Address from the Minims to Very Rev. Father General.

I.

St. Edward's golden Feast once more is here—
The happiest day of the scholastic year!
And we, your loyal "Princes," one and all,
Gather to greet you in this festive hall.
We come to pay our homage last, not least,
And wish you, Father, a most happy Feast!

II.

Hearts full of deep affection guide our feet,
As round your form in reverent love we meet;
And much we doubt, if, in the cycles blest,
That have revolved since first you hailed the West,
If dear St. Edward's Feast-day ever brought
More cause for joy than Eighty-five has wrought.

III.

We turn our vision back to Forty-two—
Not one St. Edward's Feast appears to view—
So bright with pure, unmingled happiness,
Among them all, our Father dear, as this;
Not one shows cause so marvellous, so clear,
For deep congratulation as this year.

Good wishes, flowing in on every hand,
Prove how the fountains of your joys expand—
Show how the promise of the golden past
Has met the measure of your prayer at last.

Never before, with earnestness more true,
Could we proclaim a happy Feast to you!

October, loved October, sweetly brings
Fond memories up, and round our pathway flings
The roseate beauty of sweet days that rest
Like isles of Paradise in each true breast;
And kindly accents, voices rich and dear,
Silent, alas! so long, fall on the ear.

And gentle faces come, the pure, the brave,
As if they knew not blight, knew not the grave;
Here they unite with us in chastened mirth,
While lovingly we bless their fadless worth,
Bless their devotedness, though, chill and cold.
The envious earth their forms beloved enfold.

The magic influence, the auspicious art,
Dear Father, of your world-embracing heart
Is felt anew, afar. "Tis this impels
Grace of vocation" from unnumbered wells.
And to dear Holy Cross each member draws,
To make their own your will, your holy cause!

VIII.

Love for you, Father, we were justly told,
Is to your children a rich clasp of gold
That binds their hearts (a strong, unerring link)
To your great heart in one unbroken chain,
And makes them one, devoted to one aim—
The growth, the usefulness of Notre Dame!

IX.

The ardent love for God that kept you warm
In Forty-two, amid the fierce, wintry storm;
Amid the desolation of the place,
The countless dangers of a savage race,
Still burns as warm, as fresh, as pure, as bright
As when the twin-lakes met at first your sight.

X.

That fire of Grace Divine, in very truth,
Kindles within your breast perennial youth,
Drawing all hearts by gentle, winning sway,
Which they, who feel once, feel but to obey;
Makes those who know you tenderly revere
As one who brings celestial treasures near.

XI.

We, as your youngest children, dearest ones—
"Princes" of great St. Edward, loyal sons—
Feel deeply honored when your praises rise
From acclamations of the good, the wise;
"One of a million"—no, it is not puerile
To make their singular emphatic plural,
And say no one now living on the earth
Seems to our hearts possessed of greater worth;
No other one, with such undaunted power,
Would seize and hold the occasions of the hour;
None turn to use, with such unerring glance,
The opportunities of circumstance.

XII.

Our Blessed Lady from the first hath known
You, our dear, royal Father, as her own.
'Twas she who brought you o'er the sea to do
The wondrous work her Son apportioned you—
A work too great for man to comprehend
Its source, its current, and its glorious end.

XIII.

The noble stamp, of your devotedness
Has left on all things here its deep impress:
Church, altar, University and Dome—
Speak of a saintly soul, in art, at home;
Yet, more than all, your Priests, your Brothers tell,
Of your far grander work performed so well.
A legend beautiful, of golden fame,
Is told of primal days at Notre Dame:
In your first College edifice on high,
Near as it could be to the o'er-arching sky,
twenty-four thousand miles,—considerably more than twice the combined lengths of the Atlantic, some fourteen hundred from north to south. Our American continent—Mounts Fairweather and archipelagoes it has a shore line of upwards of six thousand miles in a direct line from east to west, and measures some fourteen hundred from north to south. Owing to the numerous islands embraced by its large archipelagoes it has a shore line of upwards of twenty-four thousand miles,—considerably more than twice the combined lengths of the Atlantic and Pacific shore-lines of the United States. It has, too, within its boundaries the highest mountains, and, probably, the largest river on the North American continent. Mounts Fairweather and Crillon have an altitude of nearly sixteen thousand feet, whilst the colossus of the North—Mount St. Elias—towers up to a height of nearly twenty thousand feet, some thousands of feet above the grand peaks and volcanoes of Mexico—Orizaba and Popocatepetl. The great river Yukon has a length of over two thousand miles, and is navigable for fully three-fourths of that distance. For the last few hundred miles toward the mouth it is often several miles in breadth, and where it pours its waters into the ocean it widens out to such an extent that one is reminded of the mighty embouchures of the Amazon or Orinoco.

The people of Indiana consider themselves as living in the western part of the country, and yet they are over two thousand miles east of the central line of demarcation—running north and south,—of Uncle Sam's vast possessions. The island of Attu, the westernmost land of Alaska, is as far west of San Francisco as is the easternmost point of Maine east of the City of the Golden Gate. Taken longitudinally, then, San Francisco would be the central city of the United States, whereas it is now regarded as belonging to the extreme West.

According to the treaty, the southern boundary of Alaska is in latitude 54° 40', which should have been the northern boundary of our Pacific coast line, instead of 49° as it now is. Had it not been for the stupid treaty made in 1846 by President Polk and his secretary, James Buchanan, who allowed Great Britain to take the intervening 5° 40', we should now have an uninterrupted coast line from the Arctic ocean to the southern boundary of California. As it is, Great Britain controls some of the best ports on the Pacific coast, and threatens, on the completion of the Canadian Pacific railroad, to monopolize a great portion of the through trade between China and Japan and Europe. She will then have the shortest and most direct line, and will be able to make the transit between points in Asia and Europe in several days' less time than any of her competitors. We are now beginning to see that the patriots of '46, who insisted on our northern boundary being "54° 40', or fight," are the ones whose judgment should have been followed. As it is now, we are obliged, in going from the United States to Alaska, to pass through British waters—unless we choose the deep, and often rough, waters of the Pacific—and can do that only by permission of British authority. Secretary Seward felt these drawbacks particularly at the time of the Alaska purchase, and realized them fully on the occasion of his visit to this country, some years later. But the matter is settled now, and we are forced to make the best of a bad case.

I do not mean to say, however, that the purchase of Alaska was a bad bargain. On the contrary, as the years roll by we are beginning to learn the resources of the country, and to feel that in the purchase of Alaska the United States has added a vast, and, we may say, a rich empire to her already extensive possessions. On the occasion of a public dinner given him after his retirement from public life, Mr. Seward was asked what he considered the most important act of his official life. He hesitatingly answered: "The purchase of Alaska;" and, after a moment's pause, he added, "but it may take two generations before the purchase is appreciated."
Russian America was looked upon as an Arctic waste, a fit habitat, it might be, for Esquimaux and their dogs and seals and polar bears, but utterly useless to civilized beings. It was regarded as a land where the thermometer was constantly below zero, and were the nights lasted for weeks and months. Country editors said, in their wisdom, that Mr. Seward had bought an immense ice-floe, and suggested that he name it "Polaria," as best expressing the character of the newly-acquired territory. Even in our own day there are many who entertain similar ideas regarding Alaska, and look upon its purchase as a foolish and extravagant expenditure of the nation's money.

It is indeed surprising that so little should be known about a country which we have had in our possession for the last eighteen years, and which has attracted more or less attention ever since the time of Russia's great ruler, Peter the Great, who added Russian America to his then wonderfully organized and immense empire.

Many are the myths and marvels connected, directly or indirectly, with the history of the discovery of this northern land. After the straits of Magellan were discovered by the intrepid navigator whose name they bear, and taken possession of by the Spaniards in whose service the illustrious Portuguese seaman was engaged, the united efforts of rival nations were directed towards finding a passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the northern part of the continent of North America.

For two centuries English and Portuguese navigators were sent in search of the "Northwest Passage," which, it was considered certain, really existed. Spain, too, who then controlled the commerce of the Pacific, and who wished to retain her hold on her rich sources of revenue, sent out expeditions in search of the much-coveted passage, and many are the stories that have been told about the adventurers of bold mariners, who claimed that they really made the discovery of a channel leading from ocean to ocean—a channel to which they gave the name of "Straits of Anian."

Cortereal, a Portuguese navigator, sent out in 1500, claimed to have passed through the "Straits of Anian" by entering through Hudson Bay. In 1588 Maldonado, another Portuguese mariner, reasserted the existence of the passage referred to, and said that he had reached it by passing through the straits of Labrador. Four years later the celebrated Greek mariner, Juan de Fuca, in the service of Spain, was sent out by the viceroy of Mexico and pretended to have entered the "Straits of Anian" from the west by entering the passage that now bears his name, and by going northward through what is now known as the "Straits of Georgia." In 1778, however, the great Captain Cook was sent out to the North Pacific coast and showed that the pretended discoveries of the navigators just mentioned had no existence outside of their imaginations, and that the so-called "Northwest passage" as described by them was a myth. Subsequent navigators who have made numerous and thorough surveys of these regions have verified Captain Cook's observations, and the once much-talked-of Northern passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific is now known in history only as the "Fabulous Straits of Anian."
True, little of positive knowledge regarding what is now known as Alaska was gained by the earlier navigators above mentioned, but they were instrumental in directing attention to this portion of the world. Nothing important in the way of discovery was accomplished until later. Peter the Great had in mind the exploration of the country, but died before he could carry out his plans. His wife, however, the Empress Catherine, took up the work, and it was continued by her successors, Anne and Elizabeth. In 1728 the illustrious Dane, Vitus Behring, was dispatched on an expedition of discovery, and first passed through the straits named after him and travelled much of the ocean between Northern Asia and what is now known as Alaska. He visited many of the islands of the Aleutian chain, and after many hardships was shipwrecked on a small island, where he, with most of his crew, died of starvation and disease. This small island, that served as a resting-place for his remains, has been named in his honor, as has also the sea he explored so well.

In 1788 Gerassim Pribyloff, a Russian navigator, discovered the Seal Islands, the two largest of which—he named them all small—have been named St. Paul and St. George. They at once became the centre of a rich fur trade, and tens of thousands of seal skins were annually taken to China and overland, through Siberia, to Russia.

Strange to say, at the time of the cession of Alaska, no account was taken of these islands, although they have since proven to be the most lucrative portion of the purchase. The Seal Islands at best are only rocky patches in the ocean, and their combined areas would not be much more than that of a couple of average-sized counties in Indiana. St. Paul is 6x13 miles, and St. George only 6x10 in extent. And yet, since 1870, when these rocky islets were leased to the Alaska Commercial Company, the Government has realized on St. Paul and St. George alone over two-thirds of the whole amount paid for the entire territory of Alaska. The company has already paid into the United States' treasury over $5,000,000, and the Government has secured an interest of more than 5 per cent. on its full investment.

The islands are leased to the Alaska Commercial Company for a period of twenty years—from 1870 to 1890—at an annual rental of $55,000. Besides this, the company pays the Government $2,625 for each of the 100,000 seal skins it is permitted to take each year. This gives a revenue of over $300,000 annually—a revenue that is likely to be much increased at the expiration of the present lease. And as the number of seals does not seem to decrease, notwithstanding the number that is annually killed, we may look upon the Seal Islands as the source of a permanent industry, and as capable of supplying the markets of the world with seal skin sacques for an indefinite time to come. The only possibility, seemingly, of the seal industry ceasing to be profitable is the chance that seal skin sacques may go out of fashion. In the event of such a change our fur traders will, of course, lay the blame on fickle woman.

In speaking of the Seal Islands I would say, incidentally, a word about the habitat of seals. Many persons are under the impression that they are found everywhere in Alaskan or Arctic waters; but nothing could be farther from the truth. We have, for instance, seen in some of our illustrated papers pictures of seal-fishing and walrus-hunting amid icebergs in the bay of Sitka. But the fact is, one may travel up and down the coast of Alaska a dozen times without observing a single seal, while he may watch in vain for one in Sitka bay for months. A walrus may not be seen in years. By far the greatest proportion of all the seals in the world are found at the foggy islands of St. Paul and St. George, where the animals assemble in millions during a few weeks in summer, where the number allowed by law are taken, and their skins shipped to San Francisco, and thence to London to be prepared for the market. But these islands are far from the mainland of Alaska. St. Paul is 1,491 miles west of Sitka and full 2,600 miles north of San Francisco.

It may interest some of your readers to know that Senator Miller, of California—the President of the Alaska Commercial Company, and the one to first call attention to the resources of Alaska—was formerly a student of Notre Dame. I had the pleasure of meeting him this summer, as he, with his family, were among the passengers on board our steamer, and he had many questions to ask regarding old friends still living at his Alma Mater. He has promised to stop off to see them on his way to Washington this fall.

Besides its seals, Alaska has many other fur-bearing animals. Among these may be mentioned the fox of several species, among them the beautiful and the much-prized silver fox, the beaver, squirrel, wolf, bear, marten, ermine, and the animal that furnishes the most valuable of furs, the otter. These are found in great numbers, and add considerably to the general industries of the country. From an early date the Hudson Bay Company recognized the value of Alaska as a land abounding in fur-bearing animals and had numerous trading posts established throughout the territory, many of which it still retains.

But the resources of Alaska are not limited to the fur-bearing animals, of which I have been speaking. These constitute an important factor, if you will, but there are others that promise to be equally valuable, if they are not already so. Among these may be mentioned its fish, that abound to an extent that would be incredible to one who has not visited the country; its extensive forests of valuable timber, and its rich and unlimited mineral lodes.

For its fisheries Alaska has become famous already, although it is only a few years since they were established. Alaska salmon has a preference in the markets, especially those of the Pacific coast, and are rapidly becoming known in the markets of the East. Columbia river salmon have long retained an acknowledged superiority; but Alaska salmon, of which there are several species, are far better. From Dixon's entrance at the
southern boundary of Alaska to the mouth of the Chilcat river—in latitude 60°—one will find large canneries where thousands of barrels of salmon are put up annually. And the number of these beautiful fish taken at one haul of the seine—and they use large nets here—almost passes belief. At one of the large canneries that I have recently visited the average haul for the season has been 1,700 salmon, averaging seven and eight pounds in weight. On one occasion the seine brought in 4,000. This may sound like a fish story to your readers, but there can be no such thing as a fish story in Alaska. Here, fact is stranger than fiction in matters piscatorial. The waters at this season of the year are actually alive with fish, as they move in large schools through the narrower channels, a canoe scarcely finding room for passage.

Besides salmon, various other kinds of valuable fish are found in great abundance. Cod, herring, halibut, trout, etc., are met with in all the waters along the coast. At Killisnoo, where we stopped yesterday, and where there is a large cannery, herring are caught for making oil and guano. Here the number taken at one haul of the net is much greater than in the case of fishing for salmon. I think one could safely say that there is in Alaskan waters alone sufficient fish of the best kinds to supply the markets of the world for centuries to come.

Then, too, the large and unexplored forests of Alaska promise to become eventually a rich source of revenue. Hon. Wm. H. Seward, after his visit to the country, declared that “the north Pacific coast will become a common shipyard for the American continent, and speedily for the whole world.” Although the great statesman may have been over sanguine in his views on this matter, it is evident to even the casual observer that he did not express himself as quoted without reason. On every side, from Victoria to Chilcat and Sitka, one sees immense forests of spruce, fir, larch, cypress, hemlock and that most valuable of woods, yellow cedar. And we doubt not that soon the lumber interest will here receive its due share of attention. The forests of Michigan, Wisconsin and the Puget Sound region are rapidly disappearing before the woodman’s axe, and it is only a question of time until we shall have to look elsewhere for timber lands; and then, if not before, the value of Alaska as a lumber district will be fully appreciated.

But just at present the mines of the country, especially the gold mines, are attracting more attention than anything else. For several years past, placer mining along the Stikine river, and about Juneau and Sitka, has been quite profitable to the few engaged in it. Within the last year or so, however, special interest has been excited in developing the rich quartz lodes that occur in the neighborhood of Sitka, but more especially in those of Douglas Island near Juneau. Here I found, to my great surprise, what is said to be one of the largest quartz mills in the world. This will, I know, be news to most of your readers, as it was a revelation to me. The Treadwell mine, which has been quietly worked for some two or three years, now runs day and night 130 stamps and forty-eight concentrators. The amount of ore crushed daily runs up to 360 tons. The quartz crushed assays from $8 to $20 per ton, and the sulphures obtained from concentrators will give from $50 to $150. The ledge, which crops out from the surface, is over 400 feet in width, and of unexplored depth and length. A horizontal tunnel has been run into the side of the hill where the ledge occurs to a distance of 430 feet, and a vertical shaft has been sunk to meet this tunnel. These show ore in sight sufficient to last the mill, now running, for years to come. The ore is low grade, it is true, but it...
is milled so cheaply that it pays handsome dividends to the fortunate stockholders of the mine. The machinery is all run by water power, obtained from the mountain streams near by, and it is estimated that the milling does not cost more than $1 or $1.50 per ton. Only eight men are engaged in the mill proper, and I was told that six would be sufficient to do the work. Besides the stamps and concentrators there are large revolving cylinders in an adjacent building for roasting the sulphures and numerous large chlorination vats for eliminating the gold from the ore after it is roasted. In another building hard by are two or three large retorts, where the gold is separated from the mercury, after which it is melted and cast into bars or bricks. The steamer which sails to-morrow carries to San Francisco upwards of $100,000 in gold bricks, as the result of the past month's "cleaning up." Stock in the mine has never been put on the market and cannot be had except by paying many times its face value. The owners, a few California capitalists, say they have "a good thing and are going to hold on to it."

The claims adjoining the Treadwell mine are said to be equally valuable, and are only awaiting the advent of capital to develop them. From present indications this prosperous mining camp bids fair to become another Leadville—or, rather, another Virginia City—and that, too, at no distant day. The amount of ore known to exist here appears to be practically unlimited, and from my own observations I should judge that it can be worked as cheaply here—if not more cheaply—as it can be in any other mine I have ever visited.

For some years past the Yukon region has received considerable attention from prospectors; and from discoveries already made, there is reason to believe that several mines of more than ordinary value have been located. The Yukon mines, however, will always suffer the disadvantage of a severe winter climate, which does not affect those along the coast from Sitka southwards.

Besides gold, ores of nearly all the other metals are found in greater or less quantities in almost every part of the territory. Coal, too, occurs, but as yet little has been done towards developing anything but the gold mines, which here have always received, and now receive, the greatest attention.

But what, it may be asked, about the climate of Alaska? The development, on a large scale, of some of the industries spoken of, especially mining, will largely depend on the climate.

This question cannot be answered in a word, any more than a similar question regarding the United States. From the great extent of Alaska one should naturally expect to find a varied climate, especially when one considers that so much of it is surrounded by water. It goes without saying that all, or nearly all, of the northern portion, has a climate of Arctic severity, especially in the winter time. But this is far from true of the southwestern portion, particularly the part bounded by the border of the United States. It may surprise many to learn that the winter climate of Sitka and the neighboring coast, for instance, is much milder than that of Notre Dame and the surrounding country, having the same mean temperature as Notre Dame. During the fifty years that records were kept by the Russians, the thermometer at Sitka was observed below zero only four times, and then only for a short time. Last winter, for instance, it was extremely mild, although it was so frightfully cold everywhere in the States. The greatest snow-fall here last winter was only two inches, and then snow lay on the ground only a few hours. Cattle remained out doors all winter without suffering any inconvenience. Ice scarcely ever forms on the water here, and rarely attains a thickness of more than one inch. Skating and sleigh-riding are luxuries practically unknown. At the Treadwell mine, already spoken of—which is about a hundred and eighty miles northeast of here,—it was not found necessary to shut down the mill more than two or three days last winter. Even then it was done simply as a precautionary measure, as the mill might have continued in operation, because the water in the pipes and reservoirs did not freeze as was apprehended. This, for a mill that is run by water-power entirely, and for this high latitude, is, to say the least, remarkable; but it only goes to show that the miner here does not labor under such great disadvantages in winter as is popularly supposed. True, the mean annual temperature here would be considered comparatively low at Notre Dame. But then it is very uniform, never very warm or very cold. In 1883 the mean summer temperature, according to the records kept by the signal service bureau stationed here, was 53°. The mean temperature for the winter of the same year was 34°. At this season of the year the weather during the day is somewhat like it is in the Middle States in spring or autumn. In the evening it is much cooler, and one then finds a heavy coat or wrap quite comfortable. It will cease to be a matter of surprise that there is here such a mild and agreeable climate, when it is remembered that the whole western coast of Alaska is washed by a warm ocean current, similar to the Gulf stream of the Atlantic, which so tempers the climate of Great Britain and Scandinavia. Here the moderating agent is known as the Kuro Siwo, or Japan current, and its influence is felt way up beyond "Behring's Straits." Paradoxical as it may appear, the nights of Sitka are no cooler at this season of the year than they are now in the city of Mexico, 40° farther south. It was my good fortune to spend some time there just a year ago, and I found that a heavy overcoat after sunset was not at all uncomfortable. But an altitude of over seven thousand feet accomplishes for the temperature of the city of Mexico what high latitude, tempered by warm ocean currents, effects for that of Sitka.

From what I have said regarding the mean temperature of Sitka—and the same holds good for the coast region to the southeast—it can readily be inferred that Alaska will never amount to much for grazing or agricultural purposes. True, in some parts grasses grow well and attain a height of several feet. Various kinds of vegetables are also successfully cultivated here and there, but only
in small quantities. Potatoes seem to thrive, as
evined in many gardens in and about Sitka; but
as to Indian corn, and the various cereals, their
cultivation appears to be out of the question.

The annual rainfall in Sitka and all along the
southeast coast is something extraordinary to any
one but a "Web-foot." The rainfall in Sitka in
1843 amounted to eighty-one inches.

And the way it rains here! The ease and self-
complacency with which it comes on and falls, and
continues to fall, day after day, and week after
week—a result acquired by constant practice I sup­­­ose—without hurry, without sputter, without wind
or storm, is something that must be witnessed to be
appreciated. First comes a pure Scotch mist, then
a dense fog, then a light, gentle, drizzling rain,
that continues without any apparent effort until
one imagines that it is never going to cease. But
it does, at last, often only after a long time, and
then one is blest with a clear, light, bracing atmos­­­phere and a bright, serene sky that could scarcely
be found elsewhere in the wide world. Then one
forgets the fog and the rain, and thinks only of
enjoying the warmth and sunshine—and one does
enjoy it.

And here I am, at the end of a long letter, that
should have been closed ere this, without saying a
word about the many attractions that present them­­­­selves to the visitor to Alaska. But a volume
would not do them justice—there are so many,
new, interesting, matchless. From Victoria to
Sitka one can make a voyage that cannot be du­­plicated, I opine, in any other part of the world.
All along, the steamer moves on the calm, placid
waters of the numberless inland bays, channels,
sounds and narrows, that are linked together and
hidden away among the mountains that border the
mainland on the one side, and those that rise up
from the thousand and one islands, large or small,
on the other. During the entire trip one is exposed
to the swell of the sea only a few hours, and such
a thing as sea-sickness troubles the voyager as little
as if he were on terra firma. And then the magnifi­­cent and constantly changing panorama
that one has always before him! At one time the
beauties of the Scotch lakes, at another those of
Killarney, and Como, and Maggiore. Anon the
scene changes, and we have the glories of the Rhine,
and the Hudson, and the Columbia. Near by we
have beautifully -wooded islands that eclipse in num­­ber and loveliness the far-famed Thousand Isles of
the St. Lawrence, and the less known, but no
less beautiful, islands of Northern Lake Superior,
and in the distance snow-capped mountains that
rival anything to be seen in the Sierras or Swiss
Alps. Now and then we meet pretty little cas­­cades and lovely waterfalls, of greater or less
magnitude, that seem to complete the picture. But
this is not all. We have near us, and around us
on every side, glaciers of every size, type and for­­mation. They come down from the mountain’s
crest through rocky defiles and deep gorges—re­­minding one of Colorado’s grand canons—and break
off into the water only a few yards from the vessel,
with a thundering noise that resembles a discharge
of artillery, and form the thousands of icebergs
that are visible in the waters of the North. Here
we have glaciers, miles in width, at the water’s
edge, and hundreds of feet in perpendicular height,
and scores of miles in length. I have known
people to go to Switzerland only to see the Alps;
and yet in all Switzerland there is nothing seen
to be compared with the glaciers and snow-capped
peaks that are found here in all their splen­­dor and magnificence. The Mer de Glace, the
Grindelwald, the Aletsch—that “monarch of Euro­­pean ice-streams”—and the Zermatt, Jungfrau
and the Matterhorn pale into insignificance when
compared with the wonders of Glacier Bay and
the Fairweather Alps. Speaking of Muir Glacier,
which I had the pleasure of examining the other
day, a writer of the New York World lately ob­­served that “all the glaciers of Switzerland would
not equal this of Glacier Bay.” Lord Dufferin,
speaking of the scenery of British Columbia and
Alaska, said: “It is the most superb in the world!”
And another traveller, referring to the scenery I
have just been speaking of, writes: “This fairy­­land of moving extravaganzas of scenery was an
amalgamation of Swissland, Norway, the St.
Lawrence, with her rapids and islands, the picture­­que loveliness of Loch Katrine, added to arctic
wonders of a high altitude of 60°.” Prof. Muir,
the learned Pacific coast geologist, says of the
valley of the Stikine, which has its mouth near
Fort Wrangel, “That it is a Yosemite 100 miles
long.”

I have introduced these opinions of others lest
some of your readers might think my account of
the natural wonders of this country exaggerated.
But it would be difficult to exaggerate what one
can see simply from the deck of the steamer,
as she goes from Victoria to Sitka. No mere
description can do justice to the wonders every­­where visible, and that follow each other in rapid
succession in a kaleidoscopic manner that seems
almost magical. One must visit these scenes
to appreciate the splendor and magnitude of the
objects mentioned. This can now be done in a
short time, and at a comparatively slight expense.
Meeting the wants of tourists who are already be­­ginning to drift in this direction, the Pacific Coast
Company now runs a monthly steamer from Port­­land to Sitka, touching at all intervening points of
interest. The July steamer arrived here yesterday,
filled with tourists from all parts of the United
States, and they would, I am sure, all reiterate ev­­erything I have said about the wonderful scenery
they witnessed during the whole course of their
journey. The various Indian tribes, too, whose
peculiar little villages are scattered all along the
shore, the rich fauna and flora and the great abun­­dance of game of all kinds—which makes the
country a veritable paradise for sportsmen—com­­bined with the many beauties and wonders I have
already spoken of, will contribute to make Alaska
eventually what Lord Dufferin prophesied of this
northeast coast—”The favorite yachting grounds
of the world.”

The tourist from the East can easily so arrange
his journey to Alaska as to be constantly passing through the most marvellous scenery in the world. Starting from Chicago, for instance, let him take the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad—a road famed for its accommodations and luxuries of every kind—and go to St. Paul. Here he will connect with the great Trans-Continental route—the Northern Pacific—which will take him to New Tacoma on Puget Sound. On his way he will pass the Yellowstone Park—the acknowledged wonder-land of the world. Here he will see geysers, eclipsing the grandest that Iceland or New Zealand can boast of; waterfalls, rivalling those of Niagara and the Yosemite; and caverns, inferior, if at all, only to those of Colorado, and those made by the river of the same name farther south and west. From Chicago to Tacoma, by the roads named, one will always have the convenience of dining cars, the Northern Pacific being the only Trans-Continental road to afford its patrons such a luxury, and the most improved styles of chair and sleeping cars. From the car the traveller will see the beauties of Coeur d'Alene lake, and the world-renowned wonders of the Columbia River—the cascades and the Dalles. At Portland or Tacoma he takes the steamer in which he will spend about three weeks of general repose, free from the worry and turmoil of a busy world, and breathing an atmosphere that seems to possess all the invigorating properties attributed to the Elixir of Life of the alchemists of old. At the end of five or six weeks, having passed through a succession of fairy-lands and wonder-lands, one can be back in Chicago and ready to enter again, with renewed vigor, upon the duties of life.

J. A. Z.

Hope.

I.
I knelt beside her bedside
Throughout the long, long night;
She was but faintly breathing,
And her face was wan and white.
But still within my trusting soul
Sweet hope was rooted deep:
"Mother, you'll be well again,—
God's with you while you sleep."

II.
I knelt beside her grave-stone
Throughout the dreary day;
My heart was well-nigh breaking,
She being now away.
But still within my trusting soul
Sweet hope was rooted deep:
"Mother, we will meet again,—
God's with me while you sleep."

B. T. B.

"Hwntw" is the name applied to the inhabitants of the South of Wales by the men of the North. The northmen have a strong dislike for a "Hwntw," and can hardly understand his dialect.

Art, Music and Literature.

—A Beethoven music museum will shortly be opened at Vienna. Many offers of relics and souvenirs relating to the composer's life and works have been received, and it is expected that the collection will become worthy of the great master's name.

—The German papers record the death of the distinguished architect of that country, Herr Anton Widmann. He died of cholera at Granada, aged only twenty-nine years. He had just finished an elaborate history of Renaissance architecture in Tuscany, which is to be published.

—The French authorities are making great efforts to carry out their plan for forming a large collection of portraits of painters to be deposited in the Louvre—a new attempt to follow the example set long ago in the Florentine gallery, where more than five hundred portraits have gradually accumulated.

—A newly-discovered Stuart portrait of George Washington, apparently painted from life, has been sent to Washington by Colonel Robert Alexander Jenkins. It had been packed away in a garret in North Carolina for several years, perhaps since the commencement of the war, in order to conceal it from the Federal army.

—Robinson Crusoe will soon be commemorated by a fine bronze statue at his prototype's birthplace, the fishing village of Largo, in Fife. This village was the early home of Alexander Selkirk, who returned there from Juan Fernandez, bringing the relics of his solitary stay on that desolate island. His house, "Crusoe's Cottage," is now shown in the square near the sea, and some time ago still contained Selkirk's gun and sea-chest. The Crusoe statue is to be placed in a niche of the cottage.—Home Journal.

—Prof. Vambery has published "An Uzberg (Tartar) Epic" which treats the career of the famous Uzberg, warrior and conqueror of Central Asia in the beginning of the sixteenth century, who drove Baber out of the country north of the Oxus, and was the chief cause of the foundation of the Mogol Empire of India. The epic consists of 4,900 double verses, which the professor copied from the only existing MS., which is in the possession of the emperor of Austria. The text is accompanied by a translation and annotations, and is brought out at the professor's expense.—Athenaeum.

—A French savant, M. Garaud, has just published a book which professes to settle the vexed question of the pronunciation of Latin by the ancient Romans. He says: "The patois of Pamiers, in the department of Ariège, is nothing else than Latin exiled on the borders of the Ariège. It has been brought there with its original pronunciation and accentuation. Without the aid of any book, the ear has sufficed to preserve its first form and intonation after eighteen centuries' use. The most delicate inflections of the voice have been kept. Thanks to the instinct of harmony and the love of sonor-
ity, Latin pronunciation has been exactly transmitted to us.”

Scientific Notes.

—Vanadium, a white metal discovered in 1830, is worth $10,000 a pound.

—Nineteen kinds of metal are produced which are valued at more than $1,000 a pound.

—According to Prof. Tyndall’s investigations, the singularly blue color of the water of the Lake of Geneva is due to the presence of small mineral particles, probably derived from glacier dust, brought into the lake by drainage from glacier streams, and of such extreme minuteness as not to settle even when the water is allowed to stand for a long time.

—Many of the pretty anemones—the wind flower, the meadow anemone, the passe-fleur, and the wood anemone—were long since swept into the pharmacopœia under the name of pulsatilla. Now the sea anemone (Hedwards aurita) is found by some spectacled scientist to possess what he calls “medical properties,” and its beautiful head is to be ground up into a specific for the gout.—Sun.

—The white brick now made in France from the immense accumulations of waste sand at glass factories is likely to prove a valuable industry. The process of production consists in subjecting the sand to an immense hydraulic pressure and then baking in furnaces at a high temperature, so as to produce blocks of various forms and dimensions, of a uniform white color, and of almost pure silex. The product is unaffected by the heaviest frosts, or by the sun or rain.

—The suddenness of the appearance of the new star in Andromeda is not the only remarkable thing about this wonderful phenomenon. It has already faded to a faint speck, visible only with powerful telescopes, and while thus parting with its light it has exhibited very singular changes of brilliancy. Sometimes it has been seen to flare up with a sudden accession of light, like a fire that has found fresh fuel, and several experienced observers have seen it flickering in a manner that suggested still more closely a resemblance to actual flames. That the phenomenon was due to an outburst of heat affecting an enormous mass of matter can hardly be doubted, but the true story of this celestial conflagration may never be written.—Sun.

—It has been shown that the odoriferous molecule of musk is infinitesimally small. No power has yet been conceived to enable the human eye to see one of the atoms of musk, yet the organs of smell have the sensitiveness to detect them. Their smallness cannot even be imagined, and the same grain of musk undergoes absolutely no diminution in weight. A single drop of the oil of thyme, ground down with a piece of sugar and a little alcohol, will communicate its odor to 35 gallons of water. Haller kept for 40 years papers perfumed with one grain of ambergris. After this time the odor was strong as ever. Bordenave has evaluated a molecule of camphor sensible to the smell to 2,262,584,000th of a grain. Boyle has observed that one drachm of assafoetida exposed to the open air had lost in six days the eighth part of a grain, from which Keill concludes that in one minute it had lost 1-69,120th of a grain.

College Gossip.

—Cigarette smokers are hereafter to be expelled from the public schools of Newark, N. J.

—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, has presented Cornell University with a complete electric lighting plant.

—Frederick Billings has recently given a fine library building, worth $120,000, to the University of Vermont at Burlington.

—“Hazing will be stopped at Princeton,” says Dr. McCosh, “even if the whole college has to go.” It is a wholesome edict against well-dressed rowdism.

—The University of Berlin, says an exchange, is the largest and, perhaps, the best equipped in the world. It has upward of 5,000 students, 600 of whom are American, all graduates of our colleges or the German Gymnasia.

—The 500th anniversary of the University of Heidelberg will be celebrated during the second week of August next year. The buildings of the University, the Town House, and the Heiligengeist Church will be renovated for the occasion. A new festival hall, 360 feet long by 136 feet wide, and holding 5,000 persons, is also to be erected for the celebrations.

—The Roman correspondent of the Boston Pilot says that Mr. James S. Barron, of New York, who is not a Catholic, has presented the American College with $100 for the promotion of elocution in the College. This was given in acknowledgment of some small attentions paid to Mr. Barron by the Rector of the American College during the recent visit of the former to Rome.

—A teacher in a Catholic school in Manchester, “utilizes the playful instincts” of his pupils by adapting the game of hopscotch to the map of England, whereby, instead of hopping among mere arbitrary divisions, the youthful players are induced to hop “from one county to another,” till, gradually and insensibly, they hop themselves into a knowledge of the political geography of their country.

—The Russian Government is about to establish at St. Petersburg a Polyglot College, in which will be taught all the modern languages of any importance, and the tongues of all the nationalities—about seventy—under the Czar’s sceptre. The purpose of this college is to prepare trustworthy and thorough interpreters for the diplomatic, consular, and military service, the civil officers and missionaries who have to deal with the different nations found in Russia, and the mercantile agents who have to attend to the import and export trade.
Notre Dame, October 17, 1885.

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The Editors of the Scholastic will always be glad to receive information concerning former students and graduates of the University.

—Last Saturday morning, at ten minutes after 1, the soul of the great Cardinal Archbishop of New York passed peacefully away, after a long and useful earthly existence devoted to the service of his Creator. Cardinal McCloskey, at the time of his death, was in the seventy-fifth year of his age, fifty-one years of which were spent in the sacred priesthood—thirty-eight as Bishop, twenty as Archbishop, and ten as Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. His career was marked by a quiet, peaceful energy, which, without any outward display, bore such magnificent fruits as to give evidence of rare and grand qualities of mind and heart, and to crown with success each year of his life from his entrance into the sacred ministry, at the early age of twenty-four, until its close after an elevation to the highest dignity in the Church—next to the pontifical throne. Learned in sacred and secular science, wise and prudent in administration, kind and charitable in demeanor, he well deserved the high honors with which he had been invested, and he endeared himself to both clergy and people over whom he had been placed. Requiescat in pace.

—Father Edward Sorin, C. S. C., Superior-General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, who, at the patriarchal age of seventy-three years, still lives among us to see a portion of the fruit of his labors. He it was that, nearly half a century ago, after landing on these far Western shores from La Belle France—where he had left home and friends and ease to carry the Cross and spread the Gospel tidings of peace to men of good will—was mainly instrumental, not only in rearing the material edifices that now lift their heads in proud consciousness of their glory and grandeur and the number of youth who absorb learning and wisdom under their roof-trees, but who also gave that impulse which is yearly adding to the stability and prestige of the noble institutions established by him on the picturesque banks of St. Joseph's River.

We are not a poet, and cannot speak in mellifluous numbers of the zeal and labors of the young missionary priest and his devoted band of Brothers of the Holy Cross in the primitive wilds of Indiana during their many years of pioneer toil and privation, and the glorious monument they leave behind them. These will form a bright page in the history of the country. Friendless and penniless came those early pioneers, when Nature, "Suspending the smile her heart devotes to love, And Winter revelling with protracted power," would have discouraged men of ordinary stamp, they laid the first stones of the University that has since spread its fame far and wide, and become the pride of the State from which it never obtained a penny's worth of support.

The early days of privation are at an end, and we who behold the final consummation of Father Sorin's life-work naturally look up to his venerable figure with a feeling of love and admiration. The tall spires of Notre Dame rise proudly to the skies. The last stone has been laid in the Music Hall, the Science Hall, and the beautiful Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart—the Temple of the Most High, which grateful devotion is daily enriching beyond all the other buildings at Notre Dame. That priceless gem of literature, The Ave Maria—named in honor of the Queen of Heaven—Notre Dame—and for years edited by Father Sorin himself—has long gone forth on its weekly mission throughout America and Europe, exciting love in the hearts of thousands for the Virgin without spot or stain,—

"Our tainted nature's solitary boast,"—
who draws all hearts to the feet of her Divine Son, and of whom it has been said that who makes her known and honored shall possess eternal life. Here,
in the twin institutions above the twin lakes on the banks of the St. Joseph, hundreds of youth of both sexes annually throng the halls, and draw in wisdom and strength for the battle of life, beneath theegis and maternal care of the Queen of Heaven. Who, in that chill November of '43, could have dreamt of such vast results from so humble a beginning! But Heaven blessed the enterprise, and Father Sorin lives to see its success. May he be long spared to his devoted children and co-laborers!

THE EUGLOSSIANS.

In honor of the name-day of Very Rev. Father Sorin—when so many hearts in the world and in the cloister were breathing prayers for the continuance of a ministry which has already accomplished more for God, Our Lady, and the benefit of humanity than ordinarily falls to the lot of man, the students of Notre Dame assembled to pay their respects to their venerable founder; and this year of grace, 1885, witnessed preparations for one of the grandest celebrations of St. Edward's Day that Notre Dame had ever witnessed. On Monday, the eve of the festival, the students and a large number of visiting friends thronged the Music Hall. After an overture by the Band, addresses were read from the students of the various departments of the University—the Seniors being represented by Mr. D. C. Saviers, the Juniors by Mr. J. T. Cleary, and the Minims by Christopher Mooney. These young gentlemen are, respectively, from Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois—not a Hoosier among them—but the affair was a cosmopolitan and not a sectional one. We are pleased to notice the absence of sectional ideas in the various college departments.

A pleasing prelude to the address of the Minims, was presented by the appearance of Master Cecil Quinlan bearing a large bouquet of choice flowers, which he gracefully presented to Very Rev. Father General.

An "Act Maria," by Franz Abt, was splendidly sung by Messrs. Riley, Stephens, Kreutzer, Duffin, Padilla, and Bates, of the Senior department, after which came the dramatic performance usual on such occasions, for the entertainment of students and visiting friends. This time it was Sheridan's play of

"Pizarro," remodelled by Prof. Lyons, and presented by the Euglossian Oratorical and Dramatic Society. The cast of characters will be found in our local columns.

Whether the melo-dramatic tragedy of "Pizarro" was chosen for the sake of contrast on this occasion—and the line of contrast between Pizarro, the blood-thirsty invader, and Father Sorin, the minister of the Gospel of peace, could not be more strongly drawn—or for the exceptionally large number of leading and brilliant rôles to be personated, we cannot say; in either case it would be appropriate, for it seemed to suit exactly the personnel of the Euglossian Society. Judging from the result, a better cast of characters could hardly have been made. It is worthy of remark that although only five days had elapsed since the allotment of parts by Prof. Lyons—and not a class was missed by any of the members of the Association—everyone seemed to be well up in his rôle, and the play went on from beginning to end without a hitch or stumble. The part of Pizarro was taken by Mr. Frank H. Dexter in a very creditable manner. His make-up was in itself a piece of fine art. Bewigged and whiskered, the metamorphose was so complete that Mr. Dexter's most intimate friends could not have recognized him. The brilliant Spanish costume aided voice and manner in personating to the life the fiery and warlike Spanish adventurer. Of Rolla and Alonzo, personated by Mr. Charles A. Harris and Mr. Frank J. Hagenbarth, and Elviro, transposed by the modifier into a youthful friend and follower of Pizarro, and taken by Mr. C. Stubbs, we can only speak in terms of the highest praise. There is no need to mince matters here. All the foregoing parts, as well as the rôle of King Ataliba, played by Mr. C. Murdock, that of Las Casas, by Mr. D. Byrnes, the Old Blind Man, by Mr. Charles E. Finlay, and perhaps Valverde, Pizarro's Secretary, by Mr. Robert B. Goodfellow, are all leading and heavy characters, imposing a severe strain on the mental and physical energies of the personators; but they were taken almost to the life, with scarcely a flaw or misstep. This makes the minor shading of distinctions in a report very difficult, and impossible in a brief report of a long
We do not hesitate in saying that Mr. Austin is—maugré the inscription!—in lengthening the vista vored us with some fine cornet solos. Havinsf at eight o'clock a.m., Solemn High Mass was celebrated, and with so little about the leading characters we must let these and the rest be satisfied with the general satisfaction they have given.

The various scenic aids with which the brush of Prof. Ackerman has so finely enriched the Music Hall stage would materially help the setting of any play, but none better, we think, than “Pizarro,” into which Sheridan, after Kotzebue, has thrown a liveliness of fancy, amounting almost to extravagance, that opens a wide field for scenic effect. When first produced at Drury Lane Theatre in May, 1799, “Pizarro,” although brought out so late in the season, was received with an extraordinary degree of favor by the public, and was played for thirty-five nights almost consecutively. A contemporary critic said that its attractiveness was felt universally, from the king to the commoner, and that this good fortune was owing in no small degree to scenery and music. “But,” he adds, “all the pageantry in the world could not have wrought so powerfully on the senses if the piece had not possessed something intrinsically animating.” Whatever be its literary defects, “Pizarro” is, undoubtedly, a dramatic masterpiece. We cannot, therefore, feel too grateful to Prof. Lyons for his labor in remodelling this splendid play for male characters only, and, more than all else, for the judicious expurgation of whatever might be in the least liable to criticism from a moral point of view.

Prof. Ackerman’s artistic judgment and the magical effects of his brush were seen to excellent advantage in the fifth act, where Rulla, with Alonzo’s child in his arms, is seen in rapid flight ascending the zigzag windings of the mountain, with Pizarro and his soldiers in hot pursuit. The ancient Peruvian tower among the rocks in the middle foreground produced a fine optical illusion—maugré the inscription!—in lengthening the vistas of rocks as the fugitive flees behind it; and good acting and realistic scenery here combined in a true ensemble that brought forth a spontaneous burst of applause from the audience.

We cannot close our account of the play without a word of thanks to one of the guests of the evening, Mr. F. Austin, of Lyon & Healy’s, Chicago, who, in response to a request, so kindly favored us with some fine cornet solos. Having heard Levy and other cornetists of world-wide fame, we do not hesitate in saying that Mr. Austin is one of the greatest living masters of his instrument, and well deserved the hearty and unanimous encore that greeted each of his musical treats.

On Tuesday, the 13th, at eight o’clock a.m., Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the venerable Superior-General, assisted by Rev. President Walsh as Deacon and Rev. Father Tooyee as Subdeacon. The beautiful statue of St. Edward in the sanctuary was surrounded with rich floral offerings, and so brilliantly illuminated that it reminded one of the brightness and glory which must surround the throne of the glorious Confessor in his celestial abode. The magnificent voice of the venerated celebrant never came out in richer tones. He both delighted and astonished some visitors who had heard him for the first time. At half-past nine o’clock the members of the Faculty assembled in the parlors of the Presbytery, and through their spokesman, Prof. John G. Ewing, presented their congratulations to Very Rev. Father General. Prof. Ewing spoke substantially as follows:

“To-day the Church bids us come together and make glad that God had granted to the race that one should have lived who deserved well of God and his fellows. What did Edward the Confessor that we should be summoned yearly to honor and revere his memory? Well and truly did he fulfill the law—Let the Lord God with thy whole heart and thy whole soul and thy whole mind and thy whole strength, and thy neighbor as thyself.

“In the long years that followed Edward’s death the English people, when they felt the rule and rigor of unrighteous lawlessness of their sovereigns, that they give unto the king of the laws of the good King Edward. By the wise and just compilation of his nation’s laws and customs, he did a lasting good to his people, and for that men called him great and good. In his private and public life he confessed in his actions God and his faith, and therefore did Holy Mother Church cause him to be elevated to her altars for the veneration and acclamation of her children and the world.

“To-day we have met together as teachers to give you their greetings. Accept from us your congratulations and good wishes, and our expressions of respect for your deeds and your character. Since, like your model, you have striven to follow, and have followed, the law; men revere and revere you, and offer you to-day their testimony as to your good deeds and worth.

“The good love not to hear their praises sounded among their fellow-men. I will not speak of the many zealous ministers of God whom you have sent out to bring to the sorrowful and heavy-laden the promise and cure that will wipe their tears and heal their wounds,—nor of the devoted men whom, in holy Brotherhood, you have bestowed and sent forth to labor in the fields of Science and Religion. I will speak solely of the great deed you have wrought and the mighty good you have done by the erection in this land of ours of this our University to be a never-failing source of Religion and Science; for in all after-days you will be known as the Founder of Notre Dame. If he that instructeth one soul to righteousness shall shine forever in God’s presence, how much more he who shall have led hundreds in the way of truth! They that have gone out from these halls to fulfill their life-work—of which number are many of us—shall in all after-time bear witness to the good impulse and tendency of the devoted men whom, in holy Brotherhood, you have given us, and to offer to you our congratulations and good wishes, and our expressions of respect for your deeds and your character. Since, like your model, you have striven to follow, and have followed, the law; men revere and reverence you, and offer you to-day their testimony as to your good deeds and worth.

“Of your private and inner life I shall not speak. It is rounded out in its perfection, and stands as a model and example to all.

“If he that hath done good and great things for the race deserves well of his fellow-men and secures their applause; if he that hath done all things, even unto the little ones, in conformity with law, should secure the esteem and regard of mankind, then are we rightly gathered here to-day to offer to you our good wishes and our expressions of esteem of your private virtues and your great deed of good.

“Chosen as I have been by the Faculty of the University, as your spokesman, I, your youngest member, tender you their greetings. Accept from us our expressions of re-
venerable Superior-General presided. The room was spread in the Senior dining-room at which the captain and stroke; Francis H. Dexter, coxswain. Hamlyn, No. 4; G. De Haven, No. 5; W. Cartier, buoy one quarter of a boat-length ahead, amid deafening applause.

There was a little uneasiness noticeable in the countenances of a few in each crew, but the "Reds" were very sanguine. McNulty, coxswain of the "Reds," swung his crew quickly into position at the starting buoy, and in a few seconds Dexter, of the "Blues," coolly followed. The long, spider-like boats were now abreast, and pointing towards the turning-buoys at the end of the lake; at the word "Go!" they both shot forward. After leaping ahead on the start, the "Blues" settled down to a long, sweeping stroke; while the "Reds" sprang into a tremendously fast stroke, which carried them soon ahead, and they maintained the lead to the turn.

In the dash for the turning-buoy a fierce struggle ensued. Both boats swung gracefully around, the "Reds" about two seconds in advance on the beginning of the turn, but both leaving their buoys together. The "Blues" made straight as an arrow for the winning buoy, and now their deliberate, steady stroke began to send their boat ahead. The "Reds" swung around from their buoy into their fast stroke, but in the first quarter began to lose. At the middle of the length they crawled to their fast stroke, but in the first quarter began to lose. At the middle of the length they crawled forward. After leaping ahead on the start, the "Blues" settled down to a long, sweeping stroke; while the "Reds" sprang into a tremendously fast stroke, which carried them soon ahead, and they maintained the lead to the turn.

The winning crew then repaired to the College, where Mrs. Carney, of Toledo, O., and Miss Maude Wiley, of Lansing, Mich., decked them with the anchors which were their prizes.

The rain storm on Tuesday, October 13th—the regular field-day—obliged a postponement of the athletic sports incidental to the celebration of St. Edward's Day. The weather on Thursday—the usual "rec" day—proved favorable, and the exercises were carried out according to the prepared programme. Very Rev. Father General Sorin, Rev. President Walsh, and other officers and members of the Faculty, together with a number of ladies and gentlemen visiting the institution, took pleasure in witnessing the sports. The following reports give in detail the proceedings of each department:

THE REGATTA.

The sheet of clouds which obscured the rising sun on the morning of the 13th gave but little promise of a satisfactory day for the Regatta and sports; and when heavy drops of rain began to fall, shortly before the time of the race, it was thought a postponement would be made.

At 10.30, however, advantage was taken of the short pause in the shower to start the crews off, and the first to issue from the boat-house were the "Reds," under Captain Mathers. The rain now fell again, and as the "Blues," under Captain Carter, appeared with their boat, a steadily bright shower splattered the surface of the lake.

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In the mile race there were entered F. Dexter, P. Chapin, J. Dohany, F. Ashton, E. Coady, and E. Riley. On the last quarter all had dropped out, except Chapin, Dexter and Coady; Chapin had the lead, with Dexter second, and gaining rapidly. A grand "spurt" was made for the finish, which resulted in their dashing by the winning posts abreast. The medal will be contested for by them sometime in the near future.

In the three-mile race came next, and proved to be one of the most interesting events of the day. The contestants were but three in number—J. Shaide, M. Burns, and W. Harless. Shaide won easily; time, 20 min., 13 secs.

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Coady, M. Dolan, J. Rahilly. Dolan gained the prize, with a record of 5 ft., 4 in.; Rahilly following with 5 ft., 2 in. The vaulting, in which much concern was felt, did not fail to prove very interesting. Dolan, as usual, came off victor, beating his record of the preceding two years. He made 8 ft., 4 in. this occasion, against 8 ft., 2 in. made last year. Rahilly made 6 ft., 9 in.


In the standing-jump with dumb bells the prize was won by J. Hamlyn, who jumped 11 ft., 1 in.; beating McKinney’s record of last year by 7½ in. J. Nester came second, with 10 ft., 7½ in.; W. Tiernan 3d, with 10–7 in. The three straight jumps footed up a total of 29 ft., 6 in. for Hamlyn, who won first place. J. Nester made 28 ft., 10 in.; and E. Riley 26 ft., 7 in.

The three-legged race proved a source of much amusement to the spectators. The falls were many and humiliating; Dolan and Fred Combe, however, were fortunate enough to come in first; whilst Hampton and Straus, Chapin and McNulty came in, respectively, second and third.

In the sack-race W. Harless, P. Prudhomme, and W. McCartney, however, so far preserved their equilibrium as to drop in, respectively, for first, second and third prizes.

The running high-kick was won by P. P. Prudhomme, who kicked 7 ft., 3 in. In throwing the heavy weight—consisting of a twenty-five-pound dumb bell—the best throw, 25 ft, 2 in., was made by J. Shaide; P. Chapin came second, with 23 ft., 8 in., and H. Paschel with 22–11. Carabajal threw the light weight—a twelve-pound dumb bell—the best throw, 35 ft, 3 in., was made by Guthrie last year by 16 ft., 3 in. McNulty secured second place by a throw of 36 ft., 6 in.; and F. Combe came in third, with 32 ft., 3 in.

The baseball throwing resulted in a victory for F. Combe, who cast the sphere a distance of 32–9 ft., 9 in. from himself. This beats the record made by Guthrie last year by 16 ft., 3 in. Duffin came second, 31½–6; Breen and McNulty a tie for fourth, which, upon a second tie, resulted in favor of Breen, with a throw of 28½ feet.

This concluded the sports for the day, and as darkness came on many a tried and weary contestant left the field, well satisfied with the manner in which the sports were conducted and with his own records. Bro. Paul’s interest in getting up the prizes is appreciated; as also the kindness of B. Marcellinus and Leander, Profs. Ewing and Johnson in acting as judges, referés, etc.

THE JUNIOR SPORTS.

commenced with a game of baseball between the two first nines, the score of which is given elsewhere.

Following the game came the 100-yard dash. In the first division this race was won by E. Prudhomme; Master Jewett second. In the second division H. Robinson came first, and C. West second.

In the third division E. Adams was first, and D. Tewskbury second. The fourth division was the best contested. The first time Masters Nealis and Nussbaum ran a dead heat. The second time Nussbaum won, but only by about a foot. Next on the programme came a hurdle-race of 100 yards over four hurdles. In the first division this was won by Master Holman; G. Cartier second. G. Preston won in the second division, with Violet second.

The third division was won by D. Tewskbury, with Masterinderrieden second. In the fourth division F. Benner was first and Kern second. In the hop-step-and-jump Cooper was first, with 36 ft., 10 in.; Hayes next, 33 ft., 4 in.; and Shields third, with 32 ft., 1 in. In the second division, Luther was first with 32 ft., 11 in.; Porter second 32 ft., 9 in.; and Preston third, 31 ft., 7 in. Darkness intervening, the remainder of the sports were postponed to next week.

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Personal.

—James Magoffin (Com’l), ’82, is Assistant Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas. He received his appointment from the new Administration.

—W. T. Johnson, ’68, is meeting with great and well-deserved success in the practice of his profession at Kansas City, Mo., and ranks among the ablest lawyers of the State.

—Henry A. Steis, ’85, whom we were glad to see and welcome among us on the 12th and 13th, has begun the practice of law at Winamac, Ind. He is widely acquainted and highly esteemed in that part of the State. He has already met with encouraging success in securing a practice, and we count upon a bright future for him.
—One of the college Faculty, sojourning during the past vacation in Waukesha, Wis., was placed under obligations to Mr. Henry T. Mulbu, of Chicago. A more whole-souled and genial gentleman would be hard to find. He had also the pleasure of meeting such old students as Will Nelson, P. Moran, Edward Mulbu and Mark Devine, all prosperous business men of Chicago.

—Edward T. Dechant and William H. Smith (Con't), of '71, and now two of the most substantial and prosperous farmers of Ohio,—the former of Franklin, and the latter of Enon,—have lately written to their old Prefect and friend, renewing old friendship of "long, long ago." They both intend visiting where, they say, "many happy days were spent," and also shortly to place their sons in their old college home.

—Among the welcome guests on St. Edward's Day was Mr. W. Donaldson, of the well-known firm of Donaldson & Mier, Detroit. Mr. Donaldson is also a sculptor. His statue of Marquette is proof of his genius in this line, and leaves no room for doubt that had he devoted himself to sculpture he would have become as distinguished as he is in architecture. Mr. Donaldson's friends, who speak of him as one of nature's noblemen, hope to have the pleasure of seeing him at Notre Dame frequently in future.

—A welcome visitor to the college this week was Mr. David Monroe, of the Literary Department of Harper's Publishing House, New York City, who came to enter his son among the Minims. A graduate of the University of Edinburgh, Mr. Monroe manifested great interest in examining into the course of studies and system of discipline followed at Notre Dame, for both of which he expressed unqualified praise. All who had the pleasure of making his acquaintance will remember him as a gentleman of rare amiability and culture.

—Among the numerous visitors who attended the celebration of the Festival of St. Edward were: Rev. L. Baroux, Rev. H. W. Grimme, Big Rapids, Mich.; Rev. J. Moitrier, Danville, O.; Chief Justice D. M. Craig, Galesburg, Ill.; Joseph P. Ross, M. D., P. L. Garrity, Mr. and Mrs. F. Austin, T. Schillo, J. A. McIntyre, of '83, Mrs. J. Brabrook, Miss Daisy Brabrook, A. J. Press, Chicago; Mr. John P. and Mr. Jay P. Phillips, Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. H. P. and Mary J. Myers, Huntingdon, Ind.; Geo. Rhodius, of '83, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Carney, Toledo, O.; Miss Maude J. Wiley, Lansing, Mich.; Miss Ella T. Daniels, Polo, Ill.; Mrs. J. A. Smith, Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. T. M. Daniels, Toronto, O.; Miss Tillie Felker, Evansville, Ind.; Miss Libbie Felker, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Mrs. M. J. Gordon, Indianapolis; Mrs. Solon Griffin, Mrs. M. Hasson, Salt Lake City; H. McCarthy, N. Y.; David A. Monroe, of the Harper's Publication Department, N. Y.; W. Donaldson, Detroit; Mrs. L. Orsenbach, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Switzen, Mrs. G. B. Lesh, Warsaw, Ind.; Mr. James Kelley, Cheyenne, Wyoming Ter.; Mrs. James O'Kane, Cincinnati, O.; John Coad, Omaha, Neb.; Chas. E. Sweet, Dowagiac, Mich.; Miss M. R. Mueller, Miss K. M. Mueller, Miss B. Stejskal, Mrs. Benis, Mrs. Rubel, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Hake, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and others whose names we did not learn.

Local Items.

—Déjeuner!

—Founder's Day!

—What has become of the Philodemics?

—Little Charlie Grant made quite a hit on the 15th.

—The busybody has begun to get in his work already.

—The kindling of the leaf is now at its greatest brilliancy.

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—On entering the dining-hall last Thursday noon the first table to the right was the observed of all observers. Our Kentucky friend's eyes fairly sparkled—the cause, a bountiful turkey dinner, the gift of our young friend the Count!

—NOTE on Peruvian History:—Manco Capac, the founder of the Peruvian monarchy, prob-
ably derives his surname from his great capacity. His successors, the Incas, derived theirs from their incapacity.  

—In the Senior field-sports, the gold medal, first prize in first hundred-yard dash, was donated by Mr. Henry Heller. A special prize for throwing baseball was given by Mr. M. Livingston. The committee on sports are under special obligations, and return thanks to these gentlemen.

—We have received a poem on "U. S. Grant." The concluding lines are as follows:

"In the eternal blue
There are no aching voids;
He' ll hold his grand review
Among the asteroids."

The author claims that he received his inspiration while perusing a copy of "Vapid Vapourings." It may be so.

—The Catholic Telegraph, speaking of "Falsely Accused," the play recently published by Prof. Lyons, says:

"Dramas of this description are always in demand for college commencements. We tire of the past, and call for something new. The present drama is remodelled and adapted from Colin H. Hazlewood's 'Waiting for the Verdict.' Professor Lyons has endeared himself to our colleagues by the care and success with which he presents plays similar to this one."

—The students of the drawing classes have been fortunate enough to attract the attention of some benevolent friends and amateurs by their successful efforts in the cultivation of art and talent. They will be glad to learn that several kind donations are to reward their efforts at the end of the year. The prizes are as follows: 1st, a gold medal for drawing from the antique; 2d, a silver medal for shaded figures; 3d, a gold medal for perspective, projections, architecture and machinery.

—On Tuesday the 13th, the exterior of St. Edward's Hall was elegantly and artistically decorated for the feast. Three stories were festooned with crowns and garlands of cedar; but the most artistic part of the decorations was a large arch, which spanned the great entrance, bearing the words, Salve, Pater! in rustic letters three feet long. The Papal flag floated over the cross on the roof, while the French flag and the Stars and Stripes waved from the wings of the building. Mr. Bonney was on hand, and photographed the palace, with the Princes arranged in front; there was only one drawback—the figure of the beloved Patron in the midst of his prolegomena; but as he was on retreat no one wished to break in on his solitude.

—The Director of the Historical Department acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of the following articles: From Mrs. Flora Stanfield, of South Bend, a tile from the old Mission Church at San Diego, Cal.; from the Superior of the Ursulines of St. Martin's, Brown Co., Ohio, a souvenir of the late Archbishop Purcell; from Professor Stoddard, two Roman coins of the time of the Emperor Diocletian, found in the ruins of Thebes; five Turkish copper-coins, silver coin, 2 lira 1867, Pius IX Pont. Max. A. XXIII; silver lira 1868, Pius IX Pont. Max. A. XXIII; Victor Emmanuel, 1 lira, counterfeit 1867; two Belgian coins 1874, Leopold II Roi; from Rev. Father Fite, Roman coin Emperor Adrian; from Mrs. Major General Shields, the sword carried by her late husband at Winchester, Va., when he repelled the forces of Stonewall Jackson.

—Another boat-race took place Thursday morning. The close contest on Tuesday attracted a large number of spectators who were anxious to see the same repeated. Soon after 10, the "Blues" went on the water, with Albert Gordon, stroke; W. Harrison, 5; Jno. Hamlyn, 4; P. Chapin, 3; Alex. Gordon, 2; D. C. Saviers, 1; F. Dexter, coxswain. The "Reds" immediately followed, with P. J. Goulding, stroke; L. Mathers, 5; W. Harless, 4; J. Keegan, 3; M. O. Burns, 2; Geo. De Haven, 1; A. J. McNulty, coxswain. At the word "Go!" the "Reds" shot ahead, which position they held until the turn, where the two boats collided, owing to an insufficient space between the two buoys for both to make their turn. The excitement on shore now became intense. The "Reds" were obliged to back their boat in order to make their turn, which gave the "Blues" about a half length lead. The "Reds" soon gained, and were able to take the lead, which they held until both boats had passed the line.

—The third of the series of games for the baseball championship was played on the afternoon of the 11th inst. The following is the score:

**STARS.**  
A. B. R. I. B. T. P. O. A. E.  
McNulty, 3d b. 4 2 2 2 4 0 0 0 0  
Breen, 1st b. 4 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 0  
Keegan, s. s. 4 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0  
Nester, c. 4 0 0 0 4 2 5 0 0  
Collins, 1st b. 4 0 0 0 7 0 0 2 0  
Godfellow, p. 4 1 1 1 6 3 0 0 0  
Crawford, c. f. 3 0 0 0 2 1 1 0 0  
Rahilly, 2d b. 3 0 2 2 2 2 2 0 0  
McCarty, r. f. 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0  
**Total.** 33 4 7 7 4 10 14

**UNIVERSITIES.**  
A. B. R. I. B. T. P. O. A. E.  
Browne, p. 4 4 0 0 1 5 0 0 0  
Chapin, 1st b. 4 1 2 2 1 0 2 0 0  
Combe, c. 4 1 3 3 8 0 3 0 0  
Dolan, c. f. 4 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0  
Hampton, 3d b. 4 3 1 0 2 1 0 0 0  
Cusack, l. f. 4 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0  
Duffin, s. s. 4 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0  
Harless, 2d b. 4 3 2 2 0 0 1 0 0  
Collins, r. f. 4 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0  
**Total.** 36 11 10 21 15 13

Earned Runs: Stars, 1; Universities, 3. Struck out, Goodfellow, 4; Browne, 5. Time of game, two hours. umpire, Finkay.

**INNINGS:** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
**STARS:** 1 0 1 1 0 4 = 8  
**UNIVERSITIES:** 0 1 2 2 3 2 = 11

—On Monday evening the forty-second annual celebration of the Festival of St. Edward, Patronal Feast of Very Rev. Edward Sorin, C. S. C., Super-ior-General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and Founder of Notre Dame, was given by the Euglossian Association. The following was the
PROGRAMME:

Music, F. H. Drexler
Rolla, B. Keegan
Pizarro, B. Dilly
Gomez
Alonso (Pizarro's Attendant), J. Stiller
Torpe Boy
Cosmato (Peruvian Officers), A. A. Gordon
Carlos (Peruvian Officers), B. Snapp
Flabeo (Alonso's Lieutenants), A. E. Williams
Gasco (Alonso's Lieutenants), H. Long
Basleo (Royal Majordomos), J. Hamlyn
Phillipo (Alonso's Child), B. Triplett
Alonzos Child (Little Charlie Grant)


BLUES.

Myers, p. s. s
Cooper, 1st b
Holman, s.s
Walabraeshek, 2d b
Preson, t.
Dillon, l.f.
Brownson, c.f.
Hays, r.f.
Luther, 3d b

Total.

REDS.

Benner, 1st b
Courtney, 1st b
Cartier, c.
Robinson, 2d b
Fehr, r.f.
Nester, s.s
 Fitzgerald, c.f.
West, l.f.
Porter, 3d b

Total.

Score by innings:

Blues: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Reds: 1 2 1 2 3 0 1

ROLL OF HONOUR.

SOUTH DEPARTMENT.


JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.


MINUS DEPARTMENT.


CLASS HONOURS.

PREPARATORY COURSE.

Saint Mary's Academy.

One Mile West of Notre Dame University.

—Miss Maude Wiley, of Class '85, is passing a few days at her Alma Mater.

—Mrs. Agatha St. Clair Ward, of Class '76, was present at the Entertainment on the 13th.

—P. F. Tricou, Esq., of New Orleans, paid a welcome visit to his friends last week.

—Prof. Lyons will please accept grateful acknowledgments for a copy of the last edition of the "American Elocutionist," also of the drama "Falsely Accused," kindly presented to the Academy.

—The closing remarks at the Entertainment on St. Edward's Day were made by the Rev. President of the University, and were a magnificent tribute to the life-work of Very Rev. Father General.

—At the celebration of the Feast of St. Edward, among the distinguished guests present were Very Rev. Father Granger, the Rev. Fathers Walsh, Fitte, Heli, Dahalde, Shortis, Saulnier, and L. Baroux; and Mr. Monroe, associate-editor of Harper's Weekly.

—The devotion of the holy Rosary, in accordance with the recommendation of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, has been made in the chapel at 8 o'clock p.m. since the opening of the month of October. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament has also been given every evening.

—The beautiful embellishment of "Hommage de Respect Filial," presented on the Feast of St. Edward to Very Rev. Father General, does honor to the exquisite talent of Miss Agnes English, whose skilful brush adorned in a truly artistic manner the address presented on that day.

—Among the welcome visitors of the past two weeks we note Mrs. Heffernan, of Durango, Colorado; Mrs. and Mrs. Jus. Walsh, of St. Joseph's Mo.; Mrs. W. P. Johnson, Mr. P. L. Garrity, Mr. Egan, Miss Sheekey, Mrs. Jno. Clifford, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Ducey, and Miss Catharine Ducey, Muskegon, Mich.; Mr. C. R. Morse, Grinnell, Iowa; Mr. J. C. Phillips, Rochester, Ind.; Mr. Winn, and Mr. and Mrs. Laskev, Toledo, Ohio.

—Though the Graduating Class of '85, of St. Mary's Academy, Notre Dame, Ind., has reason to feel complimented that the essay of Miss Sheekey has appeared in a foreign paper—the Liverpool Catholic Times of Sept. 25th—the fact that neither her name nor the place of wearing it on the brightest day of the scholastic year—the Feast of St. Edward! Those who drew with her are the Misses E. Balch, T. Balch, Boyer, Campeau, Cox, Clifford, Coll, M. Ducey, M. Duffield, L. Griffith, Hertzog, Keyes, Martin, Mason, McEwen, Parmelee, Pierce, Prudhomme, Regan, Robinson, Schmauss, Sheekey, Smart, Servis, Smith, and Van Horn.

—St. Edward's Day.

The beloved Festival of St. Edward was celebrated on Tuesday with its usual brilliancy. The Entertainment was begun at three o'clock, when the following programme was presented:

Hungarian Storm March
Solo and Chorus
Vocal Duet—J. Pescatori
Gallusini
Misses H. Guise, and L. St. Clair,
Acc'd by Miss Barlow.

German Address
M. F. Murphy.
Senior's Festive Greeting
Miss Manger
Vocal Duet—J. Pescatori
Miss Barlow.

"Hommage de Respect Filial"—Miss Bruhn
Aria
Lucia
Miss B. English.

Festive Greetings—Juniors and Minims
Misses Bruhn, B. English, B. Lauer, S. St. Clair, and M. F. Murphy.

"ANIMA."
(An Original Drama in Two Acts.)

Prologue—Miss Williams
Dramatis Personae—Miss Williams

Anaema—Miss Fuller
Scientia—Wolvin
Innocence—Regan
Pride—Barlow
Virtus—Mary Lindley
Audita—Edna Burns
Palata—Alice Schmauss
Odorata—Florence Johnson
Sensus—Fannie Spencer
Despier—Barlow
Revenge—E. Allnoch
Humilitas—M. Dillon
Faith—S. St. Clair
Hope—B. Lauer
Charity—A. Heckard
Poverty—M. Munger
Purity—A. Donnelly
Obedience—E. Horn

TABLEAUX.

ACT I, SCENE I.

Meteor—Mornane Brilliant—Leahling
Miss Bruhn.

Je suis Titian—Mignon
Miss Bruhn.

ACT II, SCENE I.

Valse Arabesque—Anton Stroitzaisi
Miss Shepheard.

TABLEAU.

Music—Miss Chute
Pinnacle March—Barry
Misses Carney and Horn.

The execution on the piano of the various instrumental numbers was worthy of the Conservatory—the Misses Barlow and Shepheard being entitled to especial praise. The sparkling and beautiful solo and chorus which followed the opening "Hungarian Storm March," so well presented by the Misses Bruhn and Keenan—charmed the
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audience, and promises well for the vocal department, which so signally distinguished itself at the late Annual Commencement exercises. The vocal numbers, from first to last, were all that could be desired, and fully up to the standard of June. Miss Bruhn's clear, flexible voice has even gained in beauty and power; the same may be said of Miss B. English. The addresses, in German by Miss Horn, in English by Miss Munger, and in French by Miss Bruhn, were all distinctly and gracefully rendered.

The Juniors presented their "Festive Greetings" through the mediumship of the talented young elocutionists, the Misses G. Regan and M. Ducey, while the entire Minim department came forward and assumed the responsibility of their congratulatory address. The groups formed very pretty pictures. The principal feature of the evening was the original drama, "Anima," written in 1862, especially for the Academy. It has enjoyed an enviable reputation, even in other convent schools, and has been frequently presented, but never by a more talented set of performers than those who chanced the attention of their audience on Tuesday. The Prologue was well recited by Miss Williams, when Miss Fuller—the Elocution medalist of '85—appeared as "Anima." This interesting character was admirably sustained from first to last. The part taken by Miss Munger—the Elocution medalist of '84—was charmingly presented. Great praise is also due the Misses B. Lauer, E. Horn, G. Wolvin, G. Regan, A. Donnelly, Miss Barlow as "Pride," and Miss Williams as "Despair;" especially the last-named. The parts of "Palata,"—the sense of taste—and "Visiona,"—the sense of sight—were taken by two Elocution medalists of the Minim department.—A. Schmauss and M. Lindsey. The three others who personated the senses, however, were scarcely excelled. E. Burtis as "Audita," F. Johnson as "Odorata," and F. Spencer as "Sensia," were lively and graceful, and enunciated every word clearly.

The second rôle in the drama, in point of importance, is "Faith," most appreciatively taken by S. St. Clair, whose rich, resonant voice is perfect for the sublime and soul-inspiring part. The tableau of the Annunciation touchingly supplemented the disenchantment of Anima, and satisfies her desire to behold the one only perfect embodiment of exalted virtue in a created being. Miss B. English as the Angel Gabriel, and Miss A. White as the Blessed Virgin Mary, produced, a scene which will be the joy and the wonder of earth, of heaven, so long as Christianity and its benign influence shall sway immortal souls. The exquisite playing of Miss Chute during this tableau was the subject of general praise.

We will close our account in the words of the prologue, as delivered by Miss Williams:

"Should our little representation serve to kindle one holy emotion in any heart, should it render the celestial virtues of poverty, purity and obedience more lovely to any soul; should the earnest drama of life find one more devoted actor from the experience of Anima, or should it awaken one thought of love towards the Child Redeemer, our desire will be accomplished, and we but then hope to proffer our humble offering to the Infant Jesus, along with the joyful commemoration of the beloved festival of our Very Rev. and dear Father General."

SENOIR DEPARTMENT.


MINIM DEPARTMENT.


MINOR DEPARTMENT.


Class Honors.

[The following-named young ladies are best in classes—according to competitions held during the past month.]

Convent-Bred Girls.

A few weeks ago, at CheyenNe, in Wyoming Territory, the ceremony took place of the laying of the corner-stone of its first convent. The address of the occasion was delivered by Judge Wright, and, as coming from a Protestant source, is remarkable testimony to the Catholic Sisterhoods, and the glory of their success with female pupils. The following is the substance of the address taken from the press reports:

The object of this particular convent is to train girls and fit them for the grave duties of matronship. No higher responsibility, no graver duty, no more important calling can be imagined. As is the mother, so is the man; as is the man so is the nation. The Government of a country, the morals of its people, the social life of its inhabitants, are, one and all, but the reflex of the hearts and the minds of its mothers. Take the oldest man in this audience, and take the youngest one, as to this their experience will be the same. Their mother was the beginning and end of the law of each. Hence it is, as is the mother, so is the man. If, therefore, a nation is to obtain the highest civilization, if it is to attain the virtues, if it is to be God-fearing and God-obeying, our mothers must be intelligent and must be Christian.

I don't mean the Christianity we are wont to see in our daily life, that tells us it believes, but has no creed, no discipline, no observance; I mean a Christianity that was like unto that of the fathers; that was austere, that had its dogmas, its traditions, its observances, its discipline. A faith that rested upon a platform built by knowledge and a full comprehension; a creed that grew out of this faith as a syllogistic conclusion, and a discipline that held only in a straight and narrow path.

How can this be attained, then, becomes a serious and an overshadowing question. Can it be attained by a material education alone? I don't wish to be construed into an enemy of our public school system. To the extent that it goes it is well. Its fault lies in universality. It seeks to bring all into its fold. The task of mixing oil and water is conceded to be a difficult one. It there says, we must attempt to mix them. We will bring all into its fold. The task of mixing oil and water is conceded to be a difficult one. It there says, we must attempt to mix them. We will bring all into its fold.

The direct tendency of this is to abandon the spiritual for the material, to elevate the victories of this life over those of the life to come. Thus it happens that the students of our public schools are well informed when judged from a material premise, and profoundly ignorant when judged from a spiritual premise. It is not necessary to consume your time in dwelling upon the result of this. You know quite as well as I can tell you that the result of this is agnosticism. The remedy for this lies in the marriage of religion and education. Let them walk hand in hand. Let the lessons of the one be indelibly stamped upon the other. Ignorant belief is superstition; comprehensive belief is salvation. This, then, represents the logic that is now building this superstructure. It means the education of the girl in her religious and worldly concerns. It means the development of her faith, the love of virtue and fear of sin. But, it is said, I do not want my daughter educated into a Catholic. Very well, I answer, let her grow up without a faith, without a creed, without a discipline. Let her one prayer be, "O God, if there is a God?" And then answer me this question: What ground has she upon which she may rest her anchor in the storms that she must face on her way through life? A woman without religion is like a man without eyes. Who is to guide him over the rough pathway that represents his life? In the hour of great temptation, without intelligent faith, without the strength that comes to her from a life of discipline, who is to answer for that girl in the great crisis of her life?

Let us discard prejudice; let us eliminate the virus of ignorance and antipathies from our minds and our hearts, and then look at the results... Take the girls that graduate from the public schools and the ones that come out of the convent, and compare the lives of the two. How will the account stand, think you? I say to you there to-day, and it is a subject to which I have given much heed, that the truest, purest, and best women all over the world are convent-bred.

And to make our sisters and daughters such women as these, these holy women have come among us. This is the task they have come to perform. They bring with them brave and hopeful hearts. They bring with them a desire to win favor only with God. To this end they have turned their backs on the world, they have renounced its pleasures, they have divorced themselves from its rewards. The cold wall of a cell, the crust of bread, the toil by day, the long prayers by night, are the bridegroom of these holy women. This is the task they have come to perform. They bring with them brave and hopeful hearts. They bring with them a desire to win favor only with God. To this end they have turned their backs on the world, they have renounced its pleasures, they have divorced themselves from its rewards. The cold wall of a cell, the crust of bread, the toil by day, the long prayers by night, are the bridegroom of these holy women. This is the task they have come to perform. They bring with them brave and hopeful hearts. They bring with them a desire to win favor only with God. To this end they have turned their backs on the world, they have renounced its pleasures, they have divorced themselves from its rewards. The cold wall of a cell, the crust of bread, the toil by night, are the bridegroom of these holy women. This is the task they have come to perform.