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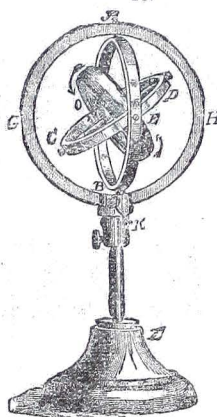
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EDITORIALS.

WE HAVE OFTEN NOTICED the labor spent and the energy manifested by men in search of wealth, fame and political advancement. As a rule the efforts they put forth, the time and anxiety employed in their undertakings, deserve serious consideration. It frequently appears as if no trial can shake their ardor, nor still their spirit. Their course commands attention, and their progress merits applause. It is an incentive to young and old—to those that are successful and to those that are not, to redouble their vigor, and resolve never to falter in their purpose, until the object of their ambition is won.

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"EXAMPLE NOT PRECEPT, is the best way of teaching," is a sentiment widely known. In every pursuit, in every calling in life the truth of this saying may be clearly shown. Examples speak louder and make deeper impressions on the minds

of those around us than do the choicest words. Our actions proclaim our merit or demerit, they manifest our true character, and so far as our character is worthy of recognition so far will we command the respect and esteem of others. Daily experience shows that true character acquires greater victories and procures more satisfactory results over those placed under our care than any other means.

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JUDGING FROM THE PREPARATIONS, being made for the celebration of the 30th inst., it will be an occasion long to be remembered.

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"HE WHO IS OF NO USE, to himself is of no use to any one." It has been held that, a man may attain success for another, but not for himself. This statement is often verified. But give such an individual, the same chance of advancement as he enjoyed under his employer, and he will rarely fail to succeed. Want of success, on the part of many, arises from lack of opportunity and means. Yet it is evident, that he who is of no service to himself is seldom successful for another. His real or apparent worth, to an employer, is frequently measured by his value to himself.

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THE ZEAL, exhibited by the students competing for the oratory and elocution medals, is encouraging for themselves and their instructors. Victory belongs not to the strong alone but to "the vigilant, the active and the brave." We exhort each of the contestants to continue to labor, as though he felt that he alone would win the crown.

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"IT IS WISE not to seek a secret and honest not to reveal it." If this idea were strictly adhered to many persons would procure for themselves, not only numberless friends—but they would soon become the admiration of others.

WASHINGTON.

J. P. M.

Where peaceful Potomac is seeking the sea,
 Its waters caressing the shore,
 Waves gently ebbing in sweet melody,
 Like leaflets the wind passing o'er,
 'Neath the green branches that gracefully trail,
 And dark pensive shadows forth fling,
 Floats in the even, steals o'er the vale
 The song which Freedom doth sing.
 She sings o'er the grave of earth's truest, best,
 Who sleeps his last sleep 'neath the sod,
 Her voice is as fresh as the breeze from the West,
 Or first beam of sunshine abroad:
 Her echoing words would fain again wake
 Our *Country's great Father*—the One,
 Who of us bondsmen, freemen did make—
 The immortal, the pure Washington!
 This young Republic from tyranny sprung,
 Like Minerva the daughter of Sea,
 Mid the boast of a Briton haughtily flung,
 "These rebels must perish, or flee!"
 When this son of Virginia, of sages the first,
 Arose with his sword girded on,
 He struck down the Lion, that life's blood did thirst,
 Our gallant, our brave Washington!
 When our Ship of State was wildly tossed high,
 When breakers around her did roar,
 He was the meteor that lit up the sky,
 The helm his strong arm bore:
 Her rigging all shattered by whirlwinds torn,
 A wreck almost strewn o'er the main,
 Into the harbor of peace she was borne
 By Washington—glorious name!
 Christmas night as joy-bells did peal
 O'er Delaware's broad bosom, cold,
 As anthems of peace did merrily steal
 Proclaiming contentment untold,
 The ice and the waters both treacherous, deep,
 He passed with his brave, chosen, few.
 He captured the Hessians in slumbers, in sleep—
 Our Washington dauntless and true!
 As long as wide oceans encircle this land,
 And rivers are seeking their rest,
 His name with all freemen shall always outstand
 Honored, loved, cherished and blest—
 As the rays of the sunshine e'er warmly play
 On Vernon his tomb and his grave,
 The Goddess of Freedom shall lovingly say—
 "He lived fair Columbia to save."

WHY CATHOLICS SHOULD REJOICE AT THE
INAUGURATION CENTENNIAL.

On April 30th we celebrate the first Centennial of our existence as a nation. It will be a great event in the history of this country. Thousands of our citizens will then manifest the fondness they feel at the prosperity of the people during the past one hundred years. All nations, all people and all creeds, have reason to rejoice; but none more than Catholics, and we can safely say that no body of America's citizens will show such sincere joy as will the members of this Church.

Catholics should rejoice first as citizens, because we enjoy, in common with all others the sweets of personal liberty. Our rights are recognized and our wishes are respected. The first days of the Republic did not find it thus. Prejudice was rampart and blind creature that it is, refused to tolerate that which it did not and would not understand. But this age has passed and a better era has succeeded. Catholics need only the qualities of good citizens, which as a body they love to be eligible to all positions, social and political. Integrity of purpose is a passport for all.

Again as Christians there is cause of rejoicing. God and religion are the guiding principles of the multitude. All the works of the nation manifest such a spirit. We have our annual day of Thanksgiving, something not known to other nations. In all important undertakings and in all places this appears, and not in an indifferent way, but a real enthusiasm, pervades every such act. Infidelity appears now and then, but only to receive the crushing condemnation of public opinion, the surest pledge of a nation's feelings. These are not the dreams of the poet, but the effects of every day experience; they are not the boastings of over zealous Americans, but have also been witnessed by Europeans who have studied our country.

Catholics have still another motive for rejoicing, in that while they enjoy all the blessings enumerated they still further enjoy that which is dearest to all: the free exercise of their holy religion. It is not all sunshine with us, but the difficulties arise rather from ignorance of our faith on the part of Protestants, than from malice; and this spirit is not found in the multitude so much as in the few prejudiced preachers who cannot bear the defeat they suffer in seeing our church outstripping all others in the great work of Salvation. A few cranks in the name of religion may protest against what they are pleased to call the "encroachments" of the Church and predict danger to the Republic from the Catholic Church, but these will be found to be not the truly religious but those who try to make religion serve

their own base ends, for those who are truly sincere in their faith care not who brings souls to God. The seeds of mistrust were sown deeply and have taken deep root in the minds of some; but time, the healer of all wrongs, is slowly but surely destroying these feelings and well thinking people are learning to love and respect the Catholic Church, as a true and zealous worker for God's poor.

Gratitude would further prompt Catholics to celebrate this Centennial, to commemorate the great virtues of Washington who in every way showed that he appreciated this body of his fellow-citizens and acknowledged the part they took in securing the freedom of the Colonies. He showed this by his attendance at the Mass of Thanksgiving sung at Philadelphia at the close of the Revolution; as well as by his reply to the address of the Catholics read to him about the same time: "I presume that your fellow-citizens will not forget the patriotic part which you took in the accomplishment of their revolution and the establishment of their government, or the important assistance which they received from a nation in which the Roman Catholic faith is professed." Those words need no comment, they express the respect in which Catholic men were held by the immortal Washington and Catholics will show their veneration for him in the coming Centennial celebration of his triumph as first President of the great nation he labored so hard to establish.

In this short space we have endeavored to show why Catholics should celebrate this great event. Time will prove that these motives urged them, and thinking men will have the opportunity of seeing that this Country owes much to Catholics for their work in the preservation of morals and good order; and they will also perceive that this "land of the free" has much to hope for and nothing to fear from the presence of the Catholic Church among them.

DARWINIAN TRANSFORMISM.

ALBERT FURMAN.

One of the most cherished maxims of Voltaire was: "Lie and cease not lying". The same has always been that of Satan. He has been waging war against man from the beginning, and his favorite weapon was lying. Through the serpent he told man that he would become like God, and now through man he asserts, that between him and the brute there is no difference. He knows how to accommodate himself to all persons, times and circumstances. When men get tired

of pantheism, he drives them headlong into atheism. When epicurism becomes disgusting, stoicism receives from him a new lustre. There was not an epoch in which he did not distort the truth in some way or other; but nowadays, when people are becoming more enlightened, he must avail himself of *every* way of perverting their minds. Nevertheless there seems to be especially one system, which suits best the tastes of the present generation and hence most apt for deluding the many, and that is the system of Darwinian Transformism.

According to this system, man derives his origin, not indeed from the monkey, as some other materialists pretend, but from a brute of a third species, which, owing to the diversity of circumstances, turned gradually at one place into a monkey, and at another into a man. This fable, although condemned as ridiculous by the most learned naturalists, has still its defenders and promoters among many of the recent sophists.

Now, if there is anything that is absurd, it is this opinion. For whatever is based upon an absurd hypothesis, must itself be absurd. The hypothesis of successive transformation of inferior species into superior ones is absurd; for it not only opposes directly geological discoveries and daily experience—which testifies that the species are everywhere fixed and constant;—but it openly contradicts the principles of metaphysics, which maintain, that the effect cannot surpass the cause, and that the essences of things are unchangeable.

Yes, it contradicts these principles since, according to Darwin, an inferior species developing itself into a higher one, gains in nobility or perfection. But whence does it draw its higher perfection? Is it, perhaps, from its absence? But that which has nothing, can give nothing; and the less cannot beget the greater; nor can the negative produce the positive.

Moreover, in this transformism, the nature of the prior species is either preserved or destroyed. If the first, then the change is only accidental, which we indeed find in various races or breeds (*stirpes*) of animals. If the second, as the Darwinian hypothesis really supposes, then the species would of itself tend to its own destruction. But we know that just on the contrary all animals naturally strive after their own preservation, and perish only when overwhelmed by a contrary agent.

Still more absurd is this transformism in regard to man, on account of the spirituality of his soul; for spiritual substance cannot be produced, except through creation. As it is independent of matter, it cannot arise through the transformism of matter; for the act of *taking* existence must be of such a nature as is the

act of existing. In order that man might derive his existence from the brute, the organism of the brute would have to turn into the organism of the human body, and the brute soul would have to change into a human soul. But both are extremely absurd, for whence is the power in a brute body of constructing a human one? If from anywhere then only from the soul. But the brute soul cannot give what it has not, and all it has is the power of constructing a body fit for itself, and of its own kind; i. e., a brute body and not a human one. In like manner how can a brute soul, which being simple has no parts, be changed into a human soul? Change belongs only to composite things, which have parts; for everything that changes, remains as to one part, and ceases as to another.

However, the defenders of this system do not merely assert the truthfulness of their opinion, but they try to back it up by some proof, especially from analogy. In the first place they say: "Art, through the selection it makes use of, continually obtains more perfect plants and animals. Therefore it must be concluded a priori that nature also enjoys a certain power of selection, through which it changes inferior species into superior ones."

To this we answer: That by means of selection art does obtain more perfect plants and animals, which constitute new varieties or breeds (*stirpes*), we concede; which constitute new species, we deny (they can nowhere in nature show it to us). Hence, by force of analogy, which even does not necessarily hold good in positive assertions, the utmost that can be attributed to nature, is the same. But, strictly speaking, even this cannot be inferred, for there exists between art and nature no equality, since art acts with the aid and under the direction of reason and will, which can serve many purposes and are the principles of selection; nature on the other hand, acts by blind force and is determined only to one purpose.

Next the evolutionists say that all the parts of the human organism correspond exactly to all the parts and organs of other animals. Hence there is a likeness of operation. But the likeness of operation argues the likeness of nature and therefore of origin. Consequently man and brutes do not differ as to their origin.

To this we reply: that all the parts and organs of the human body correspond exactly to all the parts of the brute organism, is not altogether true, since many differences between them are observed by physiologists. But even if the likeness of the brute and human organisms were entire, this would argue nothing more than a likeness of organic operations only, and not of all. Such operations are the vegetative and the sensitive. And this ought to be so, if man is a rational animal, and hence agrees with brutes in genus, although

differing in species. But his nature is not to be determined from his vegetative and sensitive operations, but from his spiritual ones, viz.: those of the intellect and the will, which Darwin in vain strives to find also in brutes. For what philosopher has ever succeeded in proving, or what reasonable man has ever dreamed that brutes perceive universal ideas, that they distinguish between moral good and evil, that they are capable of learning arts and sciences, of contemplating the beauty and order of the universe, its duration and size, its Creator and Preserver? That they reason about causes and effects, make resolutions for the future, learn the properties of medicinal plants, and in case of sickness apply them or seek the physician? That they ever resist wilfully their natural inclinations for fear of a remorse of conscience or of a bad renown? That they do even so much as to boast of their country, their patriotism, their former deeds of valor?

Until Darwin and his successors shall adduce sufficient reasons in proof that the former and like operations can be and are performed by brutes, we shall quietly adhere to the old opinion, "*for melior est conditio possidentis.*"

Now since there is such a vast difference between the operations of man and brute, as was just seen, then also must there be a vast difference in their nature, and, consequently, in their origin.

And if this is the case, then Successive Transformism, maintaining the likeness of their origin, is false, and, as was demonstrated above, absurd, and must be considered so until it shall become evidently the opposite by monkeys turning into philosophers, and not philosophers into monkeys.

IN THE HAMMOCK.

PAUL WILSTACH.

Who has not experienced the delight, the rare enjoyment to be derived from an idle lounge in a hammock of a summer evening? The scorching sun has kept you under cover all day long and he has but set—his last rays still glisten on yonder gilded spire—when you steal out striving to catch a stray breath of cool air, your eye wonders to the neighbor's weather-vane and across the vast sky to discover the least indication of rain, and finally rests on the old hammock swinging between two great apple trees, which have always been declared the pride of the family and ornaments to the yard. The old hammock has hung there season after season, is put up the first hot spell of Spring and is not taken down until the weather becomes so crisp as to

threaten a chill to one who should not take the necessary precautions—there it hangs, no one ever sees to it and though whole heavens should fall no one would bring it in out of the rain. Yes, as you stand on the step the screen door bangs behind you, another hasty glance over the sky and you believe you will try the "old thing." It creaks and groans a little at first and you rather mistrust its strength, but after one or two pushes confidence is gained and you lift—still rather cautiously to be sure—first one and then the other foot into the hammock. Little Frank is summoned just to give a start, and—well you declare, just to yourself, that that is positively the best thing you have stumbled on in some time. After a pleasant doze of about an hour you are awakened by the low hum of a vicious mosquito who has pushed himself on your nose evidently looking for blood, but a gentle brush of your hand drives him away, more obliging than others of his race he bothers you no more.

It is much cooler and the stars begin to appear one by one at first, then in couples and occasionally in clusters,—this suggests the "dipper," and you turn and stretch and seek for it in vain, till finally you do discover it, but a branch hides the extremity of the handle. The big and little bear, the north star milky way and several other celebrities are sought for some in vain some with better luck. A host of childish reminiscences and superstitions about witches riding to the stars on brooms and in baskets, present themselves and you recite over to yourself in a rather confidential manner

Star-light, Star bright

First star I see to-night—,

but find the rest has escaped your memory and you try
"Twinkle, twinkle little star

How I wonder what you are,

Way up in the sky so high—

but line four of this familiar stanza has also taken flight and so it goes till your attention is attracted by the rising of the full moon—I am always tempted to call it the new moon, for as it peeps over the horizon so yellow and round and the old gentleman of moon-fame smiles so inticingly at you, who would not be tempted to think it was made nice and new just that special evening? And so you dream on and on, reminiscences and verses and old superstitions crowd thicker upon your mind and you think on and on and the moon creeps higher into the sky and the breezes begin to blow fresher your shirt sleeves of the early part of the evening are too cool, you find yourself rather stiff and sleepy and on the whole conclude you had better get to bed, so you go into the house and upstairs, well impressed with the merits of the old hammock which had hitherto hung so listlessly between the two apple trees.

MONTH OF MAY.

What magic in the word May! Images of all that is beautiful come before one's mind. Pictures of innocence of our pure affection and all that is good and true in man finds a ready echo in our hearts.

May is truly the month of beauty. Nature it would seem has hidden herself during the dreary months of winter in order that she might save her powers for this beautiful season. Trees, flowers, and fields, so barren and lifeless, for many months, now give forth signs of hidden life and appear clothed in those beautiful colors that mock the artist; and live under such a variety of forms as to baffle all poets to describe. Nor are these charms confined to particular spots. All over the broad creation, wherever there is a mind to appreciate, or a heart to fill with joy, nature makes an effort to please, and accomplishes her work as no other worker can.

The coldest heart among us cannot be insensible to this. In spite of the care of business, of arduous tasks or even the crushing influence of broken health, we feel our heart expand and our cheek glow as we feast our minds on the lavish profusion of beauty which encompasses us on every side. When does the poet receive his most tender thoughts if not now? Every step he takes breathes a new life and a new thought. The trees make him a heavenly bower, whence he contemplates the gorgeous panorama before him. The flowers breathe forth their most delicate odors, scenting the air around with their celestial perfume. The little brook goes babbling on making music that speaks to him of heaven; and its tiny ripples shine with a lustre he never saw before. The sky is colored with tints of whose delicacy he never dreamed. The silky clouds speak to him of heavenly messengers and every scene speaks in sweetest accents of some great Being who loves to please His creatures, but who in doing this wishes to remind men of the greater beauties beyond the sky.

The beauty of this month is better understood by no one than the Church, who wishes to make use of it to attract her children to greater devotion. With this end in view she consecrates it to the service of the Mother of God, and most appropriately; for as we see in May a gathering of all that is beautiful in nature, so in Mary we see all that is good, pure and holy in human nature, in our weak nature which is now so elevated by God Himself assuming it in the person of Jesus Christ. God wishing to become man did not wish to taint His Divinity; and as He could only find one on earth that could assist Him to accomplish His designs so did He choose that there should be one month fit to do her honor. Mary for His mother and May for Mary.

It is a great stumbling block for the sects, that Catholics should so highly exalt the Blessed Virgin. But what have Christians done compared with what God Himself has done to honor her. If we delight to honor great men, we are also pleased to honor their mothers. A true hero always gives us the example. Witness Washington when about to leave home, suddenly gives up all his plans at sight of a mother's tears; and we love him the more for it. So because we love Jesus Christ who did so much for us, we likewise love and venerate his mother. We love him as God, her as His mother, a human being it is true, but after God most deserving of our love. We further love her as our own Mother, for when Christ was about to die He gave her to us as our Mother, "Son, behold thy mother." Do we really love her? Let the thousand of shrines erected all over the world in her honor answer. Do we worship her? We do not; only the most perverse ignorance could assert the contrary.

To the student especially, May is a delightful time. He enjoys games better in proportion as long months of confinement have kept him from them. Besides he is nearing the goal of expected pleasure in being united to his friends whom he has seen so seldom in the past ten months. He loves more the friends to whom the year's association has endeared him and from whom he shall soon separate. He thinks more fondly of his College home where care never reached him, but knew himself safe from the world's allurements. All the pleasant memories of the past year crowd upon him as he watches the leaves come forth. He remembers perhaps that a short year ago, he with some dear friend watched the same change in nature, and now his dear companion lies in the cold and silent tomb. Thoughts of a great effort he is to make at commencement spurs him on. There is much work to be done and time is precious. There are kind parents to reward, friends to please. Diplomas to be won, various honors to be gained. These and many other considerations give the student an impetus he never felt before. Already the man has succeeded the boy and he moves in an entirely different world.

These few thoughts suggest themselves at the return of this queen of months. Life is a serious question, and fraught with many difficulties. If we plod along regardless of the many beauties which are to be found and welcomed, without stopping to regard them; if we pass every oasis in this great desert without waiting to quench the burning thirst for beauty in our souls, how dreary the journey will become, how sad and fruitless, if not one of absolute despair. The glories we now behold are such food for our soul. Let us satisfy, in some way, the longing desires we all feel for noble things, by

contemplating the works of a Living God. Let us quench our thirst at the shallow stream, till it shall be ours to plunge into the ocean of His love.

LOCALS.

- Alleluia!
- Hello Jocko!
- "I dare say".
- To the rescue!
- Is fishing a failure?
- The woods are beautiful.
- 'Rah for the centenary!
- We got there, just the same!
- How we missed the Daum Major.
- The campus never looked more inviting.
- The "boat crews" had an exciting race Monday.
- The suckers were all on the bank. Do you bite?
- No more five o'clock study. Its music to the ear.
- Vive the straw hats. But straw hats and over coats!

Shame!

— Speaking of birds, don't our orators make the night 'owl'?

— One thing the April showers can't dampen—the ardor of our elocutionists.

morning and then—"next month."

— Martin Leinertz ought to be a good fisherman, good mathematicians are always first class anglers.

— Easter boxes and baskets were as welcome as plentiful after forty days of fasting. How the boys did pitch in!

— Rev. Bro. Rosa C. S. V. of Holy Name School Chicago spent Easter Sunday with his confreres at the College.

— We offer our congratulations to Father Riley of Danville who has been made Senior Dean of the Diocese of Peoria.

— Bro. Sullivan C. S. V. returned Tuesday after an extended vacation at the home of his parents, recuperating his strength.

— May is here with its flowers and birds and heat and spring fever and examinations, but Harry Donnelly says its only "next month" all the same.

— Andy Kerr and Arthur Tart of Kankakee come out occasionally to see the boys, who appreciate their kind remembrance.

— Professor—Falley take seat, your F.—Can't, its nailed down!.....

— Mrs. Halton and Miss Kittie of Chicago spent Easter with James.

— Mr. and Mrs. Crumley of Peoria were at the College Thursday

— Martin was in a perfect *Bed-lam* the other night but matters were soon arranged and M. M. dropped off

while the chorus snored "Jenny Tory", *à la* latest.

— James McKernan was called to his home in Indianapolis last week to attend the bedside of his father who died soon after his arrival. James has the sincere sympathy of his many friends.

— The good taste of our genial sacristan, Mr. John Kelly was never better manifested than in the preparation of the repository for Holy Thursday. The design was an original and artistic one and was carried out most beautifully.

On the visitors register we find Mesdames Hill, Timely; Miss Walsh and Master Eddie Halton, of Chicago; Mr. Normoyle of Rock Island; Peck, Tart and Dickinson; Misses Tart and Kerr; Messrs, Kerr and E. W. Dickinson, of Kankakee.

— Archbishop Corrigan today administered the sacrament of confirmation in St. Patrick's Cathedral to over fifty deaf mutes, pupils of the Rev. Alfred Balanger who has for the last two years been doing missionary work among the deaf and dumb of the city—*Chicago Tribune*.

— The ceremonies of Holy Week were conducted by Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V. in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart. On Easter Sunday the students attended High Mass in the Church. Rev. President Marsile officiated, Rev. G. M. Legris was Deacon, and Mr. Kursch Sub-deacon.

— The annual retreat for the classical course as intimated in the last Journal was this year held during the fore part of Holy Week instead of the latter. The retreat began Monday evening and was consummated on Holy Thursday when the classical students approached the Holy Table.

— The Committee in charge of the Centennial at Kankakee courteously extended the S. V. C. Battalion an invitation to march in the procession, which Col. Dore accepted. The Battalion was there five companies strong with our Band and corps of mounted Battalion officers.

— It was the original intention of the Journal to issue a Washington Centenary Anniversary number appropriate in matter and made up to the occasion but circumstances beyond our power necessitated the laying aside of our scheme. The Journal feels just as patriotic in her modest attire as will some of her contemporaries in their holiday get up. Next time.

— The excavations from the foundations of the chapel and wing have been utilized in widening and grading the avenue before the college, which makes an elegant drive all the way from the town hall to the Academy of Notre Dame. A couple of rows of stately trees would add much and make College Avenue a really handsome Boulevard. What think the gentlemen of the Town Board?

QUINQUINITES.

Fourbonnais Grove

April 27 1889.

Mr. Paul Wilstach

Secretary: In the last issues of the College Journal I happened to notice the letters written by some members of our society telling us how they had spent their time during the past year. I rejoice to see that all those who have as yet fulfilled their annual task have been successful in almost all their undertakings.

Some are still under the wings of our old Alma Mater, whilst others having left its angelic protection and are already in the arms of this wide busy world. And it seems that some are already so far from us as not to be able to let us know of their doings and their whereabouts.

As to myself, having finished going to school, I have since been employed in the Bank of Warren R. Hickox in Kankakee. I have been very fortunate in getting such a place and feel most happy to be able to keep it. I join with Lawer Granger in extending my congratulations to our friend Willie. Now, in hoping to hear from all the as yet silent members, and wishing all the best success and prosperity in their careers,

I remain as ever your friend and Quinquinite,

H. J. Legris.

SHOULD THE STATE FURNISH BOOKS TO PEOPLE?

ANSWERS GIVEN BY THE SECOND RHETORIC CLASS.

No. They should not furnish books to the children. It is enough to furnish education free, without books. Those who are too poor to buy them could always obtain them from the school free of charge. Those are called fund books. If books would be free to rich and poor, every man's taxes would be raised a great deal higher. A good many Catholic children would be drawn away from Parochial Schools, and a great number would lose their religion. It is nothing but a scheme to do this.

W. Prendergast.

My humble opinion on this subject is this.—The State should not furnish books for use in school. My reasons are these.—In the first place it would make the taxes heavier and everyone knows they are heavy enough now. Secondly—In all probability there would be a change of text books from the different kinds to one standard which would be an additional expense. Thirdly—If those who are appointed to select the best

authors be persons of bad character they would, owing to their morals, choose text books which are morally bad. In using these books the student learns bad habits and would give the Public Schools a worse reputation than they now possess, which, heaven knows, is bad enough.

J. B. Gallet.

The question of free school books is one which is assuming a great magnitude in this country, and as it relates to Catholics in a particular manner as they are now taxed for the maintaining of this system.

This course of education is denounced by the Church as a system of Godless teaching and the question now arises, shall we bear a still heavier tax? How solve this question?... First by examining into the cost of school books.

What do the books cost now? I have a report of a committee in Ohio in which they look into this question. It seems that they received sworn evidence from a number of teachers in that state as to the number and value of the school children's books. The annual expense of each pupil's was about fifty cents. It seems to me that this is a crusher to those people who claim that great savings would be made by having the state furnish books. Another thing is that books run through a whole family without being destroyed, so that saves money also.

From the above facts it seems clear that in most cases free books would only increase the taxes and that to no advantage. Moreover it must be borne in mind that this has reference only to books for pupils in public schools.

In our Catholic schools we provide tuition, building and books for scholars. We can buy books just as cheap as the state. If they did have free books there would be a great many Catholic pupils brought to their schools.

M. Wiseman.

I say positively No. I think I am justified in being so frank when I consider the following reasons. 1st. It would raise the tax as high if not higher than the price of the books every year; whereas the books once bought would in general do in the same family for as many years as children have need of them and if not it would be as rank an injustice to charge them for what they did not use. For Catholic people to stand more taxes when no benefit is being derived would be keenly felt. 2ndly. They would have to labor too long to obtain suitable books. It is their object to appoint a corps to write out the different school books. The only book that now remains of the ones they had in use five years ago is White's Arithmetic. It would take them as long again before they would be satisfied. 3rd. People talk of monopolies. Could not a trust be formed on the paper and bring the price as high as what the

books would cost? The scheme was undertaken in California with little or no success. Thus I could produce more objections, but think that the above are enough to condemn the project on the very face.

James J. Condon.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Chicago.

All America.

"Line 'em out!"

Who's signed Brady?

League season is now open.

Who's going to win the pennant?

Hurrah for Capt. Cregan's prize nine!

New suits for the Minims are expected daily.

The Juniors at last have a first class league.

As yet but few have accepted the Challenge of the Shamrocks.

The diamond is much improved since the tiling has been put down.

All our league clubs are signing new talent and good games are expected.

This promises to be one of the liveliest seasons we have ever had on the diamond.

The "Little Daisies" defeated the "Dewdrops" Thursday the 26th by a score of 17 to 16. Hard hitting was the feature.

The latest league games of the Junior organization have resulted as follows:

Sunday, Apr. 21st. Rovers 18, Stars 11; Apr. 22nd. Rovers 19, Butterflies 5; Apr. 23rd. Batterflies 28, Stars 18; Apr. 28th. Rovers 14, Butterflies 10; May 1st. Rovers 18, Butterflies 6. The success of the Rover club is due largely to their hard hitting and the excellent battery work of Dostal and McCann.

The Juniors would like to know where that mask is that the Shamrocks borrowed from them last fall?

Manager Dore of the Crescents has offered an elegant banquet to the boys if they win the pennant.

Bonfield of the Junior Chicago club, who was home for a few days, returned last week and will probably play in to-morrow's game.

The Minims still continue to play a good game of ball and most every recreation day they have a large share of the spectators to witness their interesting contests.

Last Sunday the Cregan All Americans defeated the Brady Chicagos by a score of 18 to 12. The feature of the game was the general mugging of both sides.

A game is now in progress as we go to the press, between the Crescents and Dewdrops. Batteries, Crescents, McCarthy and Condon; Dewdrops, Gallet and Rivard.

There was never such general satisfaction expressed at the fairness of the Senior League Schedule as this year. The holidays are equally divided and everything arranged to suit the clubs.

The Wilmingtons will be here Sunday, May 12th. The boys are ready for them and promise to get revenge for the awful drubbing they received at Wilmington last fall. Letters have also been received from the St. Ignatius College nine of Chicago and the Hospital club of Kankakee.

To take some of the base ball pride out of the Chicago boys, a nine composed of students from all cities outside of Chicago was organized to cross bats with the Garden City boys. They played two games, the first resulting in favor of the Chicago's by a score of 10 to 4. The feature of this game was the general steady work of the Chicagos and the phenomenal fielding of Gallet. The second game was a victory for the All Americas and was won by their heavy slugging. They surely had on their batting clothes for they knocked Cleary, who proved so effective in the first game, out of the box. McCarthy was then put in by Chicago but was treated no more kindly than Cleary. The score was 16 to 15. The batteries were Cleary and H. Baker for Chicago in the first game and Cleary, McCarthy and Baker in the second. Dandurand and Rivard occupied the points for the All Americas in both games.

The Seniors following the example of the Juniors, organized what will be hereafter known as the Senior Base Ball League. It is officered as follows; Pres., E. L. Rivard; Sec., Paul Wilstach; Treas., Frank Baker.

It is composed of three clubs which have the following gentlemen for officers. Bourbons, Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V., Manager; Martin T. Murray, Captain; Frank Baker, Secretary; A. J. Frazer, Treasurer. Crescents, Rev. J. Parke Dore, Manager; J. Joseph Condon, Captain; Ben W. McCarthy, Secretary; Edward G. Erbland, Treasurer. Dewdrops, James Z. Cregan, Manager; Francis P. Cleary, Captain; Joseph B. Gallet, Secretary; Harry Donnelly, Treasurer. An Arbitration Committee was selected and is composed of the following gentlemen; Francis Cleary, James Condon and Frank Baker.

The following contracts and releases have been promulgated by President Rivard; With the Bourbons, William F. Kearney; Crescents, Michael Bonfield; Shamrocks William Coffey; Dewdrops, Adrian Brady. Junior League; Rovers, George Dostal; Butterflies, George Houde. Minim League; Wizards, Richard Bradley; Kerrs, Hal Sullivan; Releases. Senior League; Bourbons, T. J. Normoyle. Junior League; Stars, George Houde, George Dostal.

The "Two Harrys", Baker and Jones, have refused to play with any club as they are not satisfied with their classification. Normoyle has also asked for his release

from the Bourbons which was granted him. He wanted a raise over last year's salary.

Catching 76 flies out of 78 is a record to be proud of. This is what Harry Donnelly, the star fielder of the Dewdrop club did last Tuesday morning.

Captain Coyle's nine of the Junior League has disbanded. Hard luck was the cause. Short stop Dostal has been signed by the Rovers and Catcher Houde will play with the Butterflies. The rest of the men have been given unconditional releases.

"Don't you fellows throw to bases for I can't tell whether the men are out or not." The above sentence was rendered with slow music by J. Alacrity Donnelly the other day while he was umpiring a game of base ball.

The first game of the Senior League was played last Wednesday between the Crescents and Bourbons and resulted in a victory for the latter. The Crescents had the game right in their hands but it slipped out again by the wildness of McCarthy, their pitcher. The game was a poor exhibition of ball playing but it must be remembered that it was the first game of the season. The features of the game were Kuisely's home run hit which was the longest that has been made at Crescent Park since 1881, and the magnificent back stop work of Condon. The batteries were Dandurand and Coffey for the Bourbons and McCarthy and Condon for the Crescents.

Acting upon the suggestion of the Journal the Juniors organized a league. It is composed of three clubs that are as evenly matched as they possibly could be and the people may rest assured that a bitter fight will be made for the pennant. Also the individual members of each club will work hard to win the prizes which were made mention of in our last issue. The officers of the league are as follows; Rev. Eugene L. Rivard, President; Rev. J. P. Dore, Vice President; Master Willie J. Shea, Secretary; George Carlon, Treasurer. The organization will be known as the Junior League of St. Viateurs College. The nines are officered as follows; Rovers, Chas. H. Ball, Manager; George McCann, Captain; John Dostal, Secretary; Edward Kelly, Treasurer. Stars, Rev. M. A. Dooling, Manager; John Coyle, Captain; Joseph O'Conner, Secretary; Ambrose Boylan, Treasurer. Butterflies, Rev. P. A. Sullivan, Manager; John W. Shea, Captain; George Carlon, Secretary; John Van Loon, Treasurer.

THE CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEART.

(TRANSLATED FROM *Le Cercle Français*.)

The chapel of the Sacred Heart will soon be up, a

monument to the memory of a great benefactor. Bourbonnais will possess a sanctuary in which will be cultivated a devotion which ought to save our century already mangled with egotism. It will be an act of reparation offered to this heart which was pierced by the lance of human ingratitude, and a source of benediction on those who help to build it and who come to worship at the foot of the altars.

How anxious we have been to see these blessed walls rise from the earth! How sweet will that light be which will dart across those arches and will crown with a halo the statues of those saints who look down upon us! And the dome with its angels, will it not seem that the very heavens have opened above us? Upon the altar as upon a throne the Victim of love will present to us his Sacred Heart, a fountain of grace, the asylum of souls. What could retard us from the accomplishment of so pious a project.

Subscriptions continue to swell and seem to remind us somewhat of the generosity that animated the ages of faith which gave Europe so many of its beautiful monuments. With such a spirit anything is possible. We will have as in the eternal city, our dome, a veritable heaven in the heavens.

It will be a miniature to be sure but the idea will be a living production. The inspiration of the artist will be given full scope, for in our temples the poetry of Christianity has been most manifest.

Will there not be real poems? The stone in contact with the chisel, like the canvas 'neath the artist's brush, seems to feel and to sing the miracles of the divine work.

Nothing more beautiful on this earth than the Christian Churches. With reason the poet calls them vestibules to the glories of eternity. And our little sanctuary, embellished with piety and devotion will indeed be a link in the long chain of wonders, triumphal arches erected to the glorious religion of Jesus Christ.

There are precious souvenirs attached to antique cathedrals, like the very moss on its stones. At the foot of their altars a St. Louis has grasped *l'onflamme*, a Napoleon has been crowned; beneath their shade sleep a Charlemagne, a St. Edward.

Our chapel will have its own sweet reminiscences, its walls will be perfumed with the flower of life, the joyous days of childhood. Beneath its dome will rest the bones of him whose memory lives always with us.

At Paray le-Monial, where the Sacred Heart of Jesus appeared, the corporal maladies are not cured; the soul alone finds peace and life. But do not spiritual miracles surpass all others? Ah! it is those we need. This heart will here show us its power; young hearts will be confirmed in virtue; sinners will find grace; and the Love, will Himself be loved!

ROY MEMORIAL NOTES.

Mortar and trowel.

Watch those walls go up.

The mason's trowels sing a merry song.

The foundations are a perfect bee hive of workmen.

Judging from the work done in the past few days the walls will be up in less than two months.

The wagons will soon have to turn to hauling stone again, those walls eat fearfully.

Why is the chapel like the contractor? Because they are both LeBeau.

A generous lady friend has donated one of the large windows and promises that it shall be exceptionally fine.

Rev. G. M. Legris, Secretary of the R. M. Association was in Chicago during the week on Memorial Chapel, business.

An old saying has it that "Money makes the mare go," but the R. M. Chapel makes the money go as nearly as we can estimate.

Rev. Bro. Senecal C. S. V. was in Chicago last week conferring with Architect Vigeant about some changes in the wing.

The Memorial stone to be placed prominently in the front wall is the donation of Louis Dandurand Esq. of Bourbonnais. It is handsomely carved and lettered "Roy Memorial Chapel 1889".

The first stone was placed in position Wednesday April 24th. though from the way the walls have crept up since, one might imagine the masons had been at work for a couple of weeks instead of only one.

The Dooling Knights of the Sword are going to put in a window in honor of St. Michael the Patron Saint of their beloved Spiritual Director, Rev. M. A. Dooling C. S. V. Father Dooling and the Knights are especially indebted to Mr. Kelly of Danville, for fifty dollars and to Mrs. M. Meehan of Chicago, for twenty five.

Recent donors to the R. M. Fund are Rev. A. Bergeron of Chicago, \$100; Dr. George Rivard, Assumption, Ills. \$50; Rev. Fr. Owens, Fairbury, Ills. \$25; Jos. Boisvert, Esq. \$25. This list is correct but not quite complete as we have not had a chance to see the Secretary, Rev. G. M. Legris. We hope others will put their hands in their pocket books and follow the worthy example of these gentlemen.

The "Cercle Moliere" is contemplating an entertainment during the summer for the benefit of their window. From the one given during the Holidays they realized \$75, and the people were so well pleased that a repetition of the performance indicates that they may make their treasury balance at \$175.

PERSONALS.

Sadlier—Rev. Richard J. Sadlier '83 has been removed from Maishall, Mich. to St. Vincent's Rectory, Detroit, where his Journal will here after be sent him.

Murtaugh—We have recieved a letter from Rev. Wm. Murtaugh '82 asking that the Journal be here after addressed him at Chatsworth, Ills. Whence he has been removed from Pontiac to assist Rev. Father Van-Der Hagen. Father E. E. Hearn will replace Father Murtaugh at Pontiac.

Boisvert—Very Rev. Father Beaudoin on Easter Monday pronounced the solemn words which united in holy wedlock Moise Boisvert '85 and Miss Jeanjeuf both of Bourbonnais. The altars were tastily decorated for the occasion and music of a high order was prepared. It was a brilliant event. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Boisvert on their happy union.

Sampson—James Sampson '88 of pleasant memory as the *brave* commissary, visited the college last week on the occasion of Father Dooling's birthday.

Hickey—By recent changes in Archdiocese of Chicago Rev. P. J. Hickey '84 is removed from St. Patrick's Church Chicago to assist Father Van Laar of South Chicago.

Miller—J. A. Miller '88 writes a friend that he is not studying this year but resting at his home Reno, Mich.

Rivard—Julius Rivard '88 spent Easter with his parents in Bourbonnais. Julius is engaged in the drug business in Chicago.

Cochlin—Michael Cochlin '78 his many friends will be pleased to hear is the ticket agent and general traffic manager at Kinsington Ills. Mike is looking well and has a beautiful wife.

Duret—L. Duret '87, is proprietor of a handsome steam Laundry at his home Peru Ind. Lew's success will be pleasant news to his old college friends.

Ruger—J. Ruger '87 is employed in his father's whole-cracker manufactory in Lafayette, Indiana, and desires to be remembered to his old friends.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The *United States Journal of Elocution and Oratory* is monthly devoted to these sciences. It represents a school of elocution and its columns contain many valuable suggestions to teachers and students. The "Lessons in Grace" are one interesting feature and well worthy of perusal. For those who need practical help in Elocution the *Journal* will found most useful. (Washington D. C. \$ 1.00 per year.)

EXCHANGES.

We hope that the *Censor* has not been frightened into going up its Ex. column.

The *Fordham Monthly* has discovered a novel way filling up its column and that is to get them only half full. Good scheme!

The *Collegian* for March comes out a full fledged magazine, not only in size but also in the solidity of its matter. Letters on "Chapel Attendance" seems to develop the fact that most peoples favor compulsory rather than voluntary attendance. This may seem like forcing one to worship, as one corresponbent urges; but it is positively the *only* way to have religious exercise^s attendance, and without religious instruction there is only half education.

The *Buchtelite*, Vol. 1, No. 1, of Akron O., is the latest addition to our Ex. list. It is all that can be wished for in a new paper. We welcome this friend, because it is work and room for all. Its leading articles, a poem: "Achilles and Briseis," possesses no little merit. It is composed in the style and metre of Longfellow's *Hiawatha*. Other contributions of note are, "Wartburg" and "Warren Hastings". We wish you the success your initial number seems to predict.

The *Courier* has for April contains a beautiful written history of the "Stabat Mater" as well as a translation of the same. The translation is a very liberal and simple rendition of this beautiful hymn; but this serves all the more to bring out the pathetic tenderness of this remarkable composition. The history of its author is not less soul stirring. A worldling, rich influential and well educated, he follows the world as the supreme good, forgetting heaven and God. His wife prays earnestly for his conversion; but her tragic death is the only thing to move with a sense of his mad course. Then realizing in the sudden death of her he loved so dearly, the nothingness of all things below, he clothes himself in rags and goes from place to place: the sport of children the outcast of all. Ten years of this passed when "Jacapore" finds that to live this life longer would be dangerous and he betakes himself to a Franciscan Convent there to spend the remaining of his life. The solitude of the Cloister forecasts his genius and here besides many others he wrote the "Stabat Mater" which best of all tells the sorrow and repentence of a loving soul. His own sorrow made him sympathize with others; a penitent, he naturally flew to Mary the "Mother of Sorrows." Let the author of the sketch here noticed, finish: "It is somewhat the fashion nowadays to go back to Pagan sources for poetical inspirations, but we see here how powerful the Bible is as a spur to the imagination, not the Bible made inspired by rhetoricians and altered to the caprices of a profane epoch, but the Bible with all the authority of its commandments and all the terrors of its mysteries."

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Fifty colored men are studying for the priesthood in Rome.

Rev. Father Tanquerey, of San Pedro, California, is entitled to the rare credit of having, by the work of his hands as a portrait painter, earned the funds by means of which his new church has been erected.

'One of the most gifted linguists of the day has just passed away,' says the "London World", 'in the Rev. J. J. O'Carroll, a Jesuit.' Father O'Carroll had mastered fourteen languages with their literature and had a fair acquaintance—that is to say, was on speaking terms—with about twenty more.

(Critic.)

Leo XIII has just been chosen by the republics of Bolivia and Paraguay to settle a serious trouble which has arisen with regard to the limitation of their respective territories. The nations still look to the Papacy to arbitrate their disputes.

The year 1889 is the bi-centenary of the apparition of our Lord to Blessed Margaret Mary, and in commemoration of this anniversary the Priests of the Sacred Heart, at Paris, have established a monthly publication, the object of which is "to prepare souls and society for the reign of the Heart of Jesus."

The Belgian Anti-Slavery society is organizing an expedition which will endeavor to reach the shores of Lake Tanganka by the Congo route, and will establish two fortified forts upon the lake.

The ceremony of the conferring of the Pallium on the Most Rev. F. Janssens, D. D., Archbishop of New Orleans, will take place on Wednesday, May 8th. The Pallium will be conferred by his Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore.

Bishop Keane, president of the new Washington University, on Monday presented to the Pope two gentlemen of Washington, who contributed magnificent sums to the institution. It is stated that each one subscribed \$1,500,000. The Pope thanked them warmly for their magnificent gifts.

The Papal brief in reference to the distribution of the \$400,000 paid in settlement to the Jesuits' estate, has been received by Cardinal Taschereau and communicated to the government a short time ago. The distribution is made exactly as stated several weeks ago, viz.: To the Jesuits, \$160,000; to Laval at Quebec, \$100,000; to Laval at Montreal, \$40,000; and \$100,000 to be divided among the Bishops of the province.

Sister Benedicta, Superior of the new city hospital, being erected at Baltimore, received a check for \$150, from the Emperor William of Germany, for the benefit of the institution. A letter accompanied the gift, explaining the object for which his majesty had transmitted the money. The money will be used to furnish a room in the new building when completed, which will be named in honor of the donor.

(Church Progress.)

A noteworthy move has recently been made in Boston among our colored brethren. Under the auspices and with the encouragement of the Catholic Union, a colored conference of St. Vincent de Paul has been formed, embracing between twenty and twenty-five members, with the most

favorable prospects of success. This change has the sanction of His Grace, the Archbishop, who has appointed a spiritual director for the Conference.

The following statistics of different religions in European Russia are interesting. There are 61,941,200 members of the "Greek Church"; 8,300,000 Catholics; 3,000,000 Jews; 2,950,000 Protestants; 2,600,000 Mohammedans; "United" (that is Catholic) Greeks and Armenians, 55,000; Pagans, 56,000. The Catholics have 1,287 churches, and over 1,400 clergy; the Protestants 700 churches; the Jews 349 synagogues; the Mohammedans about 37,000 churches, and 4,800 chapels and about 85,000 clergy.

Recently the workmen engaged in replacing the pavement of the retrochoir at Lincoln, England, Cathedral, had occasion to remove the decayed slab which covered the grave of Bishop Oliver Sutton, who died on November 13th., 1299. In the grave they found a silver-gilt chalice and paten in a state of perfect preservation; also a large gold ring set with a piece of rock crystal. By the side of the skeleton was a much decayed crozier with the crook beautifully carved with maple leaves.

In the spring of 1606, Portineourt, Champdore, Champlain, and others arrived in their ships at Cape Malebone, the French name for Cape Cod. They rounded the Cape and after exploring the coast finally landed at what is now Chatham. A cross was erected, and Mass, with other religious services, was practiced on the soil of Massachusetts. This occurred years before the Brownists or Pilgrims went to Holland, or before the word Puritan was ever heard of.

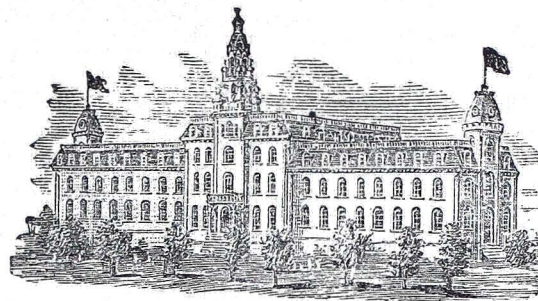
(Pilot)

The total ascertained Catholic population of the Dominion of Canada is 1,942,248, being considerably more than one-third of the entire population. The most populous diocese is Montreal, which has 412,000 Catholics, followed by Quebec with 295,666. Next in the order come Three Rivers with 124,000. St. Hyacinth with 110,210, and Ottawa with 100,000. The total number of priests is 2,054, of bishops, 24; and of archbishops, 5. The number of churches is 1,556; and if to this we add the 367 chapels and missions that are scattered throughout the less thickly settled parts of the country, we find that there are no fewer than 1,923 places of Catholic worship in the Dominion.

The Cardinals, Prelates and Consultors of the Sacred Congregation of Rites assembled in the Vatican, on March 12th., in general or definitive session under the presidency of the Sovereign Pontiff, to examine, in the third instance, the miracles attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Giovanni Giovenale Ancine, who occupied the Episcopal See of Saluzzi, and who was one of the first and most faithful disciples of Saint Philip Neri. At the same session the Cardinals and Fathers of the Sacred Congregation of Rites have been called upon to pronounce on the cause of the two Venerables Chancel and Pertoyre, for the purpose of deciding if it were possible to proceed surely to their Beatification, being given the preceding approbation of their miracles.

Rev. M. S. Brennan in a sermon at the laying of the corner stone of a Catholic Church said: "The greatest names in Astronomy, Mathematics, Mechanics Electricity, Galvanism Chemistry, Optics, Thermotics, Mineralogy, and Botany are Catholic ones. In Astronomy, the true system of the world is called after Copernicseus, a Catholic priest."

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