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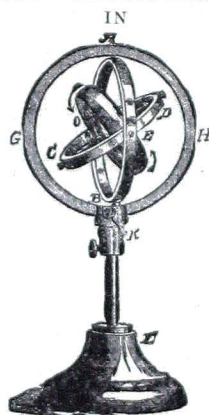
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## THE RELATION OF PHILOSOPHY TO THE OTHER SCIENCES.

SPEECH BY E. K. BEFORE THE CLASS OF SACRED ORATORY.

God is the source, the fountain of all wisdom and man as man, a creature according to the image of an all wise Creator, loves, desires and pursues that which draws him nearer to his maker. This inborn love of and sighing after wisdom, is called philosophy. Philosophy, then, of whose general and particular utility I purpose to speak, develops one of the noblest instincts of our nature, the instinct to know, and by ordaining all the faculties of our being, makes us like God, our prototype.

Let us consider first how beneficial the study of wisdom is for all men and for all the avocations in which men are engaged; secondly, how indispensable it is for the sublime and godly science of Theology.

The object of philosophy includes the universe, man and God, in their most essential relations to each other. Hence with propriety when compared to the whole collection of human sciences it is pronounced to be, "as the sun in the planetary system, the light of all." The knowledge of a thing stops with its immediate or proximate causes; but wisdom, which is philosophical knowledge, seeks causes more remote, universal and higher, the ultimate causes of all things. Moreover, it seeks to explain things as they absolutely are and could not otherwise be. All the sciences and arts depend upon philosophy as to their certainty, as to their principles and as to their method; and therefore their existence is impossible without it. Its supreme principles are certitude and evidence, by which our mind adheres to truth without fear of error or of the opposite being true. Philosophy in this sense has a certain character of universality which places all the sciences and arts under its dominion. The object of physical sciences is all that which we observe by the senses. But is that which falls under the observation of the senses something objectively true and real or merely a sensation an *ens rationis*? If there are not real bodies, which have in themselves the qualities of odor, color, figure and form; if these bodies and qualities have no connection with taste

smell and sight; must not all physical science fall?

Secondly, science and art must seek their principles in philosophy. The basis of physical science is the idea of being, of substance, of matter and quality, of cause and effect. Were these ideas wanting you could not proceed one step. But what is being? What is matter and what distinguishes it from substance? Go to philosophy and your questions are solved.

The science of mathematics depends upon it. Arithmetic is founded on the idea of number, hence upon the ideas of unity and distinction; Algebra on the idea of signs representing known and unknown quantities; Geometry upon the ideas of extension and space. Moral science rests upon the ideas of the good and the just. Therefore it has its dependence upon philosophy. And do not all political sciences depend upon it? For how can he wisely govern who has no knowledge of the faculties, nature, laws and destiny of the human soul? Medical science has its dependence upon the highest of all sciences. For the most perfect knowledge of the organs would be almost useless to the physician were he to disregard the passions, the habits and their influence upon the human organism. Order and tranquillity in the thoughts and mental functions of the patient could not be re-established. And does not philosophy furnish us with the idea of the beautiful, as well as of truth and goodness. And is not truth eminently beautiful? What strikes the intellect more than the splendor of evidence. Therefore literature and art must also subject themselves to the queen of science.

History depends upon philosophy for without it, it would be a mere catalogue of events without cause or connection. Finally man in his investigation must use certain rules to discover, explain, prove and defend truth and this we call method upon which all science depends. Therefore education, with true philosophy as its basis, is powerful, is mighty, is invincible: without it, it is weak, unsound and superficial.

The study of philosophy also perfects the nature of man. It preserves the understanding from error for it exposes and explains objects in their very essence, by means of truths which are necessary, absolute and immutable. It subjects his passions to right reason and directs him toward his eternal end. Hence it exercises a great influence upon the morals of man and the social



order. But think not that philosophy by beautifying life, elevating thoughts, ordaining the faculties, teaches men self conceit, teaches men to be satisfied with their own reasonings and to refuse light from above! On the contrary sound philosophy leads us to the very portals of revelation and tells us there is a God—He speaks—listen—believe and adore.

The ultimate end of man is eternal beatitude; but philosophy explains the virtues, nature and principles of morality which fit man for beatitude; therefore a knowledge of it is necessary for man in order that he may obtain his ultimate, end. Philosophy demonstrates truths which pave the way to faith; as the existence, veracity and providence of God. Faith although it exposes many truths exceeding reason, nevertheless, it has some which do not exceed the light of reason, for instance, the creation of the world, providence, free will and the immortality of the soul. But philosophy demonstrates these truths. Therefore it is indispensable in the study of Theology.

In the explaining the mysteries of our faith its aid is great. In the first place because supernatural truths are better comprehended according as nature is made more fit for receiving them; for the hability of nature depends upon the greater degree of natural cognition which is acquired through philosophy. Now through the study of philosophy we perceive the dogmas of faith more clearly, because it explains many concepts common to divine as well as human things: for ex. the concepts of truth, substance, unity and a hundred others.

Allow me now to present to your consideration one or two examples which will demonstrate the usefulness of philosophy in the study of Theology. Take the Holy Eucharist for instance. The unbeliever sees the holy Tabernacle and exclaims in the pride of his ignorance: "Here is a monument of superstition; here man adores an absurdity." Oh! my dear infidel, is this mystery so absurd and contradictory? Do you not comprehend that there is no near relation between bodies and our sensibility? If you admit that it is not intrinsically repugnant that there may be an omnipotent God, must you not admit He has the power to make a body which shall not produce the phenomena of sensibility. You must answer in the affirmative or place yourself in contradiction to all sound thoughts. When the great teachers of philosophy, from Aristotle to St. Thomas are agreed upon holding that reason could not demonstrate, for instance the intrinsic impossibility of absolute accidents, existing independently of material substance, they cleared the way for some of the most difficult of our religious dogmas.

Theology comes then in the footsteps of philosophy and affirms facts which are proved by the authority of competent witnesses — and when the skeptic exclaims

"impossible!" — the true philosopher says — "our reason does not prove it impossible; therefore it is not irrational to believe it." Thus does philosophy come to the rescue of Theology in the ultimate explanation of its thousand mysteries. It is not only the mother of Theology, but the handmaid of all the sciences. Without it man would be in darkness surrounded by chaos; with it all becomes clear as the noonday sun. We may therefore rightly exclaim with Milton:

How charming is divine philosophy!  
Not harsh and crabbed as dull fools suppose;  
But musical as is Apollo's lute,  
And a perpetual feast of nectared sweets,  
Where no crude surfeit reigns.

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## SOLITUDE

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The mind wearied and exhausted by the tumult and harassing cares of daily duties seeks among ordinary delights a longed for rest and refreshment. The company of men, the theater and ball-room give only a momentary relief. In vain does man wander through the pleasure gardens of earth; in vain is his ear charmed with music's harmony and his eye with nature's sublimity. After wandering through the bustling world and tasting the delights contained therein, the soul is still discontented. Society with its charms and allurements cannot bring to the soul the tranquility for which it sighs.

The history of men's lives reveals the fact that sweet delights are banished by society's stiff ceremony, and can be found only in the abode of solitude. Never do the distant hours of the happy past appear so charming as when reviewed from solitude. The mind that has once discovered the wealth of pleasures contained in solitude seeks the same in time of trouble. It is in solitude that the soul can congratulate herself on escaping from past dangers, and to reassure herself of present security. Every joy of former years and every expectation of the future like a treasure brought forth examined and replaced. No dreams are so sweet as those day dreams which we experience in solitude. The faithful soldier passes slowly on picket. The night is dark and no living being stirs, no sound reaches his ear save the chirp of the cricket. Wrapped in thought this solitary sentinel dreams away the hours of vision far more exquisite than those of his sleeping comrades in the camp. He thinks of his loving wife and darling children, and looks forward with indescribable joy to the day when he will bid a welcome farewell to arms and depart in haste to the bosom of his family. The exile no longer enjoys the attractions of society. In solitude



he sees his home, his friends, and every pleasure of former days.

For the student solitude is a veritable treasure; but for a guilty conscience solitude is a little hell. The seeker is always restless and thinking of the crime he committed:

"Then stirs the feelings infinite so felt,

In solitude where we are *least* alone;"

But if solitude is a delight to many, it may be a heavy chastisement to others. When you visit a dungeon you tremble at the sight of a cell with its huge iron doors and bars. Bring your thoughts back to antiquity and there see the delight the monks experience in solitude. There it was that they wrote their books and prayed unceasingly to God. It seemed to them to be the only time they were happy. And so it goes. I could give innumerable examples at present, but think that I will leave you to consult Byron on this subject. He knew how unsatisfying are the pleasures of the world; how shallow the praises of men:

"If from society we learn to live,

'Tis *solitude* should teach us how to die;

It hath no flatterers; vanity can give

No hollow aid; alone—man with his God must strive."

"But 'midst the crowd, the hum, the shock of men,

To hear, to see, to feel, and to possess,

And roam along, the world's tired denizen,

With none who bless us, none whom we can bless;

Minions of splendor shrinking from distress!

None that, with kindred consciousness endued,

If we were not, would seem to smile the less

Of all that flatter'd, follow'd, sought and sued;

This is to be alone; this, this is *solitude*."

#### AMERICAN LIGHTS.

The United States the "Land of Free and the Brave," great in the eyes of the world as the only true type of government; respected and feared by the nation that claims to be "Monarch of all it surveys;" the dread of the powerful Iron chancellor of the land that sent its despicable hirelings of Hesse Cassel to help to overthrow the just claims of a people fighting for its rights; stands to-day as the foremost nation in points of civilization and scientific progress. America was the fruit of great scientific research in the person of our zealous Columbus and as such was destined by Providence to be the cradle of discoverers and inventors in all branches of sciences.

We need not investigate very profoundly before we find the realization of the assertion. An Edison whose inventions enlighten the world by their brilliant scintillations.

A Morse whose conventional electric sounds traverse the entire civilized world.

A. Cyrus Field whose cable will announce the downfall of European monarchies.

An Ericson whose famous Monitor or "Cheese box on the plank" went down to Hampton Roads on the 8th. of March in the 2nd. year of the civil war and the next day had all the world speaking its praise for having defeated and blockaded the most portentous, iron clad the Merrimac. A Fulton who paved the way to rapid navigation.

James Dwight Dana famous throughout the country as a master of the three extensive departments of knowledge that treat of sciences of minerals, of the Earth or Geology, and Natural history or Zoology.

Louis Rudolf Agassiz as our countryman Benjamin Thomson deserves a place among the great Europeans who having made this their adopted country have done great work here and took ranks along with the most famous Americans, of these one of the most important men of this century was the Swiss scientist Louis R. Agassiz. Mr. Agassiz was born at Moltier, Switzerland, May 28, 1807. He was fond of study and almost without knowing it, as his biographers say, he laid the foundation for becoming a scientist while he was a boy and a young man, studying in the schools, and universities of Switzerland. He was young when he became famous for his knowledge of fossils and fresh water fish, from a work written in Latin and published before he was 25 years old. Shortly afterwards he was made professor of Natural History at his native town. In 1846 he came to this country to lecture in Boston and to fill a commission from the King of Prussia to examine the Geology and Natural History of the United States. At that time Mr. Agassiz did not think of making his home here, but he became at last so attached to this country that the richest offers of Monarchs could not induce him to leave it. The people found him delightful company and a very able and agreeable teacher. The following year the Lawrence Scientific School, a branch of Harvard and our distinguished naturalist Louis Agassiz was asked to accept the professorship.

In addition to his teaching, he kept on with his study and investigation sharing with what he found out with any who wished to learn from him both by lecturing and in his writings. He was always at work, patient and persevering against any disappointments, for his life was not at all on the smooth road. He used to say "I can not understand how any body should be idle or should have time hang on his hands. There is never a moment, except when I am asleep, that I am not joyfully occupied."

One time when he was very busy studying out some deep question of Natural History, he received a letter



from the West offering him a large sum for a course of popular lectures on Natural History; he sent back word: "I can not afford to waste my time making money." There were a great many people surprised when this answer was made public; but it helped to arouse a new and different interest in his work. At different times Mr. Agassiz made tours through the various parts of this country, and into the Amazon region of South America making the discovery of many fishes before unknown and writing a book on his Journey in Brazil also a work of several volumes on contributions to Natural history of United States.

There is a very strange coincidence with regard to the fact that men of genius have seldom been fortunate in their offspring. Neither Cæsar nor Shakespeare left children to perpetuate their fame. In the annals of American science there are remarkable exceptions to this rule.

John W. Draper was fortunate in having three sons who succeeded to his name and each of whom distinguished himself in some branch of scientific thought. The elder Silliman gave place to his son of almost equal renown. Jas. D. Dana has an able successor in his son Edward S. Dana who at present is following the footsteps of his illustrious senior.

Louis R. Agassiz the subject of this essay, likewise had the happiness of having a great son not by reflected light, but great in comparison, great in his own individuality. It has been well said of him that he is "the best authority in the world on certain forms of marine life."

Never before in the annals of the history of our country or even of the world at large was there a scientist who won more universal fame. Poets and orators have used their most eloquent strains to immortalize the name of the great Louis Agassiz.

The following is Longfellow's tribute:

"And nature the old nurse took,  
The child upon her knee,  
Say" Here is a story book  
Thy Father hath written for thee."

To-day over the broad expanse of our glorious country the name of Agassiz is the household word of all scientific circles.

## ELOCUTION.

For sometime past preparations have been in progress for the elocutionary contest for a gold medal, by some of the members of St. Viateur's Euglossian association. The rooms of different contestants have rung with their

practice efforts, and down the corridors have rolled the echoes of their eloquence. There were five contestants for the prize, and each one among them had his coterie of friends and admirers, who hoped that he would win the desired trophy. The judges selected were T. P. Bonfield and D. H. Paddock from outside and Rev. Fr. Dooling of the college. Their instructor in elocution during the year has been Rev. J. Solon, and the exhibition last night shows that he has been faithful to his duty. An elocutionist of the first magnitude himself, he has imparted to the students much of his genius in this line, and they bid fair, should they stay at St. Viateur's until their college life is completed, to become sharp rivals of their instructor.

The hall was well filled with students at the time set for the opening of the contest, each one as deeply interested in the success or failure of his special favorite as the contestants themselves, although each one received his due and hearty applause at the conclusion of his effort.

The evening entertainment opened with a selection by the band, after which the exercises followed in regular order as given in the program below:

Music.....	Band
Fontenoy .....	J. Doheny
Parrhassus and the captive.....	G. Bonfield
Piano duet.....	Messrs. McHugh and Boylan
How He Saved St. Michaels.....	M. Lennartz
Supposed Speech of John Adams.....	J. Cleary
Wounded.....	B. Leroux
Music.....	Orchestra

Each one of the boys showed that he had labored faithfully to secure the prize. Each was calm and self-possessed, and threw into his recitation all the power he could command. As nearly as they could realize, they threw off their own individuality and surroundings and placed themselves in put of those they represented. As the result of the decision of the judges will not be known until the medal is awarded at commencement, we shall not attempt any criticism of the efforts. It is enough that all did splendidly, and each one may feel proud of his effort. Only one can win the prize; but the others should not feel discouraged or think that their efforts were not appreciated.

At the conclusion of the exercises, Rev. Fr. Marsile, the president of the college, introduced Hon. D. H. Paddock, who addressed the boys for about five minutes, congratulating them on the advantages which St. Viateur's college held out to them, and urging them to so equip themselves with the weapons placed in their hands by these teachers that they might be fully prepared, when their time should come, to take upon themselves the full duties and responsibilities of life, with honor to themselves and their tutors.

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## AN ABLE ESSAY.

*The Catholic Church and Socialism*, by Conde B. Pallen — B. Herder, Publisher, 17 South Broadway St. Louis, Mo. Price 52cts net.—In this essay, which among others has the appreciable merit of being short and at the same sufficiently comprehensive, the author offers a solution of the social problem as it proposes itself to us here and now. The question is examined in the light of first principles, to which we must always return in the coolness of reflection for the solving of all important questions.

The solution is one that solves. It is presented in a clear and forcible style and can be grasped by all, for it should be read and studied by all. The problem, as the writer remarks, is not a new one — it is old as human nature; but for us its meaning is intensified because the social conditions are better known. The remedy however is the same—the perfecting of the individual who is the unit of society. This perfection is to come through the Church whose mission is to make men perfect, as the Heavenly Father is perfect; in so far, of course, as men are susceptible of such perfection.

This question has always occupied the attention of Catholic writers and many of our most noted thinkers have expressed like ideas upon the subject—Truth is ever the same—and great minds always see it in the same light. Did Balmes, or Donoso Cortes, or Brownson live to-day they would not write truer or deeper or more beautiful pages than those of Mr. Pallen. We therefore especially invite the careful attention of Catholic students to this essay, a more detailed account of which will appear in another number of our Journal.

## THE HAGAN ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST.

The routine of life at St. Viateur's during the last few weeks of the scholastic year is greatly enlivened by competitive exhibitions of various kinds. The tempting prizes donated by kind friends of the college call forth the student's noblest efforts in each particular study and much latent talent is thereby developed; but the most interesting and perhaps the most useful of these exhibitions is that in which the future Demosthenes first speaks "in public on the stage." Many thus made their first appearance last Wednesday in Elocutionary contest for the Gold Medal presented by the Rev. James M. Hagan Rector of Maple Park, Ill.

The program was as follows:

## Part I

OVERTURE—Fairy Waltz.....ORCHESTRA.  
Convict's Soliloquy on eve of execution, G. McCANN.  
Rum's Maniac.....A. GRANGER.  
The Uncle.....F. COYLE.  
John Maynard.....H. ELWIS.  
Battle Waterloo.....J. NORMOYLE.  
Wounded.....B. LEROUX.

## PART II

Interlude, 5th. Air Varié....Prof. G. MARTINEAU.  
The Polish Boy.....B. O'CONNOR.  
The Collier's Child.....W. WOODWARD.  
Much Ado about Nothing.....HARRY JONES  
The Inquiry.....EUGENE O'CONNOR  
Grandfather.....ALLEN MAHER  
The Engineer's Story.....RICHARD BRADLEY  
Dare and Do.....MILTON ABBEY  
Perdition's Ride.....ANTHONY NORTON  
Paddy's Excelsior.....P. DANHER  
Finale, Valse des Fées.....COLLEGE ORCHESTRA

All of the boys did well and many gave evidence of rare native talent which had been fostered by careful cultivation. They thus reflect great credit on their professors who must have labored intelligently and assiduously to bring about such flattering results. The gentlemen whose untiring efforts have accomplished so much good are the Rev. Bros. T. J. McCormick and J. J. O'Callaghan C. S. V., and Professors Normoyle, McDevitt, Condon and McKenna.

It is not well to depart from established usage and as it is customary to withhold the decision until commencement Day, we must refrain at present from honoring those who fought for prominent places so valiantly and so successfully. Without disclosing any state secrets however, and may mention that the sweet-voiced Minims elicited the most enthusiastic applause. The "Leap" was well described; another John Maynard stood before us in the brave little lad who impersonated that character; a humorous Longfellow told how "Excelsior" heights may be attained without however losing an opportunity, "Be Jabers;" the "Inquiry" was answered in rich, mellow tones and the plaintive-voiced "Little Jim" seemed almost a reality.

The judges chosen to decide the contest were Dr. Schubert of Kankakee, Alexius Granger LL. B. of Tucker and Jno. T. Bennett of N. Y. City. When the last contestant had retired the genial Doctor rose and entertained the audience with some pleasing reminiscences of his boyhood days at St. Viateur's after which all withdrew well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.



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## EDITORIALS.

## INTELLECTUAL STRENGTH CONQUERS.

Man is by nature a perfectible being. His life is a series of acts, each succeeding act influenced in some measure by the preceeding one. The history of man is a recounting of steps towards progress. Nor has he been deficient in this respect everything points to the great results attained in this direction. However we are not to assume that he is physically more perfect to-day than he was in past ages. Perhaps the contrary is true; not that mental progress is detrimental to the physical man, for it was thought long ago that "mens sana in corpore sano" was the desirable thing for man. But as man give themselves more to refinement, both cultivation of those finer qualities less time is left for merely physical improvement. Climate and modes of living have done their share toward making man less strong in a physical point of view. Suffice it to say that man has for long ages steadily sought improvement in his mental faculties and of the results, so evident we need not speak.

While we should never lose sight of our physical culture which conduces so much to bring out much that is good and attractive in man, yet mental culture being so far superior should claim our first attention as it should receive our unending labor.

For physical improvement every occasion is offered; every man, even the lowest has means afforded him of growing strong, but for mental culture there must be favoring circumstances as regards time and place; and great diligence and desire of improvement on the part of man. As to him youth, is by all means the most excellent and as to place, the college holds the first rank.

From this it follows that the school boy, of all others, is the most favored. Every opportunity is afforded him. At college, besides a teacher and books, which he might have had at home, he has many chances to study men; of learning from association many things which would be very difficult in smaller communities.

If we were sufficiently alive to our needs, or if we were deeply penetrated with the grandeur of our being and fully realized the great destiny which is ours, we would never need be reminded of the advantages of study, as we would never miss any opportunity of going towards that higher sphere, in which the cultivated man reigns supreme. Nothing ought to give us so much pain as to realize that we are indifferent to social improvement, and it would seem that no words are strong enough to condemn those who are so lost to their own interests as to despise or neglect any and all chances toward social culture.

Students are often reminded of this delinquency on their part, yet strange to say there are always those who need such reprimands, and sadder still their number is not few.

If then one feels that this appeals to him, why not be manly and rouse himself to action. With desire will come the means and success is inevitable. Besides the pleasure of study he will be saved from many evils; he will be instrumental in doing much good; and he will be sure to attain a worthy place in that grand train of intellectual warriors who fought the battles of progress and who having dethroned the king of darkness, have made knowledge the ruler of the world.

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GREAT CREDIT is due Mr. A. F. Didier for the many useful additions he has made to the Museum. Besides giving many specimens of different kinds, Mr. Didier has prepared and mounted several skeletons of birds, mice and insects. His latest



work in this line, is a skeleton of a rooster, which for many long years had proudly strutted among his peers of the barnyard and who is now henceforth to grace the Museum by his stately frame, as also to testify to the artistic skill of Mr. Didier. We congratulate the managers of the museum on having such an untiring worker and we feel sure that his labors are appreciated by them as they are admired by the friends of the College.

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ELOCUTION is a study well worthy the attention of students and we must say that the students of St. Viateur's are alive to its advantages. The first contest came off last week: a special class under the care of Mr. J. Solon, a full account of whose good work will be found in another column. The contest for the "Hagan Gold Medal" took place, Wednesday and was no less creditable to the students. In this study the boys seem to realize that much depends on their individual efforts and impressed by this they have worked hard. This is the proper spirit and it is the principle that should rule in every branch of learning. Without the student's exertion little can be done; with it all things are possible. The Oratorical contest takes place next week and we have reason to expect much from the participants. Work! boys, work! it is the signal of success.

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THE FINAL contest takes place June 13th. There is little time left and students should draw on their latent powers for a grand stroke at the end. There is always a chance to score a victory if only try. Listen to Shakespeare:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and miseries."

Two Gold Medals have been won; the Oratory Medal will be competed for on Tuesday, June 10th. There are many others, strive to get one! It will be a great victory for you, and a pleasure to your kind parents, and the more effort you make will so encourage you that you will attempt greater things in the future.

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#### HERE AND THERE.

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A very interesting article appears in the June *Catholic*

*World*, describing "Student life at the University." We have read it with much avidity and pleasure and have exulted in the precious happiness of those fortunate ones whose good lot it is to live in an atmosphere so eminently intellectual and so elevating—where the desire to excel is contagious. There is comfort in the thought that those receptive minds, after imbibing the truth in all its beauty and grandeur from the lips of able masters, will return to us converted into its eloquent apostles. We are pleased to see that Sacred Eloquence receives such merited attention... May it be the good fortune of some of St. Viateur's sons soon to enter the lists of the Catholic University!

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A good thing is the *Directive List of Catholic Books and Catholic Authors*, issued by J. Murphy & Co., Baltimore, Md. The pamphlet is prefaced by some sound remarks from the Rev. Thomas Hughes S. J., in which are exposed the reasons why such a list is offered and should be used. This catalogue witnesses the fact that the supposed dearth of Catholic books, as the supposed scarcity of Catholic Society, is all a mistake. English and American Catholic literature has received a prodigious increase in the last fifty years, both from original writers and from translators. "For the present," says the preface, we only advance this catalogue to show that there is in existence a mass of excellent literature on Catholic subjects, or of books, at least, by good Catholic authors." The list is a *Catalogue raisonné*; and the order in which the books are presented is very helpful for selection.

—A reason is offered why this list contains none but catholic authors: because owing to human perversity, if there is mixture on our shelves, the better works will suffer disparagement and will be discredited by the profane and the worse. Let us have something that will foster Catholic enlightenment and piety. Let us have something select. We shall lose nothing by not being acquainted with that which is common, vulgar, or worldly. If we must borrow, then let us have only that which is good from works which are not all good.

—This catalogue is especially intended for sodalities and reading circles, and it is hoped, will prove helpful to many in making a judicious selection of books "which will help them."

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—There appears in the June Century a very amusing sketch on the Anglomaniacs. "The women of the French Salons" is also quite entertaining.

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The May Blossoms still lead, with the Colonels second. The Dew-Drops are pushing all, and are now playing a killing game.



## LOCALS.

- Jim, do you see that tree?
- Bishop is very prominent at short.
- Near the pillar, Mac. Do you see that fellow he's very talkative.
- Don't give them permission, Father, they won't the treats of me.
- Jim, what did you do with that check \$9.99?
- Who is the traveller?
- Stick your feet out the window—boy!
- When is the band coming out with those evening open concerts, Eh leader Dandurand?
- Say, Mac, where was Mark? We were both on "guard."
- Well, I guess I shall go now; here comes my papa, says the man of ax-handle fame.
- The bugle saddened many hearts on Decoration Day.
- Under the barb wire fence!
- Who said that there was any hay seed on M. W. and W. Mc. "*We are the people.*"
- Bouquet! Bouquet! The only thing lacking to make him one of the committee was a dress.
- Second hand merchandise!
- G. and N. have sent applications to an Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe for characters. They are taken with the pretty personages in the company and have been yearning for an answer.
- A scene most splendid and also most appreciated was the military mass on the campus Decoration. The sermon by Rev. Fr. Marsile C. S. V., to the battalion was a gem; high thoughts and generous, patriotic feeling.
- The various societies of the house are treating themselves to ice cream and strawberry banquets. Let not the staff forget to remind the generous president of an important duty.
- Work on the catalogue is going on actively in the printing office.
- Rev. J. Bollman, of Sag Bridge, Ill. witnessed the base ball game in Wilmington last week.
- Mr. James Welsh played with his old home nine — the time we were beaten!
- "Do they allow you to smoke? Why you're still damp behind the ears."

## SHAMROCKS 22; KANKAKEE 5.

Tuesday May 20th., the Shamrocks, accompanied by a large number of friends, left for Kankakee where upon the grounds of the Hospital, they scored an easy victory over the representative nine of that institution. The Hospital boys were not in the game from beginning to end. They could not bat and their playing in the field was not of a superior order. The Shamrocks had

not the least trouble in hitting Raymond and pounded the ball whenever they felt like it. All of the boys got a hit excepting Viateur Rivard. Bissonnette did not play his usual game in the field, but with this exception every one did good work. The Hospital people show want of practice and need better hitters. The boys were sent first to bat and brought in one. The Kankakee made a blank. Second inning, Shamrocks crossed the plate twice and Kankakee repeated their first inning. Third, blanks for both. Fourth, Shamrocks, two; Kankakees, nothing. The fifth, each scored twice. In the sixth the Hospital people went to pieces and the Shamrocks made eight runs, while in the last half the Kankakees added one more to their string. The Shamrocks scored two more in the seventh and four in the eighth while the Kankakees were blanked in both. The ninth the home boys scored again and the Kankakees crossed the plate twice. The game was too much one sided to be interesting but there were some pretty plays made during its progress. The following is the

## SUMMARY.

Earned runs — Shamrocks, 10; Kankakee, 3. Left on bases — Shamrocks, 10; Kankakee, 6. Base on balls — Shamrocks, 1; Kankakee 1. Struck out — By Lesage, 9; by Raymond, 7. Stolen bases — Bissonnette (2), Lesage, Condon, Leroux, Flavin, Ferguson, Morgan, Feuton. Double plays — Leroux to Flavin to Cleary; McIntyre to Walsh. Two base hits — Cleary, Laynech. Wild pitches — Lesage, 5; Raymond, 5. Umpire — Mr. Dandurand. Time — 2.15 Attendance 893.

## WILMINGTON 18; COLLEGE 7.

As day follows night; so in the moral order defeat inevitably follows victory. Our famous Shamrocks who had gone forth but to conquer; whose coming meant sure defeat to the nine which received them, have themselves met their Waterloo at the hands of the Wilingtons. This latter nine had lost a game on the College grounds, but this had only spurred them on to greater efforts and thus they endeavored to make up for their loss, when the boys should go to Wilmington. The Shamrocks met them last Tuesday and were not only defeated, but actually swallowed up. No mercy was shown. "Bud" had longed for this day and gloated over his triumph. This might be said in defense of the College boys: that the ground at Wilmington is simply a cow pasture in the last stages of decay; besides the boys were pretty tired after their long drive: the weather being warm and the roads dusty. At the close of the battle the score stood 18 to 7 in favor of "Buds Buffaloes." But if the Wilmington folks are tyrants on the ball field, they are the kindest of people otherwise. The boys received a royal reception from the victors which made them realize how noble the victor when kindness is ruling power.



— "Please give me a pencil with rubbers on it"—saith the little Joe. L.

— It was wondered why the catcher didn't pay attention to the game at Kankakee. It is said he will be taken off of the *pay row* (1) if it happens again.

— Collier had a good prompter; we do not know which was most anxious to speak.

— Frank Collier dubbed Pete Right Field, "Beans." What do you think of Pete?

— Only two weeks from next Thursday and the great day will be here.

— The longest and biggest hit that was made at Wilmington was made by the three "subs," at least so thought the young —.

— When little Frank M. puts on his *real cute* spring overcoat, it is said he carries a curling iron for defence against any who may try to steal him.

— Prof. Solon, of St. Viateur's college, gave an elocutionary entertainment in the opera house, at Pullman, Monday evening the 26th. The building has a seating capacity of 800, and on the occasion of Prof. Solon's appearance there every seat was taken and even standing room was not to be had. It is needless to add that the entertainment was a complete success, from the fact that Prof. Solon is an elocutionist of far more than ordinary ability, although a young man, and with a reputation yet to establish; but the excellent character of the work he is doing will not make this a difficult task. He combines rare judgment and appreciation of his theme in his renditions.

K. K. K. times.

### DECORATION DAY.

Yesterday we celebrated Decoration Day with a pomp and spirit born of the occasion. For many days preparation had been made by the College Battalion, which of course, leads in such demonstrations. The day dawned bright and clear a welcome sign, yet everything predicted a warm day. Permission had been granted us by Rev. P. J. Muldoon, Chancellor of the ArchDiocese, to celebrate Mass in the open air. The sacristan, Mr. John Kelley with his usual good taste, had erected a beautiful little altar on the campus and there with the battalion drawn up in martial array and surrounded by the other students, besides many distinguished visitors, Rev. M. J. Marsile offered the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

This sublime rite of our Church, always speaks to the faithful in accents of love and grandeur, but on such occasions it leaves an impression doubly lasting, as it then seems doubly impressive.

During the Mass, Father Marsile spoke a few eloquent words on the Day: dwelling particularly on the gratitude which prompted the American people to remember their illustrious dead, a custom which is followed in no other country. The speaker reminded the students of the great deeds wrought by our soldiers and of the immense advantages we enjoy today: the result of their patriotism. If at first the students were not fully aware of the sentiment which prompts the celebration of this day, surely the eloquent words of Father Marsile must have persuaded them, of the debt of gratitude which America owes her illustrious dead.

After Mass the members of the Battalion made the necessary preparations for the part they were to take in the afternoon's celebration at Kankakee, where they had been kindly invited by the managers of the Day's program.

At 1p. m. conveyances were brought to the College and the boys took their departure for Kankakee where they arrived at 1.45 and thence marched to the armory which was their head-quarters for the afternoon.

At 2p. m. the program was open by prayer; Rev. Mr. Prestly officiating. After the prayer Rev. Con. Haney, the orator of the day stepped on the platform and delivered a masterly oration touching on the events of the day, in style peculiar to himself. At the close of Mr. Haney's speech the line of march was formed on Court St. and all went to the grave yard. The following is the line of march:

Band.

Company H.

St. Viateur's College Cadets.

Sons of Veterans.

Drum Corps

Whipple Post G. A. R.

Woman's Relief Corps and flower girls in omnibuses  
President, Orator and Chaplain in carriages.

Mayor and Common Council in carriages.

Citizens in Carriages.

On the ground the G. A. R. formed in open order, the flower-girls passed between the ranks and under the guidance of the committee on graves, proceeded to the work of decorating the soldiers' wounds.

After the ceremonies at the cemetery were completed all turned homeward.

The College Boys as usual commanded the respect and admiration of all as well by their Military skill as by their manly behavior. By the time they returned to town and had partaken of some necessary and well earned refreshments, evening was already come. At 6.30 Col. Ball gave the order for home and a happy crowd of boys mounted the vehicles awaiting them and were driven to the College, well satisfied the part they had taken in the day's doings.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

### SENIOR DEPARTMENT.

Gold Medal for Conduct and Politeness—Equally deserved by A. Besse, L. Brosseau, C. Brady, J. Condon, W. Clune, V. Cyrier, J. Cleary, P. Charron, D. Desberger, F. Dandurand, P. Dandurand, A. Didier, M. Fortin, P. Ferguson, E. Fraser, A. Fortin, N. Fraser, G. Hauser, A. Lesage, M. Lennartz, L. Legris, F. Moody, W. McHugh, T. Maher, D. Flavin, J. Slavin, H. Shea, J. Stout and D. Walsh. Drawn by P. Dandurand.

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### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Gold Medal for Conduct and Politeness—Equally deserved by A. Besse, J. Betsner, H. Braden, A. Boylan, H. Charleston, J. Culbertson, G. Dostal, J. Doheny, H. Finske, J. Howland, B. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, T. Pelletier. — Drawn by J. Carlon.

#### Distinguished.

J. Cosgrove, F. Coyle, P. Savoie, F. Westney, J. Laplante, O. Marcotte, D. Granger, F. St. Aubin.

### A RAINY DAY.

When the first light of day appears in the East, the death-like silence that has reigned over the earth for the few hours previous, is broken by man and beast: each creature of the world, preparing for the daily task which necessity compels him to perform, before day again sinks out of sight and is gathered to the shades of eternity.

The merchant seeks his place of business, the scholar his books; while he who has accumulated the necessary requirements sits at the window of his beautiful mansion and looks with scorn and contempt on the common laborer who passes with a pick in one hand, a dinner-pail in the other, and a rubber-coat thrown across his arm to protect him from the rain, of which at present there are many signs; and prudence teaches him to be prepared for the worst.

By this time the sun has risen high and shines forth with splendor. People who can absent themselves from their duties and also those whose duties keep them at

home are enticed away by the glorious morning, which has every indication of bringing forth a pleasant day, and in the course of a few hours hundreds of people are scattered through the city and the country.

Toward noon large clouds are seen gathering just above the horizon, which after a while spread themselves quickly over the entire sky, and the sun that rose so clear and bright but a few hours before, is now completely hidden from sight, and they who are enjoying the day, realizing for the first time that rain is near, hurriedly gather together the different articles which they have with them and flee from the approaching storm as a fugitive flees from justice. Some find shelter, but many are caught in the shower; before they reach their destination the rain is upon them, and the faces that but a few moments ago were lit up with the appearance of pleasure now have the same sad and gloomy expression as the day itself; and they say to themselves "I wish it never rained." But this expression is uttered on the impulse of the moment, and after some reflection, as a general thing, they are again in harmony with nature, for they know that rain is as necessary as sunshine.

If it were not for the rain, the seed which is now being planted, would spring only to wither away and die from the heat of the scorching rays of the sun. The numerous rivulets on hillsides which bound over pebbles and rocks in their course to the valley below, where they meet to form the larger body of water, which on its way to the ocean turns the wheels of prosperity, would soon dry up and this beautiful earth on which we stand would in a short time become a vast desert on which no being could live.

How significant then are the little mortifications we suffer on a rainy day, compared to the immense advantages which the world derives from such an occurrence! Like all the phenomena we observe, we see in rain the love of a beneficent Creator, who having made this beautiful world, has given rain as a means of preserving the plants and flowers which of all things do most to beautify the earth and to make man happy.

AMBOY. 2nd. Grammar.

### SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Baron Liebig, the great German chemist, says that "as much flour as can lie on the point of a table knife contains as much nutritive constituents as eight pints of the best and most nutritious beer that is made."

The Canada Health Journal says: "We believe there is no better direct remedy for intemperance than strict vegetarianism. Sir Charles Napier tried a vegetable diet



as a cure for intemperance in twenty seven cases and the cure was effected in every case, the time varying from thirty days to twelve months.

The expedition of Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences has succeeded in exploding some very erroneous ideas in regard to the height of Mexican Volcanoes. They found Popocatepetl to be nearly 13,000 feet lower than the measurements of Humboldt. The total height of the mountain, making allowance for minor barometric corrections, is 14,700 feet above the sea level. The summit of Popocatepetl was destitute of snow.

The salt mountains located on the banks of the Rio Vergin, an affluent of the Colorado River in Lincoln county Nevada cover an area of twenty miles extending to within seven miles of the junction of that stream with the Colorado. The salt they contain is pure and white and clearer than glass, and it is said that a piece seven or eight inches thick is sometimes clear enough to see through to read a paper. Over the salt is a layer of sandstone from two to eight feet thick, and when this is torn away the salt appears like a huge snow drift. How deep it is has not yet been ascertained, but a single blast of giant powder will blow out tons of it. Under the cap rock have been discovered carved wood and charcoal, and matting made of cedar bark, which the salt has preserved, probably the camp of prehistoric man.

Prof. R. H. Thurston, in a recent article, gives a graphic description of what electricity, will do in the near future. He says it will break up the present factory system and enable the home worker once more to compete on living terms with great aggregations of capital in unscrupulous hands. Great steam engines will undoubtedly become sources of power in large cities and will send out the electric wire in every corner of the town, helping the sewing woman at her machine, the weaver at his pattern loom, the mechanic at his engine lathe, giving every house the mechanical aids needed in the kitchen, the laundry, the elevator, and at the same time giving light, and possibly heat, in liberal quantity and intensity.

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

Through the contributions of kind friends, John Gilmary Shea, has been enabled to resume his work on the history of the Catholic Church in America.

The question, Did Luther commit suicide? is once more according to *L'Univers* of Paris, discussed in religious circles in Europe.

The editor of the New York Sun when asked to name the finest editorial writer in America answered: that John O'Connor of the Rochester Post Express came the nearest to his ideal of an editorial writer.

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Dr. James D. Dana's great work in "Corals and Coral Island" first published nearly a score of years ago has just been republished in a third and revised edition. The observations upon which Dr. Dana's works were originally based were made by the author while with the Wilkes exploring expedition which started out upon its four years' voyage around the world in 1838, only seven years later than the expedition which Darwin accompanied and made forever famous thereafter. Both Dana and Darwin, while upon these expeditions, gave much attention to the subject of Coral formation, and arrived at substantially same conclusions. Darwin's work on "Coral Reefs" was published in 1842, Dana's report in the subject not long afterward.

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#### PERSONAL.

AUERBACH — The marriage of Herbert T. Auerbach '82 to Miss Jinnie E. Phillips is announced for the 27 inst. That they may both be happy is our sincere wish.

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#### EXCHANGES.

The *College Message*, has just celebrated its sixteenth birthday, and the anniversary number comes forth with that blush and grace peculiar to "sweet sixteen." We wish you success *O Message*, and we hope that your path will never be more thorny nor your prospects less bright.

The *Buchtelite* is all dressed up and in white, mind you. This is to celebrate late victories on the *diamond*, we presume, and as of late we have been mowing down



all the outside nines within range of us, we rather appreciate the *Buchtelte's* display. However the *B* need not expect a challenge from us, *this year*.

### BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

*The Tablet*, (Jno. Murphy & Co, Baltimore,) contains a very interesting sketch of the American College at Rome. Pictures of students are also given; there is also an account of the audience given by the Pope to the New York *Herald* correspondent. We believe the writer when he says: "No man can make that journey from the ponderous bronze door of the Vatican into the presence of the sovereign whom 250,000,000 of people hail as the vice-regent of heaven and earth without being thrilled from head to foot." Many other sketches and minor articles make up pleasant reading. The *Tablet* is issued quarterly at 50cts a year.

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chief parts of the human system; viz: the lungs. Defects in that organ soon lead to serious results, and the severity of our climate renders it almost impossible to avoid colds, sore throats, etc. What are we to do then? It would seem, that the most effectual means of withstanding the severity of climate is to strengthen our lungs. Singing, or systematic training proposes itself as a remedy and therefore it should receive attention in schools.

But if singing be made part of the school exercises, it must be made attractive as well as scientific and good books are no small aid to the competent teacher. Samples of singing books sent us by Ginn & Co., (Boston and Chicago,) seem to us, to have the necessary attraction, hence we consider them worthy the attention of teachers. The series is graded to meet the requirements of the young and more advanced students. The books are prepared for beginners as well as for more advanced students. They contain all that is useful and instructive without having anything detrimental or prejudicial.

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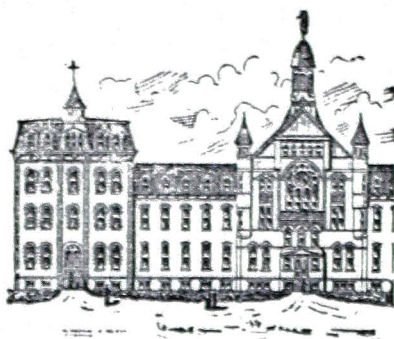
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