. Another departure which cannot be too highly recommended for the entertainment and instruction it affords the students, is the delivery this year of a series of lectures by gentlemen prominent in public and professional life. The apparatus procured last year to conduct experimental laboratory work was fully appreciated by the science class; but much yet remains to be done before our laboratory will be complete, or our scientific wants fully satisfied.

These advances are all in the right direction, and St. Joseph's acts the part of wisdom when she endeavors, still more than she has in the past, to keep thoroughly abreast of the educational needs of our country's youth. The educational tendency of our day is, perhaps too exclusively, toward the practical, the useful. Many universities have not only expunged from the baccalaureate programme whatever is extraneous to temporal utility, but have neglected to include the moral and spiritual education of man. In view of this, it is reassuring to know that the best thinking men of all classes are agreed in acknowledging the necessity of religion as an element in any educational system that approaches the ideal. Such a system is that adopted here. Based on the broad underlying principles of christianity, it tends to round out all the parts of man in harmonious symmetry, and so to prepare him in the general way for the later professional superstructure. This well-founded system is the source of the Pierian spring from which we have drunk. If we are not strengthened by the draught; if we are not now better able to meet the difficulties on life's journey, ours is the loss—ours to endure, ours to deplore. We think, however, that we have been guilty of no willful neglect of golden opportunities. We have realized, in some degree at least, that the great object of collegiate education is to instill those principles on which are founded just-concepts of life and its possibilities, is to enable us to marshal our forces and feel the pulse of Time, and so to learn how and when to act.

I cannot close without making some reference to the inspirations of the present moment. At the very close of this greatest century when the eyes of the world are intent upon the marvellous

progress of man, and when every breast is filled with admiration, what do we behold? We behold a glorious array of wonders the magnificence of which excites enthusiasm even in the coldest hearts. Where is the man, who can gaze upon this glorious panorama of events occurring; who can contemplate the great mass of human intelligence and activity, as it rolls round the world carrying civilization and progress to the depths of savage wilds or oriental indolence; who can witness the marvels wrought in the realm of applied science, whereby man commands the elements and yokes the forces of nature; where is the man, I ask, who can contemplate all this without feeling his heart beat high in sympathy? or in his soul rise on the wings of inspiration? If such a man exist, and, especially, if he is a young man, and a college-bred man, be assured that for him the fires of ambition and lofty sentiment burn low; for him no prospect ever glows; dumb in his sense of appreciation, he lacks the greatest gift which it is the kindness of Providence to bestow, or the glory of man to enjoy. Moreover, as if the fates had not with sufficient liberality already strewn our way with incentives to noble action, we have another picture which appeals deeply to all British subjects and peculiarly Canadians. What are we to say of that great struggle now closing on African soil? and to the prominent part played by our fellow Canadians, whose valor is the glory of Canada and her opportunity? What, of that burst of loyalty which showed a wondering world that the myriad hearts of this colonial empire pulse in rhythmic unison to the sentiments of old England? We are proud of the part our countrymen acted, and feel sure that it will awaken in us a realization to our possibilities. When the great black war cloud shall have lifted its awful form from the darkened land, and the last echoes of strife and animosity shall have died away in the distance of time, we hope that all Canadians will point to that arena as that in which were buried all local differences, and from which sprang up a healthy growth of national unity and sentiment to be the guiding principles of Canadians for all time to come.

But I have said enough. To-day the curtain falls upon the last scene of the five-act drama of college life. We pause one moment on the brink of separation to take a brief yet heartfelt farewell of a kind and honored Superior, of a devoted faculty, and of all companions with whom we have long interchanged affection's trophies. Farewell all; and may the Fates be kind to you, and to old St. Joseph.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:

Honor premium—Books, presented by Rev. M. LeBlanc, St. Martin, Que., awarded to Geo. O'Donnell, Debec.

Landry prize—Books, presented by Judge Landry for excellence in Latin, French and English; Edgar J. Paradis, Montreal; honorable mention, Joseph Delagarde, St. Isidore, N. B.

Oratory—Books, presented by Rev. A. Roy, C. S. C., for two best discourses—in French and English—given before the public, awarded to Maximilian D. Cormier, Barachois, N. B.; honorable mention, Henry P. LeBlanc, Moncton.

Special philosophy premium—The Stonyhurst Series of Catholic Philosophy, presented by Rev. L. de G. LeBlanc, Cape Bald, N. B., awarded for excellence in intellectual and moral philosophy to John H. Kelly, New Carlisle, Que.; honorable mention, A. K. Dysart and A. T. LeBlanc.

Reilly premium—Books, presented by E. A. Reilly, Moncton, awarded for the highest average in mathematics to F. Daigle, St. Louis, N. B.; honorable mention, Philip Hebert, Dupuis Corner, N. B.

Plain-Chant—Special, prize given by Archbishop Begin, Que., for excellence in plain-chant, awarded to Benoit Poirier, Chelsea, Mass.

Special premium presented by Robert J. Dysart, Boston, for proficiency in commercial law and commercial correspondence, awarded to Thomas McManus, Bathurst; honorable mention, Wm. Brophy, St. John.

Religious instruction—Special prize, presented by Very Rev. G. Francois, C. S. C., superior general, awarded to F. Daigle, St. Louis, N. B., and John D. Lyons, Waltham, Mass.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE

George Gaetz Reeve has received the Liberal nomination for North Perth, Ont., for the house of commons.

HARCOURT NOTES.

(Too late for last issue.)

JUNE 28.—Mr. J. W. Morton has quite recovered from his recent illness and has returned to Kent Junction to resume his duties as station master.

Mrs. Vanbuskirk has returned after a pleasant visit to friends in Moncton.

Rev. Mr. Freeburn and W. B. Thurber are spending this week at Tweedie's Brook. We wish them every success.

Mrs. Saulnier is recovering from her very serious illness, much to the delight of her friends.

Mr. Clarence Wry, merchant of this place, and family, have been suffering from la grippe, which is so prevalent in this country at present.

Mrs. Henry Wathen has returned from Campbellton, where she was visiting her son, Mr. Harry Wathen of the I. C. R.

Mrs. David Buckley and family, are at present visiting Mrs. Buckley's mother, Mrs. Mary Wellwood.

The Rev. Mr. Wightman, Mrs. Wightman and son Carman, are in town visiting friends.

Mrs. Wilson and daughter Eva, who were the guests of Mrs. J. P. Caie, of St. John, N. B., for some time, have returned and are again occupying their pretty cottage. They were given a hearty welcome by their numerous friends.

J. J. Murray, of West Branch, and Miss McNair, teacher at Kent Junction, are the guests of Mrs. Jas. W. Morton.

Mr. Stephen Dunn of the Post Office Department, is absent from town. Miss Jessie Duan has charge of the post office in his absence.

Miss Katie Stevenson has returned from Bathurst, where she was visiting Mrs. Curran.

Dr. and Mrs. Keith left by the Maritime Express this morning for an extended tour. We wish our good Dr. and his estimable lady a pleasant trip.

Miss Lizzie Morton, of Halifax Ladies' College, and Master C. Tupper Morton, of Rothesay College for Boys, have returned home and will spend the summer holidays with their parents. At the closing of Rothesay College, Master Tupper was one of the prize winners.

Mr. Jas. McKee, of the I. C. R. freight department Campbellton, arrived by the Maritime Express this morning.

Mr. I. B. Humphrey is taking a few days vacation. Mr. J. R. F. McMichael is in charge of the station in his absence.

Mrs. R. J. Morton, of Acadieville, is in town visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinnon's friends were pleased to see them in town Saturday.

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