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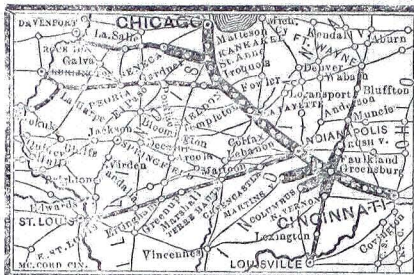
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## THE RE-OPENING

The noisy tread of many feet is again heard through out St. Viateur's halls and corridors. The new scholastic year has begun; many old familiar faces are fast re-appearing, and many friends and classmates, who a few months ago parted in sorrow, now rejoice to meet again and to clasp hand once more in happy greeting. Vacation with all its bright and pleasing features is now a thing of the past; its pleasures are old and gone its charms enchant us no more. Our College home again invites us, and we return to it with joy. The only pang we felt in leaving the outer world to enter these sacred precincts was bidding good-by to those who were near and dear to us at home. The brother and sister's farewell and the father and mother's last embrace are yet fresh in our memory, and though we feel certain that it is their wish we should be here still, the recollection of such a scene naturally induces sorrow. Let it be remembered, however, that we are not yet out in the cold world, among strangers utterly indifferent to our wants and interest, we have only removed from one home to enter another, and the latter will, in the end perhaps, become as dear to us as the former. We see evidence of this already. A certain attachment to fellow-students and a certain love for College life has even now found a place in our hearts. A spirit of contentment and friendliness already animates all, and in the smiling countenance, the merry laugh, and the cheerful and lively conversation that is everywhere heard, we see proof of the peace and happiness that reign in every heart. It is true there are many strangers in our midst, some of whom have perhaps never experienced College life before, or it may be, have never yet been deprived of the fond caresses of a father and mother's care. Yet even these already feel perfectly at home, and seem to be fully convinced that a parent's watch is over them still and that in every classmate and fellow-student a brother's love will be always found. Students and teachers, old and new alike, have each a kindly word for one another, and seem all to unite, like the members of a family in promoting the common happiness and in partaking of the common joy. It is without doubt a

pleasing and beautiful sight at the opening of the scholastic year to see so many young men of entirely dissimilar natures, habits and occupations gathering in from so many different quarters, yet all blending and coalescing into one common brotherhood, all actuated by the same noble principle of improvement and self advancement, all studious and attentive and all united by the same bond of christian love and friendship. In the very clasp of their hands there seems a union of their hearts. But besides the pleasure which this mutual attachment and devotedness affords us, we rejoice to see that so many have already gathered in, that the number of student in attendance will yet equal if not surpass that of any previous year, and that there is fair promise for great progress and great mental achievements during the coming ten months. Everything necessary for spending a good year seems in readiness. Of the late improvements made in the College we should feel proud and as a matter of course should show a grateful acknowledgment of them. They exhibit the parental solicitude of our good superiors in a new form, and show especially how careful and watchful they are over everything that concerns our health and comfort. The old routine of study, prayer and play is already begun. With regard to the first, the novelty of entering higher classes and of taking up studies entirely new, is to everybody a stimulant and an encouragement to work hard and to begin the year bravely and earnestly. The old games and diversions already command their usual attention, and, though deprived of many experts of last year, we may still hope to do justice to the field and to support the records of the house.

In conclusion, we hope sincerely that this year begun so auspiciously will have a happy termination, that it will be spent usefully and pleasantly by all, and that during it each and every one will so manage and employ his time that when the hour of its closing comes success and honor will be his reward.

M.



Innsbruck, April 20th. 1884.

Dear JOURNAL: I send you a few lines of a visit I made to Assisi.

Who has not heard of the humble St. Francis? The *Pater Seraphicus*, as he is sometimes called, was born in the beautiful town Assisi in 1182.

A visit to Italy would almost be incomplete, without seeing this picturesque city so rich in natural beauties and so dear to all lovers of St. Francis. After about five hours delightful riding by rail from Rome, this romantic town is reached and presents a charming view from the Railway. Situated on a lofty mountain, among beautiful trees, the monastery of the Franciscans and the church which contains the tomb of their founder loom up in the distance, a monument to the pious faith of a by gone age. After an hour's pleasant driving through a most fertile and charming valley, the town of Assisi is before us. The peasants in their picturesque costumes salute us and wish us good day as we drive up the mountain side. The grandeur of the scenery from the balcony of the hotel must be seen, to be appreciated. Above us the noble summit of Monte Subasio, rises in solemn majesty. Beneath us is the delightful valley we have just quitted, quite green, although it is still winter. In the distance, the spires of Perugia appear distinctly against the beautiful azure sky of Italy. Altogether the scene is one which the beholder cannot fail to remember. Our first visit in the town was, of course, to the tomb of the great saint who gave the place its renown. It is in charge of the Minor Conventuals or Black Franciscans, who sad to relate, have been robbed of their interesting monastery which has been in their possession for centuries, and moreover, built by their own labor, the Friars often performing the most menial work, during its erection. They have now only a few rooms and very miserable ones too, and the whole community does not consist of a dozen altogether; what a contrast to what one expects from such a place!

One of the good Fathers conducted me all over the place and to him I am indebted for all my information. St. Francis is entombed in a sort of crypt or subterraneous chapel, over which rise two other churches. At the tomb of the Saint is an altar at which Mass is celebrated every day.

There are also two colossal statues one of Pius VII, the other of Pius IX, both great benefactors of the Franciscans.

The lower church is approached from the crypt by two broad stair cases. This is used for the Divine service, and is most frequented by the inhabitants of the town. It was commenced in 1228 and took several years for its erection.

Here, it is said the Northern Gothic style first ap-

peared in Italy. This church contains the tomb of the valiant John de Brienne, king of Jerusalem, who entered the order of St. Francis in 1237. Here are also some celebrated frescoes of the great Giotto, the most remarkable of which is a portrait of Christ over the main entrance. The upper church is in the cruciform style with gothic windows. It has been converted into a museum (!) by the present government. The architect of both these churches was a Franciscan Friar, Fra Filippo du Campello.

This magnificent hill was indeed, a fitting resting place for this ardent lover of Christ crucified, until it was desecrated by the irreligious men under whose iron rule Italy is at present groaning. Let us consider the state of affairs now and their former condition. Now we hear the blasphemy, the scoffing and jeering of the irreverent echoing through the gothic aisles where in former times, the solemn peal of the organ and the sweet chant of the Friars ascended before the throne of the Deity beseeching mercy for poor sinful man. What a saddening change!

Next to the tomb of St. Francis, that of St. Clare is dear to every reader of the charming life of the saint. The church dedicated to God in her name is an interesting structure of the 13th. century. Under the High Altar repose the remains of the Saint which are quite well preserved. St. Clare was the foundress of the order of nuns known as Poor Clares. The present convent of these Nuns is a poor building, which is doubtless the reason why the *Chivalrous* Piedmontese have not turned the poor sisters out on the world. When I came to Assisi I had quite other expectations than those I found there and left the town disgusted with the tyrannical oppression of the Piedmontese government. Let us hope better days are in store for poor down trodden Italy. On returning to the Railway station I visited the church of St. Maria degli Angeli or our Lady of the Angels. This was the first church possessed by St. Francis. Here is the celebrated chapel of the *Portiuncula* where St. Francis had the wonderful vision, well known to most readers of the *Journal*. Here are also some celebrated paintings from the best masters and a magnificent Fresco by *Overbeck*. In the vicinity of the church is a pretty little chapel called the Chapel of the Roses containing some rosebushes planted by St. Francis himself and which are without thorns. The hut where the great saint died, is now a chapel and is cared for by a few Fathers who have been permitted by the government to preserve these simple relics of their sainted Founder.

Were it not for the quite open persecution of the government against religion here, my visit would have been one of most pleasant memories. But no lover of justice



could be a witness of the sad condition of affairs in Assisi without being moved to indignation.

There is one consolation, however, things cannot always go on in this manner.

Eugene P. Turner.

### THE CLOSE OF THE TRIDUUM.

The procession in honor of the nineteenth centenary of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin was closed here at Bourbonnais on Monday Sept. 8th. by an imposing procession. It was announced for the preceding Sunday, but was postponed on account of the unfavorable weather. Extensive preparations had been made in order to make it as impressive as possible and nothing was left undone to insure its success. The members of the congregation were requested to bring from their homes all statues and religious pictures to be used in decorating the line of march. From early morning men had been employed in erecting arches and in placing ever-greens along the route. Colored streamers were stretched from tree to tree, and small flags bearing invocations to the Virgin were attached to the branches. Statues and religious pictures with lighted tapers burning before them were placed at short intervals. Beautiful repositories were made at the college, the convent, and the parochial residence to be used for the exposition of a statue of the Blessed Virgin. After the celebration of low mass, at which the greater part of the congregation were present, the procession was formed. The young ladies attending the convent went first. They were nearly all dressed in white and with their beautiful banners presented quite an attractive appearance. After them came the religious societies belonging to the parish wearing their respective regalias. Then followed the priest carrying a small statue under a rich canopy borne by four men. The college students followed and after them members of the parish not belonging to any of the societies. A halt was made at each of the repositories where prayers were said and a statue of the Virgin was exposed to view. The sight was indeed most edifying, and one that surely made a deep impression on the minds of all.

Such devotion clearly manifests with what love and veneration our Heavenly mother is honored by all her children. Scenes like these are well calculated to awaken sentiments of love even in the most obdurate hearts. Similar processions while being quite frequent in the old Catholic countries, are very rare in the States. They should be encouraged as much as possible, as they show how grand and sublime is the faith we profess.

K.

### EXCELSIOR.

Progress in its truest sense has always been the spirit and aim of the Directors of this institution. From a village school they have made a college which has already sent forth hundreds of young men well equipped for the battle of life. Each year has beheld some improvement, tending either to the intellectual or material welfare of the students. Such being the case in the past it is therefore not surprising that this year has witnessed some decided changes for the better.

Every one is aware that a supply of pure water is essential to health. It is a necessity that in every case must be supplied. Although the students of St. Viateur's have never experienced the want of water, yet they must admit that a plentiful supply of pure spring water on every floor of the building is a decided improvement on the old method.

This has been accomplished by utilizing a spring, which is situated about five hundred yards from the college. The water is conveyed by means of pipes to all parts of the college.

We also notice with pleasure that the chapel has been greatly improved by the addition of two sacristies. This change gives the altars a more imposing appearance and in fact beautifies the entire chapel.

The library also has received a due amount of attention. A stairway, leading to a platform, erected midway between floor and ceiling, now renders it an easy task to procure a volume from the upper shelves. As all these improvements are for the benefit of the students, it is no more than just, that they should make some return to the Faculty for their kindness. In no way can they better accomplish this than by obedience and an assiduous attention to their studies. Let "Excelsior" be also their motto and they may look forward to a bright future.

H.

### LOCALS.

— Homeward not!

— Once more at work!

— Goodbye, vacation, goodbye!

— Come back, bright days, come back!

— "Christmas is coming" shouts Robert. Bobby must not anticipate so extensively.

— The weeds on the "BB Diamond" were haply crushed last Sunday while our boys were cleaning out the K K Ks. to the time of 8 to 14.

— Oscar and the "Dude" make a brilliant duet—a-la-mode—lamp-post.



— "Glenn" says that the glooming is played out.  
 "Too bad—too bad—  
 Sad, sad—ad—sad."

— Carefully on tiptoe stealing we are all looking out for the beaming countenance of "Chawley" from the "Augustin Hillside."

— Messrs. Quinlan and Meagher have formed a Cleveland and Hendricks club. A grand rally is soon anticipated. Among the noted speakers, expected are Messrs. Gibbons of Chicago and Quinn of Peoria.

— "Powers" says that he will vote the straight „Duiny Cratic" ticket. Let us hire a hall and hear him speak; he is more Duidical than ever.

— Frank Periolat says he is the most noted Jackey in K K K Co. After his skating propensities we acquiesce.

— Alec has assumed a very romantic turn of mind. He is looming up as a naturalist fond decorative art & Co.

— Our Chicago Corp manifest a special predilection for "Topsy," don't mention it.

— "Bib" is thinking about the "pineries." Pete informs us that not a few pine over his departure.

— Mr. Shannon's boys stand ahead in agricultural knowledge.

— M. Roy is now "Boss" of the printing establishment. His two *devils* are Tilaire and George.

— The Senior students under the direction of Prof. Creutz are forming a glee club.

— The St. Viateur's Cadets have reorganized for the coming Scholastic term. We hope that many new students will don the gray and shoulder the musket.

— The Thespian Dramatic Association are arranging for an Entertainment to come off on St. Viateur's day.

— A New paper cutter has lately been purchased for our printing establishment—thanks to those who have assisted.

— We extend our congratulation to J. J. Schubert Esq of Kankakee one of our old students on his marriage to one of Galesburg's fairest daughters—Miss S. Biedermen. The ceremony—wedding and all was a brilliant sociable affair may happiness be theirs "ad multos annos" is earnest wish of the JOURNAL.

— Our gentlemen friends the pastor and assistant of Gilman. Rev. Fathers McCartney and Deveney are holding a "Fair" in that town to liquidate the debts on their church. We wish them every success.

— Parker says that Harry Hynes can talk at the rate of a thousand words every second but no sense in any of them.

— Messrs Granger and Sullivan look well in their Ecclesiastical costume—the Cassock. They have our Congratulation.

— Our genial friend Rev. Father Mainville we regret

to say is not with us this year having charge of the Archbishop's parochial school in Chicago. He is ably assisted by Rev. A. Dooling and J. Dandurand C. S. V., Messrs. Gallet, Gibbons, Danahoe, and Saulin, old students of our College.

— The duties of Prefect of studies have fallen upon our friend Father Legris. He is a gentleman of no small attainments, and well fitted to perform the labors attached to such a position. Mr. Moysant as usual looks after the boys's out-door interests to the complete satisfaction of all.

— Practical business in the commercial Department will commence in a few weeks. The Bank will be conducted by the following officers—

Prof. Murphy, Pres.

Glenn Park Cash.

Eugene Bernier Receiving Teller.

William Flanagan paying Teller.

— Father Oser our able musical teacher has returned to take charge of that department of knowledge. The musical votaries have cause for rejoicing.

— We are rejoiced to learn that our Baltimore friends are well—glad, glad—very glad.

— Blaine and Cleveland badges are worn very commonly by the students—A Butler or a Lockwood has not yet been seen.

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## MATERNAL LOVE.

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Mother! what a beautiful word! How it refreshes the heart of the child who utters it! How many charming *souvenirs* it recalls to the mind! The name of mother resounds, in the ears like the well known foot-step or voice of a friend. There are times when we cannot pronounce it without being moved even to tears. Why is the name mother so to every one and so respected by all? Because it is the name of the creature who has given us life, who has most cherished us, and consequently for whom we should have the deepest gratitude and the greatest love.

Nothing is more admirable than the conduct of a truly christian mother towards her children, nothing stronger than the love which she has for them nothing, more watchful than the care which she takes to bring them up in the proper manner. From the time of her maternity to the end of her life, nearly all her actions are consecrated to their welfare. The principal end of her thoughts is to render them happy. Every one knows how tender is her affection. How often does she sit by



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## QUE REVES-TU POUR EUX ?

A MA SŒUR.

Ma sœur, toi, que je vis grandir auprès de moi,  
Jeune fille, aujourd'hui mère!  
Dis, as-tu songé pourquoi  
Le ciel fit naître de toi  
Ces enfants gracieux, ces anges de la terre?

Que rêves-tu pour eux? Est-ce un illustre nom  
Inscrit en lettres d'or aux pages de l'Histoire?  
Les honneurs du Panthéon  
Et cet immortel rayon  
Dont marque les héros, le soleil de la gloire?

O ma sœur, loin de toi ces rêves glorieux!  
Ces enfants, Dieu te les donne  
Afin que tu fasses d'eux  
Autant d'anges pour les cieux:  
Etoiles pour là-haut et fleurs pour ta couronne!

M\*\*

## LE TRAVAIL.

Nous voilà encore tous réunis sous le toit qui nous abrita pendant dix mois. Après bien des promenades et des amusements, après bien des joies et du repos, l'élève vient se remettre à l'ouvrage et reprendre le poids du travail. Tout jeune qu'il soit, il ne peut échapper à la sentence portée contre notre Père commun: "Tu gagneras ton pain à la sueur de ton front." Mais s'il est une pensée qui doive adoucir la peine universelle du travail, c'est que celui qui incombe à l'étudiant est le plus noble entre tous. C'est lui qui développera ses talents. Il ne s'agit pas ici de la matière, mais de l'esprit; rien dont le poids courbe l'intelligence vers la terre, mais de tout ce qui l'élève et lui donne comme des ailes.

Il est bien vrai qu'il est des hommes qui naissent plus favorisés du ciel que d'autres; cependant il en est bien peu qui à force d'application ne puissent vaincre les obstacles les plus insurmontables et atteindre même les hauteurs de la célébrité. "Le génie, dit Buffon, c'est la patience." Chaque homme porte en lui-même son étoile dont il dirige

l'influence secrète par les artifices de la persévérance. Le feu sacré appartient à ceux qui savent l'allumer. Les plus heureux dons de la nature, sans le travail, meurent dans leur fleur. Il s'agit maintenant de lutter avec courage et d'avoir confiance en soi-même. Il faudra passer par des sentiers étroits, où d'autres se sont déchirés aux épines, mais pour en sortir, quoique meurtris, triomphants et vainqueurs. C'est en luttant de la sorte qu'on a vu des hommes nés dans l'obscurité prendre place au soleil de l'immortalité. Si on ne fait pas son devoir, plus tard on se plaindra de sa destinée; on accusera les hommes et la société: le seul coupable pourtant, ce sera celui qui aura été apathique et indifférent.

A l'œuvre donc! et surtout soyons économes de notre temps: "Time is money." Napoléon disait à ses soldats: "Demandez-moi tout ce que vous voudrez, excepté du temps" et c'est en ne perdant aucun instant, en saisissant l'occasion au vol qu'il dut ses plus éclatants succès: plus prompt que l'éclair, il courait à la victoire. On recueille bientôt et avec quelle satisfaction les fruits de l'emploi scrupuleux du temps! Quand l'élève a su par quelques années d'étude se placer honorablement dans la société, il ressemble au cultivateur qui oublie ses fatigues et ses sueurs, à la vue des moissons qui couvrent ses champs de gerbes dor.

Lua.

## UN PELERINAGE A STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.

La France, l'Italie, l'Irlande ont leurs lieux de pèlerinages où on accourt de toutes parts. Le Canada a aussi un sanctuaire vénéré vers lequel on se dirige en foule. Quel beau spectacle que celui d'un pèlerinage! On se croit pour un instant revenu à ces âges de foi, quand l'Europe s'ébranlait pour voler à la défense du tombeau de l'homme Dieu. Voyez cette foule qui se presse sur un vaste bateau. Comme elle est recueillie et comme chacun porte sur son front une empreinte visible de piété! Ecoutez les cantiques et les hymnes pieux qui retentissent au loin sur les flots et vont réveiller les échos endormis de la rive! Maintenant le silence s'est fait, seul, le ministre de l'évangile élève la voix pour



répandre la divine semence. Elle ne tombe pas sur des cœurs mal préparés, car à peine le prêtre s'est-il tu qu'on entoure les confessionnaux jusqu'au lendemain matin.

N'est-ce pas ainsi que nos pères remontèrent bien des fois notre beau St. Laurent, lorsqu'ils vinrent planter sur ses rives la croix et le blanc drapeau de la France? Oui, sans doute, ces guerriers chrétiens, ces apôtres du Christ, ces vierges, nos incomparables héroïnes, mêlaient leurs chants et leurs prières sur la nef qui les emportaient vers une nouvelle patrie. Le missionnaire leur montrait du doigt des âmes à convertir, plus précieuses que la conquête d'un royaume; et, lorsqu'ils touchaient la terre, leur premier devoir était de s'agenouiller, ainsi que nous allions le faire, au pied d'un autel érigé sous l'ombre des forêts séculaires, où se sont élevés, depuis, tant de clochers qui portent si haut le signe du salut....

L'aurore brille dans les cieux; Québec se dresse devant nous. Nous saluons le rocher immortel qui brille d'un si vif éclat dans les annales de notre histoire et que couronne en ce moment la lumière matinale. Que l'air est pur et que le soleil rayonne de splendeurs quand il illumine ces scènes de gloire! Mais le signal du départ est donné: nous voguons vers le sanctuaire de la bonne Ste. Anne. Bientôt Montmorency déploie sa nappes d'écume à travers les rochers et les sapins verts. Nous longeons l'Isle d'Orléans que le fleuve enlace en ses bras d'argent, et nous voilà à Beaupré. On se recueille; le cœur bat plus vite, comme dans l'attente de quelque chose de grand, de solennel. Ah! c'est que nous allons fouler une terre sainte, un lieu où le ciel a fait éclater sa puissance!

La première église de Ste. Anne n'existe plus, mais avec ses pierres, ses sculptures et son clocher on a construit une chapelle qui rappelle l'ancienne, enrichie dès les premiers temps de riches ex-voto. On remarque entre autres une précieuse relique de Ste. Anne apportée par Mgr. de Laval, une belle chasuble brodée par la mère de Louis XIV, et un crucifix d'argent massif présenté par le vaillant d'Iberville, en 1706.

Le nouveau sanctuaire a de vastes proportions; et, une fois complété, il sera un monument à l'honneur du Canada. En entrant, le pèlerin cherche des yeux le tableau miraculeux qui fut présenté par le Marquis de Tracy, vice-roi de la Nouvelle France, et dû au pinceau de Lebrun. L'artiste a été bien inspiré et a su donner à Ste. Anne et à son auguste fille une expression des plus touchantes; leurs figures semblent être entourées d'une lumière céleste et vous apparaissent comme une douce vision.

Il est difficile d'exprimer l'impression qui s'empare de notre être en présence de cette image que le ciel a honorée de tant de faveurs et de prodiges. Comme la parole sainte va

droit à votre cœur, avec quel amour vous baisez la relique vénérée, et que de douceur dans les larmes que vous répandez! L'action de la grâce est en quelque sorte sensible. Rien ne nous paraît impossible dans ce nouvel atmosphère où vous respirez la foi, vous oubliez la terre et ses misères. L'esprit reprend son empire perdu sur la matière; vous vous sentez soulevés, comme avec des ailes. Mon Dieu! allons-nous nous envoler vers vous?

C'est ici que l'on comprend bien le désir des apôtres de bâtir des tentes sur le mont Sinaï, après la transfiguration de Notre Seigneur, afin de ne plus descendre parmi les hommes. Pourtant, il faut dire adieu à ce lieu béni, mais avec quel déchirement! J'ai vu des pèlerins s'attacher à l'autel de Ste. Anne et qui n'en étaient arrachés qu'avec peine. Ah! c'est qu'ils n'avaient pas encore obtenu ce qu'ils étaient venus demander.

Je n'ai pas été témoin d'aucune guérison pendant mon pèlerinage, mais j'ai senti que le miracle était la réponse obligée du ciel à un cœur qui demande avec la foi dont il m'a été donné de contempler les ardentes manifestations. Plus de cinquante béquilles ont été laissées au pied de la statue de Ste. Anne, depuis le mois de juin. Les pèlerins se sont aussi succédé avec une affluence extraordinaire.

De pareilles démonstrations font augurer favorablement pour l'avenir de notre cher Canada. C'est la foi qui a produit les grandes choses qui sont la gloire des siècles passés et font encore celle de notre civilisation. Puisse notre religion sainte être toujours l'étoile polaire de notre patrie et la conduire sûrement à ses glorieuses destinées!

Adieu! Sanctuaire de la bonne Ste. Anne! ta céleste image est gravée dans mon cœur. La voix de l'orgue, les chants des pèlerins se sont évanouis, le bateau m'entraîne loin de ton beau fleuve et de tes montagnes d'azur, mais j'emporte en mon âme un de ces souvenirs qui durent aussi longtemps que la vie!

Un Touriste.

## LES CANADIENS DE L'OUEST.

(Suite.)

Si le temps nous permettait de parcourir par la pensée ces immenses territoires de l'Ouest, sur combien d'autres villes importantes s'arrêterait notre attention, telles que Du Luth, Fond du Lac, St. Joseph du Missouri, qui toutes réclament les noms de quelques uns de nos compatriotes, comme les noms de leurs fondateurs, ou bien, s'ils ne furent pas les seuls à fonder ces nombreux établissements, du moins, ils devinrent souvent les instruments de leur prospérité et de leur grandeur future. Mais qu'est-il besoin d'aller si loin pour trouver des traces du courage et de l'énergie du nom français?



Ne sommes-nous pas ici sur une terre qu'ont maintes fois foulée nos pionniers? où de nombreux établissements furent fondés, grâce à leur courage et à leur activité? Et vous, MM., n'avez-vous pas été témoins, bien plus, n'avez-vous pas été acteurs sur ce théâtre des efforts et du développement de notre race? Bourbonnais n'a-t-il pas été le berceau d'une nouvelle colonie française? et ces nombreuses paroisses qui se pressent autour d'elle ne sont-elles pas ou ses sœurs ou ses filles? A leur tour, ces différents centres n'ont-ils pas envoyé, comme de nombreux essaims, une foule de leurs enfants pour fonder de nouveaux établissements français, pour implanter dans ces terres lointaines des rameaux détachés mais toujours vivaces de l'arbre de notre nationalité? Ainsi, MM., l'on ne peut faire un pas dans toute l'étendue de l'Amérique du Nord, sans rencontrer d'impérissables vestiges du génie et de l'héroïsme de nos pères! des monuments qui redisent leurs travaux, qui doivent nous rendre, nous, leurs descendants, fiers et glorieux, et assureront à ces admirables pionniers l'éternelle reconnaissance de tous ceux qui jouissent du fruit de leurs découvertes.

Un fait non moins admirable que les découvertes et les établissements du Canadien français dans ces régions lointaines, c'est celui de sa conservation nationale et religieuse, au milieu des dangers qui menaçaient sa foi aussi bien que sa langue. Mais ce fait, quelque étonnant qu'il soit, n'en est pas moins vrai. Comment l'expliquerons-nous? si ce n'est par cette disposition presque instinctive du Canadien de regarder, comme ce qu'il a de plus sacré, sa foi, sa langue et ses traditions. L'étranger qui, aujourd'hui parcourt ce beau pays, reconnaît chaque endroit où le colon français s'est établi par la croix qu'il y a plantée. Lorsque nos compatriotes gémissaient dans les mornes solitudes de ce pays sauvage, avec quel empressement n'entouraient-ils pas le missionnaire afin de recueillir de sa bouche des paroles suaves de consolation, d'espérance et de vérité. Quoique leur ardeur se soit quelquefois ralentie, à raison de leurs habitudes nomades, il est toujours resté un feu caché dans leurs cœurs, et le moindre souffle suffisait pour le ranimer. Il y a bien eu ici et là quelque défection, mais toujours on a compris que canadien et catholique sont deux mots inséparables. Ces compatriotes, dispersés sur une terre étrangère, sentaient le besoin d'un lieu de réunion, c'était le temple. Il leur fallait un signe de ralliement, c'était la croix. Et toujours aussi, les prêtres, trop nombreux pour les nommer, jusqu'aux évêques, tels que les Blanchette et les Demers, ont suivi pas à pas nos pionniers, et ont partagé leur bonnes comme leur mauvaises fortunes.

Mais, Mesdames et Messieurs, ne serait-ce pas un phénomène étrange si nos colons eussent conservé

intacte leur foi et non leur langue? Cela serait d'autant plus inexplicable que la perte de la langue est presque toujours un présage lamentable d'infidélité à la foi de ses pères. Plus d'un voyageurs a été étonné d'entendre parler la langue polie de la cour de Louis XIV, dans ces solitudes lointaines du Nouveau Monde. Depuis les rivages du Mississippi jusque sur les bords solitaires de L'Ouallamet, vous la voyez enseignée à la jeunesse, vous l'entendez parlée autour du foyer et retentir dans les chaires de vérité. Les écrivains distingués, venus d'outre mer, à qui il a été donné de visiter nos compatriotes établis depuis les centres manufacturiers de l'est jusque sur les côtes sauvages de l'Orégon, ont fait l'éloge de notre attachement invincible à la langue française et de cette prédilection marquée pour tout ce qui est français. Comme les Troyens, lorsqu'ils s'exilaient sur les bords du Tibre, emportaient avec eux ce qu'ils avaient de plus cher, ainsi, choisissant une nouvelle patrie, avons-nous aussi recueilli et conservé l'héritage sacré de nos pères: notre foi, notre langue.

Ce qu'il nous reste maintenant à faire c'est d'assurer pour l'avenir la conservation de ce précieux dépôt. Les moyens qui ont fait triompher notre nationalité, de ses ennemis dans le passé seront aussi pour nous un gage assuré de victoire, dans les combats que nous aurons à soutenir. Nulle organisation n'a plus contribué à obtenir cet heureux résultat que les organisations paroissiales. C'est ainsi qu'ont été recueillis les débris sauvés du naufrage de notre indépendance politique. Les colons, abandonnés par les soldats et les nobles qui repassèrent les mers avec le drapeau de la France, se groupèrent autour du clocher natal, serrèrent leurs rangs auprès du prêtre qui devint, par la force des choses, le chef de ses ouailles, maintint dans leurs cœurs l'amour de la religion uni à l'amour de la patrie, comme, depuis, nos missionnaires surent réunir autour des autels ces compatriotes dispersés dans toute l'étendue de cette grande république et entretenir dans leurs âmes le feu sacré du patriotisme!

Notre seconde planche de salut a certainement été nos maisons d'éducation. C'est là que se sont formés nos grands hommes politiques, ces foudres d'éloquence qui pendant un demi siècle ébranlèrent les arènes parlementaires, par leur luttes gigantesques pour la foi et la liberté. Leur éloquence a été plus puissante que l'épée de Montcalm. Ce que celle-ci n'a pu conserver à la France, ces vaillants défenseurs de nos droits l'ont conservé, intacte et redouté, à Dieu et à leurs enfants. Puisse cette institution, fondée au prix de tant de sacrifices, devenir pour l'ouest ce que nos maisons d'éducation ont été pour le Canada: la forteresse imprenable de notre nationalité! Puisse-t-il sortir de son sein d'ardents défenseurs de notre foi, d'intrépides champions de notre liberté.



Enfin les associations patriotiques et les conventions nationales ont puissamment aidé à sauver tout ce qui nous est cher comme Catholiques et Français. Elles ont réuni en un seul faisceau des compatriotes qui autrement ne se seraient jamais rencontrés. Il y a eu dans ces assemblés échange de vues et d'idées, dans ces conseils ont été adoptés les moyens les plus propres à défendre les intérêts de notre race... Ah! si les fils du Canada répondent à l'appel de la patrie qui les invite tous, comme une mère, à célébrer notre fête nationale, que de grandes choses ne seront pas accomplies en ce jour mémorable! Comme ils seront noblement inspirés au pieds de cette montagne, ombragée jadis par la croix qu'y planta J. Cartier! Que de puissantes organisations et de projets grandioses ne seront pas réalisés pour l'avenir de notre nationalité dans cette convention des membres de la grande famille Canadienne Française. Et avant de se séparer pour reprendre leur lutte séculaire, comme il s'échappera unanimement de leur bouche et de leur cœur ce cri sublime qui autrefois ralliait nos pères contre leurs oppresseurs: nous pouvons mourir, mais renier notre Dieu, trahir notre sang, jamais!

E. R.

#### CUEILLETES.

- Ding! Ding!
- C'est la cloche!
- Tous les *Canucks* sont de retour, moins Le Blanc.
- Avez-vous vu Ed. Caron avec son chapeau gris? Qui ne voterait pas pour Blaine, quand sa coiffure seule vous refait ainsi un homme?
- Avis est donné à ceux qui empruntent le *buggy* du Collège pendant les vacances de vouloir bien faire connaître l'usage qu'on désire en faire.
- Viateur a forte affaire à défendre l'honneur du Canada contre les attaques de certains *Canadiens dégénérés*. Il soutient que, si là-bas on mange des grenouilles, son adversaire le plus acharné doit manger du blé d'Inde.
- *Shorty* veut absolument ne pas changer son nom, il n'a pas gagné une ligne pendant toute la vacance.
- Georges a pris toutes les chances du bazar de Chicago, et cela, au grand déplaisir de son cousin Willie.
- Philippe est le seul de la classe de Philosophie qui tienne à ses culottes.
- Les touristes du Canada vantent beaucoup les barbiers de Joliette. Quels rasoirs et quelle main!
- Pratt! une allumette! *Chicouti'mil*! Avez-vous vu le Great-Eastern à l'eau? on a dû le lancer à Cacouna, ou quelque chose comme ça.
- Bernier va voir clair après ce temps-ci. Il vient de

recevoir de Kankakee une paire de lunettes des mieux conditionnées.

— Arthur Houde dit que Philippe peut bien le passer dans ses classes, mais qu'il est sûr de le battre sous un rapport, d'ici à long temps: il a bien douze pouces plus que son frère.

— Mr. Glenn Park de l'Alabama a passé ses vacances à Bourbonnais. Il a dévoué une partie de son temps à l'étude du français, prenant des leçons, tantôt au Collège et tantôt au village.

— Michel de Cacouna doit faire présent de son arc et de ses flèches au Rev. P. Legris. Il les a bien payés.

— On nous apprend que Mr. Labrie est tout à fait enchanté de Rigaud. Pendant le jour, il arpente la *Pièce à Guérêt* et, le soir, il se promène au bord du *Rapide*. Plus n'est besoin de dose de phosphate: l'air seul du Canada va nous le ramener complètement guéri.

— Mr. F. X. Hébert n'a pas fait son apparition Chicago, ainsi qu'on s'y attendait; nous n'aurons pas le plaisir de lui serrer la main, cette fois-ci. A quand le retour de l'enfant prodigue?

— F. Sénéssac, qui jouait déjà du piano, jouera bientôt du violon. Nul doute qu'il ne réussisse.

— Les élèves américains montrent une grande ardeur à étudier le français, cette année. Le Fr. Piette à la classe des plus grands parmi lesquels se trouvent MM. Park, Quinlan, Rafferty, Weil, le petit Kelly, etc. "Finis coronat opus."

— Moïse prend sa charge de maître-typographe au sérieux. Il faut voir comme il vous régente *Tilaine* et *Georges!*

— Le Canada, New York, le Kansas, le Minnesota, le Kentucky l'Alabama, le Montana, L'Ohio et les états environnants nous avaient envoyés des représentants, mais aujourd'hui c'est le tour de la douce Louisiane. Mr. W. Lehman, d'origine française, nous est arrivé la semaine dernière, de Bâton Rouge. Espérons que notre climat ne lui fera pas trop regretter le chaud soleil de son pays.

— Bertrand s'ennuie beaucoup de ses frères, il en a fait une fièvre, hier. Vraiment c'est être trop dur que de traiter ainsi le *bébé*.

— Geo. Graveline ne regarde plus les *Districts* que du haut de sa grandeur. En vain Cyrier, A. Lesage, Marcotte se dressent-ils sur la pointe de leurs pieds pour l'apercevoir: il ne reconnaît aucun d'eux.

— Deux Canadiens Français et deux Acadiens ont été élus représentants à la Législature du Maine. L'élément français comptera donc quatre représentants à Augusta. Quand l'Illinois enverra-t-il un membre à Springfield?

Le club dramatique français prépare une pièce intitulée "l'Anglais mal servi" pour la séance d'automne. MM. Alex Granger, H. Legris, M. Roy, A. Brosseau, W. Convey et plusieurs prendront part à cette représentation, qui promet d'être des plus intéressantes.



the cradle, watching the radiant face of her babe which reflects as it were her own image! She fears to arouse him from his peaceful slumber even with a breath. But when he does awake, when he stretches out his little arms and lisps this word sweeter than the chattering of birds in the their nest—Mamma! Mamma! She takes him in her arms, fondly caresses him and makes him smile with a kiss. She knows how to guess at his wants, and when he becomes old enough, she, with the greatest care teaches him how to walk. The child, on his side, places all his confidence in her! When he is afraid, he runs to meet her; she takes him up and he fears nothing; is not the child in the arms of its mother, like the fresh dew drop in the virginal corolla of the lily?

When his reason becomes more developed she, first of all, teaches him the use of words; she impresses in his young memory the sounds of new names. Every night, her knees serve as an altar for him who with clasped hands, kneels before her. She teaches him to pronounce the names of Jesus and Mary. She never becomes wearied at his infantine questions, but answers them all with pleasure. Gently applauding and mildly reprimanding him, by degrees she cultivates his intellect, and makes the consoling light of religion shine in his heart. Often in the evening, she relates to him some abridged stories; he listens with an attentive ear and fears to lose a word of these interesting recitals; when he has attained a certain age she sends him to school, points out to him the beauty of study, the necessity of education, and later she weeps for joy at seeing him receive the crown which he has merited for his labors.

Now that the child has become a grown man and must meet the dangers of this world, she does not forsake him. Although separated from him, she constantly thinks of him, wishes his welfare and prays for him; in short she considers him as a part of herself. Such then is a mother's love. Sometimes it is so ardent and strong that it reaches the sublime. Seldom do we see a mother forsaking her child. Were he stretched on a sick bed, afflicted with the most disgusting disease and abandoned by all, a mother would still remain to him to watch over him and to take care of him. How often have we not heard of a mother who, after having struggled with the utmost courage to save her child at last gave her own life to save his. Love is her noble passion; it is to her heart what the ray of sun shine is to the opening rose; it gives it life, color and beauty. Maternal love is the golden chain starting from the mother's heart and uniting the family into one whole. What is more beautiful and admirable than a catholic family brought up by a pious and virtuous mother? Every member in it is happy, everything goes on peacefully, in fact, it is a little paradise on earth.

To what a pitch of wickedness must he have reached who can despise a mother's tears, a mother's prayers. What power, what influence on earth can change his heart? None unless perhaps the power that cleaves the oaks and smites the mountain tops, the thunder bolts of God's anger which the disobedient son will one day be made to feel.

P. L.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

### CLASSICAL COURSE.

James Cusack.....Gold Medal.  
Augustus Fraser.....1st. Silver "  
Distinguished—Hervy Legris, Joseph Kelley, John  
Meagher, Alexius Granger, James Quinlan.

### COMMERCIAL COURSE.

Michael O'Beirn } .....Gold Medal.  
Patrick O'Neill }  
John Larkin }  
John McGrath } .....1st. Silver Medal.  
Joseph Dupuis }  
John Brady }  
Distinguished—Daniel Frazer, Robbert Carr, McManus,  
Rafferty, Viateur Rivard, Arthur Besse.

### GOOD CONDUCT.

Paul Wilstach.....Gold Medal.

### POLITENESS.

William Lehman.....Gold Medal.  
Distinguished in Deportment—Edward O'Connor,  
Charles Ball, Philip O'Neil, Michael Fennel, Joseph  
Rafferty, John McKay, Alexius Granger, Philip Lesage,  
Richard FitzGerald, Frank Reaume, Miles Lancaster,  
James Cusack, Robbert Carr, Albert Theiss, John  
Golden, Glen Park, James McManus, John McGrath,  
Frederick Dandurand, Viateur Lamarre, Andrew  
Gillespie, Hervy Legris, Arthur Besse, A. Frazer.



We think we will please our readers by publishing the following note which will bring them news from two old classmates.

LIMA OHIO JULY 7th 1884.

Dear Father Marsile.

Permit me at this late day to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Sixteenth Annual Commencement at the dear old Campus. By way of explanation for my tardiness in replying to your invitation I will assure you that I have but just received it owing to my absence from home for some weeks past. Had I been in Pontiac, I should have made every effort to attend the exercises, as I am sure I should have met many familiar faces there. The fact of revisiting the scene of the happiest days of our lives has in itself a most salutary effect upon the mind by associating with the present, the thoughts of the time when we were comparatively guileless when we were monthly communicants, daily attendants at the Holy Sacrifice and filled with aspirations which, even though never realized, were calculated to elevate the soul and refine it from the dross of our composition. Like those of the great army which has preceded me in a College career, I can say "ab imo pectore", with the majority of them, would that I could live the past over again.

Believe me I am truly glad to see every indication and evidence of the success of the house under your able management, The students whom I meet from time to time, speak well of the institution and seem well pleased. This, I take it, is a good sign—when boys are satisfied they make progress.

Father, I am about to say adieu to the great State of Illinois and make my maiden bow to the young but promising State of Nebraska, where D. V. I will make my future home. I leave here, Lima—tomorrow for my new home—*McCook—Red Willow County Neb*, where I intend to devote myself to the practice of my profession and to the cause of Catholic Emigration. There is already the nucleus of a fine Catholic Colony established at McCook and you will most likely hear from me from time to time through the Catholic press.

Be good enough to have the JOURNAL forwarded to me to McCook. I would not be without it for any thing. I am fully determined to remit the "Boys" something to aid the cause as soon as I recover from the financial hardship of my emigration. Your friend and warm admirer Frankie. G. Jr.—goes West, to McCook with me to accept a flattering position with the Burlington and Missouri River RR—Frank has grown to be a very fine young man and is one of the most competent persons I have ever known in transacting rail-road business.

The folks here join me in kindest regards to you and Believe me, My Dear Father Marsile,

Yours most respectfully,  
Thomas Colfer.

#### PERSONALS.

Edward Gallet '84 is teaching in Chicago.

Armand Labrie will winter at Rigaud Canada.

Chas. Baker '84 is in Chicago assisting his father to conduct a flourishing drug business.

Wm. Murtaugh is making a course at the Grand Seminary, Montreal.

Chas Fay '84 has a fine position as book-keeper in a Peoria wholesale house.

Cleophas Boudreau, who is doing well in St. Mary's, visited us last week, accompanied by his wife.

Jas. Maher '83 is studying Theology in Baltimore. The best of success, Jim, and plenty of it.

Rev. D. E. McGrath '81 is stationed at St. Malachy's church Chicago. We but echo the sentiments of all by wishing him a happy and fruitful Ministry.

Jno. Schubert one of the prominent druggists of Kankakee took a better half recently and is now settled down to the amenities of married life.

Rev. Thos. Deveney '81 is ministering to the spiritual wants of the Gilman Catholics. His late visit to Alma Mater shows that he bears well the dignity of the priesthood.

George Soule '80 is in the wholesale house of Lahey and Duborb, New York.

Jos. Guimond '80 is flourishing in Quebec where he is agent for a prominent firm.

We have the sad duty to perform of announcing the demise of one of our former student Rev. Father Turner who died of congestion of the brain on Sunday the 14th. inst. after a sickness of only 24 hours. He was recently ordained and was pursuing his sacred calling with all the zeal of an ardent disposition when the hand of death was laid upon him. While in our midst Father Turner won many friends by his kindness and goodness of heart. We lament his death but are consoled by the thought that he is now enjoying the reward of an earnest and sincere piety.

Father Turner was born in New York but came west some years ago to prepare himself for the sacred ministry. After having finished his classics at St. Meinrad's College, he came to St. Viateur's to study Philosophy and Theology. He spent two years here, when, on account of ill-health, he was advised to go to Europe. He accordingly repaired to Innsbruck and finished there a course



of Theology. Before returning to America he visited Rome and many of the historic cities and shrines of Europe, whence he wrote several interesting letters to the JOURNAL.

Father Turner was ordained in the beginning of August and five weeks later was no more. A High mass was sung for the repose of his soul by Father McShane of Wilmington. Father Griffin delivered the sermon. The corpse was then moved to the residence of his uncle Mr. Barron, in Chicago, where it was kept until the day of the funeral. On Wednesday morning the body was taken to the Cathedral and a solemn high Mass sung in presence of thirty priests and a large assembly of the laity. After Mass, the vicar general, Father Conway made some appropriate remarks extolling the zeal of the deceased, the funeral then proceeded to Calvary and the last remains of Father Turner were consigned to their kindred dust.

To his sorrowing friends and relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy

R. I. P.

It is with feelings of sorrow that we announce the death of Rev. Thos. Cosgrove which occurred in the beginning of last July. He was carried off by a disease contracted on returning from a sick call. It is but a short time ago since Father Cosgrove was ordained and a successful ministry seemed open to him but Providence had otherwise decreed and his career of usefulness is at an end. He was loved by all who knew him and many hearts were saddened by the announcement of his death.

Father Cosgrove began his course in Boston, but finished it in the west. He studied Theology at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, coming thence to St. Viateur's where for part of the year, he studied and taught. He was then sent to St. Meinrad's by Bishop Chatard, and told to prepare for orders. After ordination, he was stationed for a while in Indianapolis but was subsequently given a parish, Montezuma, where he died. How nobly he labored is shown the fact that at the time of his decease he had ten converts under instruction. After death, his body was taken to Terre-Haute and a solemn funeral service sung. The corpse was then moved to Indianapolis, but owing to the absence of the bishop services were postponed until his return, when a solemn high mass was sung and a sermon preached by himself. In the meantime the body was taken to his home in Winchester, Mass., and there buried by the companion of his youth who most shall feel his loss.

We offer our condolence to his afflicted relatives and joining our feeble voice to that of his many friends, we pray that God to whom he devoted his life may deign to grant him eternal rest.

R. I. P.

## CATHOLIC NOTES.

Rev. Father Galligan of the church of St. Pius has been appointed by the Most Rev. Archbishop pastor of St. Patrick's, to succeed Father Terry lately deceased.

Father Galligan is a former student of St. Viateur's having been ordained in '77. After ordination he was appointed assistant in St. Patrick's and he now returns as Pastor to the same church to the great delight of the people. We rejoice at his promotion and hope his days may be *many* and *full*—full of good works, full of reward.

Archbishop Ryan of St. Louis has taken possession of his new Archiepiscopal See of Philadelphia. His reception and installation were the grandest ever witnessed in that city. Both clergy and people turned out "*en masse*" to meet and welcome him to his new home. More than ten thousand members of temperance societies paraded in his honor.

The retreat of the clergy of the Archdiocese commenced here at St. Viateur's on the 21st. July and continued during the week. Father Ryan S. J. conducted the spiritual exercises which were attended by all the clergy who could be spared from their parishes, as well as by the Abp. himself.

Archbishop Gibbons as Apostolic Delegate has issued his circular convoking the third Plenary Council to convene in his Cathedral church in Baltimore on Nov. 9th. It is 18 years since the last Plenary Council was held. Every state and diocese will be represented by bishops and priests who although of different nations and speaking different languages, are all animated by a common faith and united in the bonds of fraternal charity.

Rev. Father Mainville so long our worthy and efficient Prefect of Studies has been called to Chicago to organize and take charge of the Holy Name Male School—Whilst we regret his absence and wish him success in his new field of labor, we have a word of welcome for his worthy successor Rev. Father Legris who is no stranger either to the students or the Institution.

The Catholics of California, on the 28th. Aug. celebrated the first centenary of the death of Father Junipero Serra the pioneer missionary, and founder of the San Carlos mission and indeed of the church on the Pacific coast. All denominations joined in the celebration. Archbishop Alemany sang the Requiem Mass and Archbishop Riordan delivered the funeral oration. It was one of the most interesting anniversaries that has ever been held on the coast and was participated in by both civic and military display.



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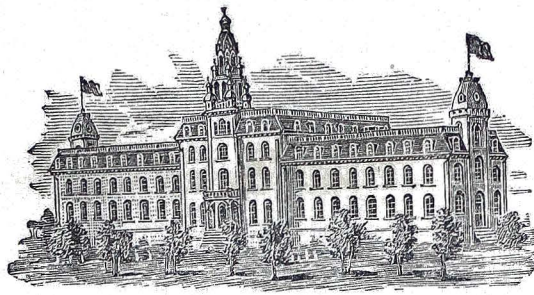
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