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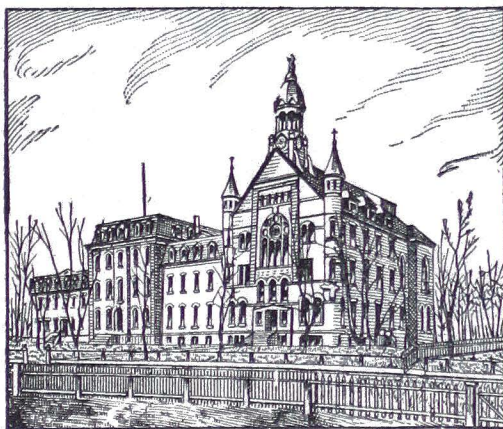
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and other prizes were presented for general application.

At the close of the exercises His Grace, of Chicago, rose and addressed the students and the large assembly of parents and friends. He said he had watched with pleasure the steady growth of the college from its humble beginnings, and always appreciated the services of the institution, and now that it had reached its twenty-fifth year he was pleased to unite with the friends of the college and the old students in wishing continued success and prosperity to St. Viateur's, and also to all the students who went forth from it to make the world better by both their knowledge and their virtue.

It would be difficult to say which of the two states, Michigan or Illinois, came out ahead in the healthy competition for college honors. Mr. Francis Caraher, of Chicago, received his A. M.; Mr. A. Lesage, of Bourbonnais, Ill., received A. B., and delivered the French oration; Mr. L. Lyons, of Arcola, Ill., the valedictorian of the class of '93, won the commercial excellence medal; Mr. T. Pelletier, of Chicago, took the Griffin Latin medal; Mr. H. Ruel, of St. George, Ill., the Huot Society medal; Mr. Louis Legris, the Rowan sword; Master H. Anderson, of Chicago, the Minim

Elocution medal; Mr. T. Legris, of Bourbonnais, the Menard medal; Master A. Abeles, of Chicago, the Henderson-Ames Swordsmanship medal; Master E. Plath, of Chicago, the Spelling medal; Master George McCann, of Chicago, the Conduct medal for Minims, and Mr. John Lynch, of Chicago, the Conduct medal for senior department; Mr. Joseph Casey, the Toomey History medal; Mr. Francis O'Reilly, of Minonk, Ill., the Hagan Elocution medal; Mr. H. M. Shea, of Kankakee, Ill., the Best Essay medal; Mr. J. O'Dwyer, of Merna, Ill., the Christian Doctrine medal; Master W. Flanagan, of Flanagan, Ill., Minim Excellence medal. Moreover, a fair proportion of the commercial graduates are Illinoisians. Notwithstanding a vast difference in numerical proportion Michigan comes to the front with the following very commendable score: Mr. P. Bissonnette, of Lake Linden, wins his A. B. and the Belles Lettres medal and delivers the commencement day oration; Mr. A. Michel, of Lake Linden, commercial graduate *magna cum laude*, takes the Morissey penmanship medal; Mr. J. Gregoire, of Lake Linden, commercial graduate, the Mahoney Military medal for non-commissioned officers and privates; Mr. J. D. Laplante, undergraduate, takes the

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Upon arriving at Ravenswood they proceeded to Royal League Hall, when they charmingly rendered the following program:

PROGRAM.

First part.

Welcome.....Miss E. Anderson
Address.....A. Abeles
Star Spangled Bannner.....
Arion Club
Dialogue... T. Moross, W. Len-
.....non, H. Anderson
Piano Solo.....G. McCann
Selection.....W. Lennon
Selection.....H. H. Anderson
Song, "Lonely".....Arion Club
Piano SoloF. Hagan
Selection.....A. Reimann
Selection.....D. Moore
Drill.....Columbian Guards
Song, "Little Voices"..Arion Club

PROGRAM.

Part Second.

Sailing.....Arion Club
Selection.....Columbian Guards
Piano Duet.....
G. McCann, H. Anderson
Song, "Kiss Me, Mother".....
Arion Club
Fancy Drill ...Columbian Guards
Piano Solo.....F. Hagan
SelectionT. Moross
Sweet Good NightArion Club

The kind reception tendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson was a treat of which the little warriors have not ceased to speak, and which they will long gratefully remember. May the guards all be present at September roll call, and long remain

worthy of their painstaking instructors, and of the kindly attentions of their hosts of friends.

FIRST COMMUNION.

On Friday the Feast of the Sacred Heart, occurred a most beautiful event, the reception of First Holy Communion. Mass was celebrated at 7 a. m., at which those happy ones received their Lord and Savior for the first time. The boys presented a very nice appearance, and the devout and correct manner in which they moved to and from the altar reflected the greatest credit upon Rev. Father Kelly, who had charge of them. At the conclusion of the first gospel Rev. Father Marsile delivered a very touching sermon upon the great happiness of such a day. After thanksgiving the boys were served a dainty breakfast in the refectory. The remainder of the day was spent in the woods along the banks of the beautiful Kankakee. In the evening solemn benediction brought to a close a day not soon to be forgotten by those who had the happiness of being present.

The following were the first communicants from the Juniors: Masters R. Allen, E. Cella, J. Canavan, J. McCarron and J. Reiter; Minims, R. Brennan, A. Golden, A. Le Fis, G. McCann, W. McGuire, G. McKenea and H. Sullivan.

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The White City, as everybody calls it, is as pretty in appearance as was old Athens, about whose marble temples and palaces we read so much.

Hervey.—Don't forget the Midway Plaisance. That's the world in a nutshell. After having visited that it is no use to go around the globe. Asia, Africa, Oceanica, all are there. Didn't I laugh when I entered the streets of Cairo. I did not mind the tower and the mosque as I did the little donkeys. Aren't they cute? I'll ask Pa to buy me one for vacation.

Trefflé.—Would you not prefer a camel? You remember how large the one was we met? We could then all ride with you.

Hervey.—Do you want the earth? How interesting it was to see the different villages. The German, with its pointed architecture; the Chinese, with its mushroom like roofs; the Turkish with its music worse than a college drum corp, and the Irish with its thatched cottages and Blarney Castle.

Trefflé.—Yes, but in the latter the famous stone is missing. I know a senior who will be disappointed. He expected to skip rhetoric by kissing the Blarney stone.

Hervey.—It is funny how much some of those large boys think of the gift of the gab. I really believe that they all dream of be-

coming either aldermen or congressmen some day. I tell you I soon forgot the stone when I was given plenty of fresh buttermilk.

Trefflé.—I felt so good after that myself that I nearly ran to the Liberal Arts Building to visit the school exhibit. I was anxious to see what figure we cut there, and there I saw our work, my own writing, even a blot that I overlooked, and think the teacher left it; and, above all, was the picture of the Columbian guards with their swords and sashes, near the large photo of the college, just by the beautiful statue of our most reverend archbishop.

David.—Oh! I soon recognized the face of our good father smiling on us there as here to-day. What a happy thought to have reproduced in beautiful white marble the likeness of him, whose features are printed in the pure hearts of his children? He stands in the center of the Chicago school exhibit as an angel of kindness, his blessing hand raised over a boy and a girl, shielding the Catholic youth of the whole archdiocese.

All.—Bravo! God bless our dear, venerable archbishop, the protector of our schools.

Willie.—Weren't we tickled to death after that, when we were told to drill in the Administration Building, Director Davis and Mr.

**MINIMS' DIALOGUE: "OUR VISIT
TO THE WORLD'S FAIR."**

Edgar.—We are about to close a scholastic year, which has been associated with some of the greatest events in history, and which shall leave in our memories a lasting remembrance. Who, among the students, even the youngest, could ever forget the year '92 and '93?

Trefflé.—As for myself I am not largest here, and there is one thing I shall never forget: It is Columbus and the Exposition. Now the one thing, now the other, of these great themes has been ringing in my ears all the time. It seems that they have been the all-absorbing topics here and everywhere.

Willie.—Do you forget the golden jubilee of Leo XIII., the holy father, who so tenderly loves schools and children?

Trefflé.—Oh! No; We had conge that day.

Willie.—And the silver jubilee of the college?

Trefflé.—By no means; that's the day the old students came? I tell you that they made more noise than we could altogether, and yet Father Marsile called them "his good boys." I presume it will be the same with us in later years. Students, I am told, are like wine, they become better with years.

David.—Assuredly; they become business men, lawyers, doc-

tors and priests. What made the old students so joyful was the pleasure of meeting one another after many years, of seeing the rooms where they studied in their youth, the halls and grounds where they played as we do ourselves. No wonder they thought they were boys again.

Edgar.—Yes, that's true. They enjoyed just as we did when we visited the World's Fair. Didn't we have a jolly time then?

Arthur.—I tell you I did not sleep much that night, and that morning for once I was awake before the bell rang. Oh, the pleasant ride in the cars! Oh, the many things we saw. Some of the Minims had never seen a city. Wasn't I proud to show them Chicago?

Willie.—I tell you frankly, I could not believe my eyes. I thought I would see only one great building, as on the fair grounds in Kankakee, but there were enough of them to make a whole city. Everywhere we went I saw grand constructions, beautiful domes, high porticos, long colonnades and broad streets.

Arthur.—Didn't you hear that the Chicago Exposition is the World's Fair?

Willie.—I did. But you know that some people have their doubts about the "Windy" City?

Arthur.—The wind here has turned into a dream of beauty.

of elocution. Great praise is reflected on their instructors who, no doubt, feel proud of them. The judges were Rev. Father Laberge, Professors Thorne and Flynn.

The following was the program:

THE HAGAN MEDAL.

Selections.	Names.
"The Maniac"	J. Cremins
"Shamus O'Brien"	P. Daniher
"Child Harold's Farewell"	
	R. De Laplante
"Battle of Hohenlinden"	
	H. Dunbaugh
"Parhassius"	B. Dupuis
"Spartacus' Reply"	T. Moross
"The Baron's Last Banquet" ...	
	F. O'Reilly

THE MINIM MEDAL.

"Battle of Blenheim"	A. Abeles
"An Inquiry"	H. Anderson
"Richelieu and France"	
	W. Lennon
"The Dying Trumpeter"	
	D. Moore

THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The long-looked for contest for the Maloney Oratory Medal took place June 15. The contest is unanimously declared to have been one of the warmest and best in the annals of the college. The judges were Rev. J. Laberge, D. D., Rev. A. Labrie, of St. George, and Professor W. H. Thorne, and remained an hour and a half in session after the orators had finished. Mr. D.

Walsh was finally agreed upon as deserving of first place, the others closely following. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM.

- C. McCabe.—Theme—"America, the Ideal Nation of the Future."
 T. Quinn.—Theme—"America's Messages to the Nations."
 M. Shea.—Theme—"Duties of Catholics to the American Republic."
 J. Surprenant.—Theme—"Columbus, Hero and Saint."
 D. Walsh.—Theme—"Peace and War."

THE HENDERSON-AMES SWORDS-MANSHIP MEDAL.

The other day Rev. G. L. Williams, C. S. V., receive the news of a very generous offer in the shape of a fine gold medal to be presented to the best swordsman in the Columbian Guards. These welcome tidings hailed from the well-known firm of Henderson-Ames, Kalamazoo, Mich. This firm will be better known to our readers when it is learned that this company supplied the Columbian Guards with the fine swords and belts which at once attract the attention and admiration of all visitors to the College. The occasion of the late visit of the guards to the World's Fair also gained many favorable comments on the fine appearance of the boys. Certainly the firm deserve much credit for the

Palmer inquired about us, and our prefect did not fail to inform them thoroughly about our company. I believe that we never drilled so well as on that day. The cheers of those hundreds of people must have helped us.

David.—And what has fittingly crowned our visit to the Columbian Exposition was our reception by your good parents, Hervey? Was it not pleasant to sleep under tents and to mount guard just as the regulars do? And the dainty things we had to eat. Oh, Hervey, don't fail to bear our thanks to your very kind parents.

Arthur.—This has been a most eventful year; full of many and grand anniversaries, but among all our remembrances we shall never forget our visit to the World's Fair. When we shall have grown old and the great Exposition a thing of the past, we shall tell all that we saw then, and how we drilled under the golden dome of the Administration palace. And now before the Columbian guards of '93 separate, let us drill for the last time. It may please our visitors and it will be a pleasure for us.

Edgar.—Lieutenants, bring in your platoons and prepare for drill.

(Sword exercise.)

END.

RETREAT AT ST. VIATEUR'S COLLEGE, KANKAKEE, ILL.

The members of the Chicago province of the community of St. Viateur's are now in spiritual retreat at St. Viateur's College. Among them are the Very Rev. C. Fournier, C. S. V., superior of Irving Park Normal Institute; Rev. T. J. McCormick, C. S. V., director of Cathedral School, Chicago; Rev. A. Belanger, C. S. V., pastor St. John's church, Chicago; Rev. M. J. Marsile, C. S. V., president of the college, and some thirty other priests and professors employed in the diocese of Chicago and Peoria. The retreat will last until Saturday when a number of the clerics will become professed members of the community. The exercises of the week are under the spiritual direction of the veteran Lazarist missionary, Rev. Father Shaw.

About 150 pastors of the city and archdiocese of Chicago will commence their retreat here July 10. No quieter, cooler and healthier place could be found for such a purpose.—*H. K. K. Daily Times.*

ELOCUTION CONTEST.

The annual elocution contest for the Hagan and Minim Medals took place Thursday evening, June 8. The young contestants acquitted themselves with an ease and grace which showed them to be masters

spurred the mind and quickened the immortal spirit and opened for man new and inviting ways of arriving at truth. And think not that this progress means merely negative advancement, or the getting rid of old errors; it means positive advancements—a moving toward those truths which have been, are, and small eternally be true and immutable as God himself. What great

INTELLECTUAL EVOLUTION

then is being prepared by this council of the world's best intellects? What new impulse will not be given to art, science, literature and education? It is evident that whatever is going to be beneficial to us intellectually must primarily and fundamentally be true.

ART

will then be taught to look up to truer and more soul elevating ideals, to reveal the beauty of spirit rather than mere symmetry of form, to be less technical and more inspiring, to so paint man as to make not only apparent but eloquent his likeness to God. Art then, whether it shall sing, build palaces and cathedrals, or crown heroes, shall be a powerful educator of the esthetic sense of mankind, and through this the creator of a more refined, more cultured, more moral, more worthy humanity.

SCIENCE

in her turn issuing from the conclave of those patient searchers into the mysterious verities of the universe, will with serene modesty and commanding authority proclaim to the world that her investigations must be carried on upon true principles and methods, that her name must not be used in vain to subvert and destroy the religious beliefs and moral virtues of mankind. She will say to religion: "Behold thy handmaid! Let us henceforth seek together to enlighten man and guide his steps in the ways of truth which all converge and unite in the one common center of all truth."

LITERATURE,

too, whose field is broad and whose influence is far reaching, shall have a new message for mankind. Garlanded in the flowers of the world's best and highest productions, she will frown upon all that is low and lowering, and will declare to the immense throng that surrounds her: "Writers, respect your noble calling; readers, ye mighty and countless legions, feed not henceforth your minds upon poison that kills, but select and assimilate that which has beauty to gladden you, strength to up-build and sublimity to elevate you!" Thus will this beautiful trinity of influences join hands to raise to a higher plane the

work. The medal, a very costly one, is one of the finest given here, and every member of the company strove hard to secure it. The boys all feel very grateful to this firm for their kind offer, and their generous gift will not soon be forgotten.

DISCOURSE DELIVERED JUNE
THE 22D,

BY P. A. BISSONNETTE.

The Effects of the World's Fair.

Most Rev. Archbishop, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:—The world-stirring events of the year 1893 mark an important epoch in the history of human progress. We realize that we have arrived at another turning point in the history of our race, and, while we complacently look back upon what has been thus far achieved, we also turn an inquiring glance into the future, and would fain lift up its veil and peer into its sealed secrets. Man is naturally inquisitive, and whenever a great cause begins to operate, his soul immediately impels him to ideally divine the effects before they have really been produced. As citizens of a country so providentially discovered, preserved, fostered and strengthened, we are especially concerned to know what are to be the effects of this most wonderful and happy reunion of the human family, "The World's Fair,"

upon which the eyes of all the nations are now turned.

This will undoubtedly produce many various effects; but the result most devoutly to be wished is the realization of the purpose for which this world's gathering was undertaken. The great object of the "World's Fair" is not merely to commemorate the achievements and to perpetuate the memory of a great, good and saintly man; much less is it to make a vain display of the material and intellectual products of the world; but it is to improve the whole human race by bringing together the best efforts of man from the furthestmost ends of the earth to bring about a more perfect mode of living, to establish on the firm basis of true principles the policy of international peace; in a word to give an impetus toward greater intellectual, industrial and moral progress.

PROGRESS

is the watchword of the future. It has become, as a writer has said, "the living principle alike among the working and thinking people." It has already marked its effects upon literature, science, art, commerce, law, politics, and even religion. If we look about us we see everywhere in all fields of human activity the monuments of progress. Progress has all but given life to inert matter; it has

from its character and ascend towards grand destinies. If we look back we shall find that alone by walking in the paths of truth and right, as our forefathers did, shall we tread the paths of any progress, intellectual or industrial. To continue, then, in the road of success, to uphold the lustre of genuine manhood and equal advancement in true principles is essential. A more clinging love of honesty and truth must and will be displayed; a decent regard for the laws of God and man being maintained, both the domestic and the civil order will be strengthened.

As for progress in both domestic and public morality,

DIVORCE AND INTEMPERANCE, the curses of our age, the great impediments to moral decency, must first be abolished. Look at the many happy homes destroyed by these monsters. How many children are there not, who, by the joint education of the parents, might become the strength and ornament of both church and state, yet are like roses not even left to blush unseen, but positively blighted by the cruel frost of parental dereliction! Let there be more respect for the sacred bonds of matrimony, then the corruption of our large cities will gradually decrease; homeless children will be less numerous; the home, the great source of natural strength and happiness,

being sacred, countless other evils will disappear, and every country will make headway in the field of moral progress. For these ends will

THE RELIGIOUS CONGRESSES at the Exposition plead and employ their most influential and energetic efforts. If this should be the only effect of this world's exposition, already inestimable benefits would be assured us and the world; and it is only when restfully based upon the solid granite of social virtues, and armed with the might of right, that the governments of the future can win the respect of mankind and the approving regard of heaven.

RELIGION,

the source of national beauty and grandeur, will have enthroned herself in the affection of the people and Godliness will have become a natural virtue everywhere. Then will every country be an object really worthy of the love and devotion of subject and citizen alike.

PATRIOTISM

of the most exalted kind, the love of law and order, will kindle every heart and all the nations of the world will clasp in one embrace of universal peace and love.

Such, ladies and gentlemen, are to be the effects of the great world-conference, which it is our privilege to witness. It will be there decreed that all living

things, nations and individuals, must really live, develop all that is in them, advance and rise to a higher and more ideal perfection by putting on all the intellectual, physical and moral adornments which will endow them with the grandeur and beauty befitting the noblest works of God. Would that it were our portion also to see the happy fulfilment of this imposing fiat now going forth from the united voice of mankind. Why are such great and magnificent consummations so slow of evolution? Why the span of human life so short? Peering into the border-land of vision heartily do we wish each ship of state to sail gloriously on until this gallant world armada reaches the peaceful sunlit seas of destiny of which to dream is ecstasy.

SHAMROCKS AND BLOOM- INGTON.

The Shamrocks went to Bloomington Thursday, June 8, and played a game with the Wesleyans. They were beaten by a score of 9 to 4. It was late in the afternoon when they arrived, and they only had ten minutes to get a lunch and go on the field. It was a poor game all round, and the umpire's decisions were not calculated to add to the Shamrock's chances of winning.

SHAMROCKS AND ELECTRICS.

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Game of June 3,		
score.....	17	2
June 18	26	11

MILITARY.

The general military competitions, which were looked forward to with so much interest, took place on June 18. The judges were Captain Bittourney, Captain Whitmore and Lieutenant Garner. Rev. Bro. Sandon was judge of the minims swordsmanship contest. Each of the senior companies was determined to win the two beautiful pennants which were given. The drilling was close, but Company B, or the "Mahoney Light Guards," under command of Captain O'Reilly, Lieutenant Supernant and Lieutenant Connor, was the winner of both pennants. The drills for the medals were among the closest and, perhaps, were the most interesting that were ever witnessed at St. Viateur's. The "Mahoney Medal," for the privates, was won by Sergt. Major Gregorie, with Sergt. Sandon second. The "Rowan Officers Medal" was won by Captain Laplante, with Captain L. Legris second. Lieutenant Abeles won the Swordsmanship Medal, followed closely by Captain E. Legris. In the evening the raffle

of the "Rowan Presentation Sword" took place; each of the contestants was well supported by his friends and no one could tell the winner, but after the last "blind vote" the report of the judges showed Captain L. Legris to be the successful candidate. These competitions closed the military exercises for the year. Both officers and privates may well be satisfied with the work they have done, and especially Colonel Moody may be congratulated for his earnest and successful efforts which helped to raise the military department to a greater degree of perfection than ever obtained in previous years.

—Brother Martin Lennartz and Brother P. Loftus made their first five years' vows Saturday morning, July 1, at the close of the community retreat.

—We congratulate the following gentlemen, who were lately ordained priests: Rev. Edwin Fox and L. Leduc, for Chicago; Rev. R. Paquet, for New Orleans; Rev. M. Anderegg, for Green Bay; Deacons E. Kramer and J. Suerth, and Subdeacons A. Leising and T. J. McDevitt, for Chicago.

—Brothers P. Corcoran, A. Desjardins, E. Terriault and J. B. Gaudet, Canadian delegates to the World's Fair, visited confreres at college last week.





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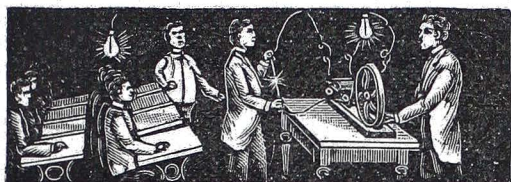
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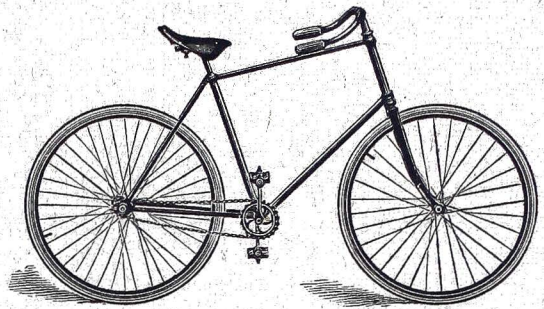
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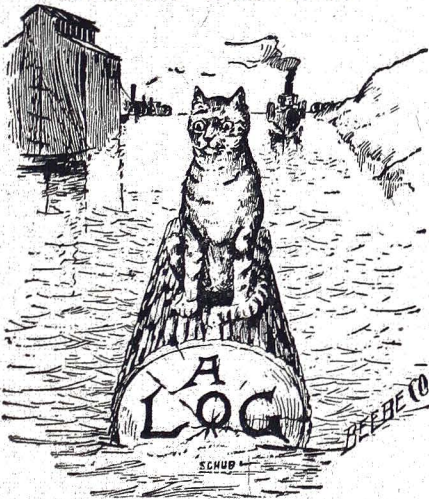
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