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EDITORIAL.

WE RENEW our invitation to all to assist at our celebration of St Cecilia's Day which, we promise, will repay your coming. The music for the mass of the day is by Gounod—and this is sufficient guarantee that it will be excellent. A Quartet will render an "O Salutaris" by Rossini, the very rehearsal of which is like sounds from heaven.

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THE PROGRAMME for the 22nd. will be entirely musical. There will be airs by the band, airs by the Orchestra (we're always tempted to spell the Orchestra with a big O and we succumb)—there will be songs by ones, twos, threes, and fours—choruses—solos on violin, guitar, clarinet, flute, piano and other instruments.

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REV. F. N. PERRY, of the Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, has been invited by the committee on arrangements to give the eulogy on St. Cecilia.

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THE CONTRIBUTIONS handed us by the young gentlemen of St. Patrick's Literary association are gladly and thankfully accepted by the Staff. We congratulate the society upon the very creditable work of its

young but earnest and labor-loving members. The JOURNAL will always be most happy to publish the essays and doings of the society.

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COMMUNICATIONS of personal interest from present and former students will be received thankfully by the Staff.

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WE RESPECTFULLY and earnestly invite our friends and all lovers of dramatic art, to witness the presentation of Pizzarro at the Arcade Opera House in Kankakee by the Thespian Association of this College. The college band and orchestra will play during the performance. We wish our dramatic boys a brilliant success.

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WITH KNOWLEDGE comes the desire of knowledge. It is only when one has begun to wake up to the elevating, the heavenly tendency of science or art that he conceives for it a deep and earnest love... The philosopher gropes a while in the uninteresting mazes of doubt, then perchance sees a distant ray of light, a God-sent guide. He follows it and arrives at the full radiancy of the sun of truth and there finds the solutions of some great questions which move the human mind. The more he discovers the more he searches. Man has naturally an unsatiable appetite to know, and in this does he manifest his natural aptitude to be God-like. The artist, from the moment he perceives the grandeur, the real worth, the excellency of his art, grasps it with his whole soul, becomes enamoured of it and makes but one with it. The musician thinks, dreams, speaks and acts music, and so does the painter dwell only in the realms of his own lofty ideals. But before one has yet been able to conceive a high idea of the superiority of knowledge over other possibilities he will surely enough be influenced by his own material environments and be chained to earth and things earthly. To traverse, then the first stages of ignorance, the deep-tangled density of childhood's ignorance and of childhood's apathy to learn, is the most trying and difficult of passes to the citadel of knowledge.

CATHOLICITY THE FOE OF ENTERPRISE.

This is a self-glorifying age; and yet not unreasonably so; for, as far as mere worldly interest and comforts are concerned, we can boast of great improvements over our more simple and unsophisticated ancestors.

All the useful arts have been brought to a degree of perfection never dreamed of, even in their wildest reveries. Commerce, navigation and ship-building have made wonderful strides: new and far more powerful agencies for war's dread purpose the last more destructive than its predecessor, are daily brought to light; the invention of steam has almost destroyed the distance between the antipodes, connected the most distant regions, and subserves to our comfort by laying at our doors the products of countries almost unknown a few centuries ago. Still we are not satisfied. We forget the labors and conquests of the past, and bend our energies to greater and more magnificent discoveries. We are not content that we have reduced so many of nature's forces under some degree of subjection; it is not enough that the mighty ocean has become our servant; that electricity places us in almost personal contact with places and peoples far distant, that the steam engine carries us with security and comfort and wonderful celerity across continents, which formerly could not be traversed without great fatigue, danger, and consumption of time: all this is not sufficient. We must still go forward: "progress" is our motto, our watchword. We must progress in everything: in science, in art, legislation and even in religion.

The age boasts of its life, its activity, its enterprise, advancement and discoveries, but does not its self-glorification go too far? Does it not consider itself too exclusively and forget too much the labors and achievements of other ages, which made its success and prosperity possible? Is there not a religious institution which puts a nobler and more exalted estimate upon life than does the spirit of the present age? For what is the end of life? It is the pursuit of happiness. In what does this consist? Not, surely, in the pursuit of and acquisition of wealth, so fleeting and uncertain, and which only the favored few ever obtain. Not in sensual pleasures, which are ever accompanied with weariness and disgust, not in action, for it soon palls upon us. No, no: life is something more than this. Life is knowledge; life is action; life is enjoyment: but it is knowledge without a cloud, power without weakness, and enjoyment exempt from suffering. But can knowledge so clear and perfect, power so immense, or enjoyment so great be obtained in this life? Are they not rather sought after than possessed.

Ask those who have penetrated deepest into the se-

crets of nature and they will tell you that what they have grasped only with infinite pains leaves their desires unsatisfied. Our power shows rather our weakness than strength. Only with great difficulty can we wrest from the earth a little food for our sustenance. Our physical power is far inferior to many of the brute creation. Our political institutions are so weak that a simple breath seems sometimes capable to destroy them. Our heroes have done all that man can do, and yet how far were their conquests from satisfying their wishes. Happiness, how few are the favored ones who grasp it? how great is the number of those whom it escapes when almost within their reach? how many does it entirely ignore? But yet these desires, since they are implanted in us by the Author of nature, must obtain their accomplishment. Will this blessed day shine on this or the other side of the grave? The Catholic church answers that only in the future life will our desires receive their perfection; that then only will be fulfilled the words of the apostle: the eye hath not seen, the ear hath not heard, nor hath it entered into the mind of man to conceive the joys which God hath in store for those who serve him. But because the heart cannot accomplish all its desires in this life, because it cannot attain perfect happiness here, does it follow that it loses all interest in mundane affairs? Certainly not.

Yet this is what many at the present day do not hesitate to affirm. Catholicity they say is inimical to social progress, incapable of great enterprises, forms lifeless characters, strangers to the interests of this world. But is not this judgement very partial? Do they not circumscribe the limits of their observation within too small a radius. Take those characters who have illustrated the church by their sanctity. What days are theirs? Of them it can be truly said that they lived much in a short time. They know fully that life's moments are precious gifts, given only to seize the treasures of Divine munificence. They know that a day of reckoning is not far distant, when every idle word will be weighed in the balance, and even a cup of cold water will receive its reward.

They know that no prayers ascend higher towards heaven than those of the orphan, the afflicted and unfortunate; and that they can have no more powerful friends in the celestial court than the unhappy whom they have consoled or the ignorant whom they have instructed into justice. His care is not to lose a moment; for time is worth as much to him as heaven which is its recompense. Every act is performed with the utmost attention; for he works for eternity. He is filled with a passion for works useful to his neighbor; for he knows that God considers that as done for himself which is undertaken for our brethren. See a Vincent de Paul, not only as the adviser of his king, or as the almoner of the

sentiment; it is a flash of that faith which in these reckless adventurers often became dimmed by the more material luster of gold and brilliant conquests.

He can hardly be branded with the epithet *avaricious*, though this well befits many of his true adherents, gold-seeking Spaniards. He died penniless. In this respect he is done no injustice in Sheridan.

As there is seldom a hero without a heroine, so in the drama we meet with a certain Elvira who follows the fortunes and misfortunes of Pizarro. She does not appear to have been a very canonizable character, and critics say that Sheridan's introduction of such an impersonation rather impairs a work which is otherwise calculated for happy dramatic effects. It appears that the stern Pizarro had an inclination toward the fair sex and that he was also in his idle hours, much given to gambling. Nevertheless, as says Rohrbacher, he was an accomplished hero—with the great defects and the superior qualities of other heroes. Of heroes like him homeric Greece would have peopled her Olympus.

Upon the whole, if we judge him from the measure of his success, (which nowadays is the recognized criterion of a man's worth) we must admit that he achieved a great deal and that he died in the full enjoyment of what he had most coveted. Certain it is, at all events, that a Pizarro, a great Pizarro, has existed—not a fictitious character—but one who really walked the earth, and, like all great men, left his footprints in the sands.

SEMINARIANS' DAY.

Friday, the 4th inst., was the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, and the patronal day of the Rev. Charles Peborde, D. D., Professor of Theology and Philosophy and Director of the seminary department. On the eve of the 4th. the members of the two classes called on their esteemed Prof. and in the midst of his surprise, delivered an address which contained the expressions of their hearty congratulation, and of their sincere thanks for the good he had achieved in their behalf. After the Address, one of the members presented him, in the name of both classes, a beautiful *stole* as a sensible token of their regard.

The Rev. Gentleman responded, greatly moved, by assuring them that if any thing brought him a sense of true pleasure, it was the thought that, whatever little he could do might further their advancement in science and virtue. This was the aim of all his labors, and he loved to see that his efforts were not barren. He dwelt on the progress which the both classes were making in the deep and mazy windings of Theology and Philosophy; and this he looked on as a pledge of their future

excellence. He concluded by thanking one and all for their kind remembrance of him, and in return for their well-wishes, remarked, that he wished them the same a hundred-fold. After having granted a holiday for both classes, the cigars were passed around, and the remaining portion of the evening was spent in general conversation. The address delivered the Rev. Professor by the seminarians was as follows:

Rev. Professor and dear Director.

When in looking back over the last two years, in recalling the memory of the events which filled up that lapse of our Seminary course, and in pausing o'er the good we've done and the opportunities we grasped not, ever and anon the vision of one who has figured conspicuously and reverently in the small circle of our quiet and studious life, intrudes itself pleasantly on the notice of our memory and calls for lasting recognition. Need I say whom that figure represents, or need I add that he has received a more than passing remembrance? Our presence here this evening has already prevented me. Your Reverence has immediately divined the object of our assembling around you to-day on the happy return of this Feast of your Patron Saint. But there is something beyond this that seeks expression, on this most fitting occasion, and it is the manifestation of a filial regard and deep admiration which we have ever felt for you in your twofold capacity as our Director and Professor. We have, time and time again caught from your lips those principles of our ecclesiastical life that secret of spiritual progress, which gives the key to sanctity and generates saints. You have been solicitous, and in this you vividly recall to us the life of the Saint, whose name you bear in preserving discipline in our midst, and in these efforts which are the offspring of your untiring zeal, we would wish to assure you, that you have, on our part, naught but the sincerest desire of success. But what is our gratitude when we turn to the work of our mind which you have so sedulously superintended and governed? What our admiration, when we have listened to the high encomiums which you have repeatedly lavished on the doctrine of the "Angel of the Schools" and what our heartfelt thanks, for having imparted to us a few sparks of your glowing enthusiasm for the study of his superhuman works? In all these endeavors, a burden has involved upon you which we are fully aware, can be gauged by note but yourself. But if the slight need of a gratitude we can not fully express, can do aught to alleviate that burden, can cause one ray of cheering sunshine to pierce the dull atmosphere of daily recurring cares and responsibilities there be the knowledge that that ray shall ever shine.

These your Reverence, are some of the expressions of a heartfel correspondence with your designs in our re-

gard with which we have wished, on this occasion to present you: and though "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," yet many of the noblest utterances of the heart seek in vain for expression at the portals of the lips and fall back again into the quiet of their unfathomable deep, so think of us, we have said but little, we feel much.

The Seminarians of St. Viateur's College,
Feast of St. Charles Borromeo,
Nov. 4th 1887 A. D.

LOCALS.

- Pizarro?
- Yes Pizarro again!
- More Peruvians wanted!
- The Thespians go to K. K. K. with Pizarro, Wednesday Evening Nov. 23rd. Success.
- Cecilians Tuesday night, Nov. 22nd.
- "A New office for Sam," is the cry of his many supporters.
- The boy whose name appeared in the *St. Louis Catholic World* as winning the "mule race" on St. Viateur's Day, is now looking for the correspondent who wrote the notice. There will be "blood" 'tis apprehended.
- "Blind Horse stories are furnished on application." Prof. J. D. one door north of Infirmary.
- Frank B. has engaged a guide to escort him to the Dormitory every night, so he will make no such mistake as he committed not long ago when he got in the wrong room and was going to bed when he was discovered by the owner and shown the door.
- Brother Collins, late of the Novitiate, is now stationed at the Holy Name School in Chicago.
- Through the kindness and solicitude of Father Dooling every bed in the dormitory will be furnished with a set of springs and fine hair mattress.
- The "four o'clock" walks have been resumed, much to the satisfaction of all the students.
- It is now arranged so that the large bell on the top of the college rings every hour and is used to call the boys in from recreation.
- Father Richard Sadlier of Marshall Mich, and Rev. Thomas Kearney of Chicago, paid us a short visit on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. The Military companies gave an exhibition drill for their benefit. After the drill they displayed their satisfaction by "treating" the three different companies. Thanks.
- Our genial Prefect, Mr McSorley, who was under the weather for a few days, is up again and tending his duties.
- Since our last issue we note the following new arrivals among the seniors; J. McCambridge of Morris, Ill., J. Pallissard of St. Ann, Ill., and J. Gallet, St. Augustine. Ill.

— Companies A, B and C are every day achieving wonders of military manoeuvring these fine days—such wonders that it makes even Carrol's heart ache that he is not in the ranks.

— Brother Kuhn, who finished his novitiate a few weeks ago, is now teaching French in the college.

— Mr. Theodore Theroux is the latest arrival in the Seminary.

— Brother Lauzon now makes his headquarters at Father Beaudoin's and directs the choir at the parish church.

— Brother O'Callahan, late of the Holy Nome School, Chicago, succeeds Brother Beudler as Prefect of the Junior Department.

— Thanksgiving Eve the Thespians will present at the Arcade Opera House in Kankakee, their latest success, Pizarro.

— For the last three weeks artists have been at work on elegant costumes and no doubt the scenic effects as well as the artistic rendition of the whole will be of a high order. Music has been rehearsed and everything in fact, presages a grand presentation.

— Mr John Kelley will hereafter have charge of the Chapel as he has been lately appointed Sacristan.

— The six minims who saw fit they should go to Chicago to see the Anarchists hang, got there, but on account of very pressing business here they were obliged to return before the execution.

— Prof. J. P. Dore is at present organizing an elocutionary recital to be given in the first week of December. His programme will be about as follows; Address on "Elocution" by M. S. Saindon; F. Lesage and J. Condon will appear in the "Quarrel scene between Brutus and Cassius"; W. Prendergast will speak "The Curfew"; T. Normoyle will give "Hamlet's Speech to the Players"; L. Grandchamp. "The Greenmountain Justice"; D. Ricou, "Parrhasius." A comic recitation by D. Mc Namara, and a dialogue will complete the elocutionary part. There will be music by Prof. Edgar Bourget and songs by the Glee Club. Judging from the menu we have reason to await a relishable entertainment.

— We expect the Junior classes will not remain in the lurch, but will come forward with a show not inferior to that which the seniors propose giving.

— And the minims! are they only to be seen, never heard?

— The Cecilians are preparing a rare treat for music-lovers. The grand spread will take place Tuesday evening, Nov. 22nd. Do not fail to come, all who fancy musical amusement.

— Bro. Champagne, who has sojourned with F. Chouinard C. S. V. in Manteno, is to embark shortly for New York. *Bon Voyage!*

— Lord Joseph Byron was seen setting his latest poem to violin music, in the Recreation Hall last week.

— A "Bud" is a most promising thing. From it we expect the sweet-scented flower, which will soon develop into a most delicious fruit, or the blushing rose which will captivate its admirers by the beauty of its tints and the innocence-like splendor of its whiteness.

— On Wednesday the band played a funeral march in the church at the mortuary services of Mr. Ferron, an old member of the French Colony of Bourbonnais. Mr. Ferron had been suffering of a long and slow sickness which gave him time to prepare for his voyage to the next world.

OBITER DICTA

As we cannot repeat a good advice too often we quote a few lines from an editorial in the *Notre Dame Scholastic*, which only adds strength to the already urgent call we made some time ago to the students, regarding society membership:

"We hope every student realizes the necessity or at least the duty of joining one of our literary or dramatic societies of the University. Besides the enjoyment to be had in attending the society meetings, and the pleasure of occasionally being able to vary the tediousness of the study-hall, the societies prepare students in a great measure for public life. In the society is regained a good knowledge of parliamentary law. In appearing before his fellow-students in debate or declamation, essay or oration, the speaker obtains self-control and the courage requisite to face an audience. After leaving college we are often placed in those positions where it is necessary to make a few remarks in public, and this cannot be successfully done without some previous training which is best procured in a good literary or dramatic association."

To the lover of autumnal sentiments, a passage like the following from Dicken's poetic prose is a comfort:

"It was small tyranny for a respectable wind to go wreaking its vengeance on such poor creatures as the fallen leaves, but this wind happening to come up with a great heap of them just after venting its humour on the insulted Dragon, did so disperse and scatter them that they fled away, pell-mell, some there, rolling over each other, whirling round and round upon their thin edges, taking frantic flights into the air, and playing all manner of extraordinary gambols in the extremity of their distress. Nor was this enough for its malicious fury: for, not content with driving them abroad, it charged small parties and hunted them into the wheelwrights saw-pit, and below the planks and timbers in

the yard, and, scattering the sawdust in the air, it looked for them underneath, and when it did meet with any, whew! how it drove them on and followed at their heels.

"The second leaves only flew the faster for all this, and a giddy chase it was: for they got into unfrequented places, where there was no outlet and where there pursuer kept them eddying round and round at his pleasure; and they crept under the eaves of houses, and clung tightly to the sides of hay-ricks, like bats; and tore in at open chamber windows, and cowered close to hedges; and, in short, went anywhere for safety."

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Thanks to the tender care and constant attention of our florist P. Granger, the study hall has the cheery look of a veritable summer garden. There clings about this studious precinct an air so bright, so inviting, so clean, so comfortable, with a mild perfume floating like a gentle spirit all around, that one exclaims, as he almost enviously views the lucky students: "What an Eden!" Ever and anon one of these fortunate science-seekers raises his eyes from a captivating book, or mayhap lets them down from a far home-reverie and fair forms as if of living spirits breathing gladness meet his gaze. They flit about in playful ramifyings or cluster together upon the window sills in cheerful chat as if awaiting a sun ray; and the sun comes from beneath autumn's grey clouds and laughs as though 'twere spring. Really the study-hall is a gem.

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We have noticed with pleasure in some 8 or 10 of our weekly exchanges well written accounts of the celebration of St. Viateur's Day here. Scarcely could a better way of practicing their pens be found for the rhetorical students, who, we hear, appreciate the sport. We shall watch for their interesting notes in the future.

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Readers, ye of the reading room especially, remember the practice of wise men to read with pencil and note-book in hand... Do not devour; but masticate, digest, assimilate, and you will grow intellectually strong, and able knights in the arena of letters.

SPORTIVE.

"Go cut your shinnies."

Foot-Ball and shinny are now all the rage.

Who says that "Profs" can't play "Hurley"

The hand ball allies are crowded, the foot-ball is kept rolling and the shinnies are in active service, but the diamond is deserted.

Table No. 4 challenges any other table in the house to play hand-ball or foot-ball, at any appointed time, on

any desirable grounds and for any amount of "deserts." Address J. Prender. Condon Sec.

Since the foot ball game last Tuesday, communications from all the leading teams in the country have been pouring in, asking for the release of our great "Half Back," Paul Wilstach. Up to the time of writing all offers have been refused and it is pretty well settled that this celebrated player will continue to wear our "colors" for the rest of the season.

Last Tuesday, two of the best games of foot-ball that have ever been witnessed on the college grounds, were played between the boys and "Profs," for a costly and very much appreciated prize,—a bushel of apples. The first game lasted a half hour and ended in favor of the boys. But the second game the Profs started in to win. Every one was on his mettle. First the ball was near one goal, then near the other. Both sides fought valiantly, and at the end of one hour a goal was scored for the "Profs." For the Professors, Messrs. Dore, Sullivan and O'Brien did the most effective work, and on the side of the boys, Dorsey, Baker and Knisely performed the heavy kicking. It was a game that each player can well take pride in, as every individual made two, if not more, pretty plays.

"It all depends on you Sam."

"Kick him in the face!" "Now you got him!" were the frequent exclamations of Dude, during game Tuesday.

Checkers, dominoes and dice help to make pleasant the evenings which we are obliged to spend in-doors.

The gymnasium is not as extensively courted as in former times but still we have some good performers who give a very creditable exhibition for those who are interested in the exercises.

Thursday the boys and the "Profs" were the contestants in three spirited games of "shinny." The crack team of the "Profs" proved too much for the boys, who were defeated in three straight games. The playing of Messrs. Dore and Sullivan entirely baffled the boys. Mr. Lynch and Bro. Ryan are also credited with some excellent plays.

The Billiard Club are now in full running order for the winter season and embrace some very excellent "cue manipulators." Messrs. McCambridge and Hemerlin head the list in the Senior Club, and Masters D. Ricou and G. Healy hold similar positions in the Junior Club.

Joseph McGavick is still the champion at checkers.

Charley Knisely and Will Conway shake the "ivory cubes" with most luck.

"Little" Harry Donnelly and Willie Stafford seem to be the best performers on the rings.

The best "shinny weilders" in the boys team are J. Dorsey, H. Lesage and A. Frazer.

SOCIETY DOINGS.

Read and Sign!

St. Patrick's increases steadily.

Joe says he'll get there just the same.

Mons. A. J. Frazer "for certain good reasons" no longer casts his votes in the same hat with us.

The reading room presents a right cheery appearance this fall, with its large light windows, and long table stocked with all the choice literature current.

We may congratulate ourselves on having in our midst Messrs. W. Prendergast, McNamara, Condon, and other declaimers. There will certainly be no lack of good elocution to fill our rooms.

Mr. Saindon is one of the most obliging and competent librarians that ever held the keys. He is ready at any moment to attend to our calls.

The exercises so far have been both interesting and instructive. The members seem to have their own progress and the society's good earnestly at heart.

Among the newly enrolled names, are Messrs. L. Grandchamp, M. Murry, F. Cleary, G. Donnelly, M. Lenartz, D. McNamara, M. O'Biero, L. Falley, V. Lamarre and J. O'Connor.

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The following will be the programme for Wednesday evening Nov. 30th., Mr. Muray, "The Origin of the English Language;" Mr. George Donnelly, "A biographical sketch of Alexander H. Stevens;" Mr. William Prendergast, a declamation; and Mr. C. H. Ball, "The True Source of Governmental Authority."

The members propose giving a public seance this fall, of which the Rev. Director, Prefect of studies, Prof. of Theology and several of the Professors will be invited. Let us make it interesting.

For Nov. the 16th. the following subjects were on the society tapis; "The National Bird the Eagle or the Turkey" by Mr. Daniel McNamara; "Military Drills their pro and con by Mr. Francis Cleary;" "Wherein is our government Imperfect?" by Mr. Thomas Normoyle; and a reading, comic or serious, by Mr. Jas. Condon.

RIFLE SHOTS.

Quartermaster Saindon with his able corps of assistants keeps things looking bright in the armory.

From the present outlook there will be many first class competitors for the Prize Drill; and apropos of

thus; Cecilia had told Valerian that she had entrusted herself to the guardianship of an angel, and that he must respect her vows lest perhaps the anger of God should be aroused against him. Impelled by a natural curiosity, he asked that he might see the angel, Cecilia replied: "When thou shalt be baptized and become a christian then thou shalt see." Immediately he went to Pope Urban, was instructed and baptized, and as he was hastening back, he heard sweet music and saw an angel standing near his beloved Cecilia with two crowns made of fresh, fragrant, roses such as perhaps bloom only in paradise. At once he knelt beside Cecilia, and the angel crowned them both, saying to Valerian: "Because thou hast listened to Cecilia and hast respected her holy engagements, whatsoever thou shalt wish will be granted." Valerian answered: "I have a brother whom I love as my own soul, grant that his eyes may be opened to the truth." This request was pleasing to God, and when Tiburtius entered soon after and perceived the fragrance of the roses he was surprised, for it was not the time of flowers. Then Cecilia told him of their faith and he too was converted. They then altogether gave themselves up to religious practices and did much good to the poor and to the persecuted christians.

However they were soon apprehended by one of the Prefects of Alexander Severus, the Roman Emperor, and they were made to suffer the most excruciating tortures that the beastly cruelty of these inhuman monsters could devise.

Imagine if you can, a frail virgin brought up from infancy in all the luxury and indolence that her rich parents could afford; imagine her, so fitted by nature and by circumstances to enjoy the most exquisite delights that a pleasure-giving world could bestow; behold her gifted with beauty, youth, accomplishments, adorned with the very flower of Christian virtue, now facing a certain and most painful death! What must be her fortitude! How candid her countenance in the presence of tortures! How heavenly her heroism in the trial!

While she was left in custody of her guards she sang so sweetly that many of them, swayed by her heavenly strains and moved to pity, offered her her freedom, while others became Christians. But she well knew the glory that awaited her beyond, and she patiently awaited death which at last came and freed her angelic soul from its mortal prison.

As St. Catherine is honored by philosophers because by her close logic and eloquent arguments she confuted and converted her keepers, so St. Cecilia is the adopted patroness of musicians because by her heavenly chants and sweet music she subdued the hardened hearts of her pagan guards and won them over to Christ. She is

for this reason generally represented playing upon an organ or surrounded with musical instruments of various kinds. Her feast is kept Nov. 22nd. and is always the occasion of much musical merriment in colleges and in general, wherever her divine art is practiced.

EXCHANGES.

We see from notices in our regular exchanges that the *Index of Niagara* is still alive and abroad; but, we are sorry to say, it has not been our portion to meet our old friend from the Falls this term yet. As our paper is regularly sent to the *Index* we hope the managers of our esteemed contemporary will see that their sheet reaches us in the future. We are not ready to believe that the *Index* is uncourteous.

The Cape Girardeau *Message* devotes all its exchange chat to its kin the *Niagara Index*. We admire the courage of the *Message* man—for he undertakes a task—hereulean, superhuman. Nothing but homicide (if slaying the index man be homicide) can effect the end of the "Old hornet's" sting. We read with a great deal of pleasure the page on "Governmental Authority"—Be it to the credit of the writer if we say that the article reminds us of the solid thinking of Dr. Brownson on the same subject. The essay "Ambition" has vim and is very readable. Scarcely in any other journal do we find that the curt locals must contain "heaps" of provincial esprit, and are consequently to be tasted only by Capists themselves.

The *Crescent* ascends higher towards perfection both in the material order and in the literary.... We find it in this issue using its influence to excell in the students a laudable interest for athletic sports. We find strewn over its pages—tasty composition and spicy bits of everything.

The dignified *Swarthmore Phoenix* once more has sought our wildernesses. We surround it with all the interest that a careful edited paper deserves. The *Phoenix* is ever true to its old-time standard of excellence both as to its bodily make-up and its intellectual menu.

The *Sunbeam*, an old favorite of our predecessors, revisits our august sanctum. Welcome, you tiny ray of light, welcome!

We cannot, for want of space, give a worthy notice of the many other excellent papers which have of late accumulated on our fairly creaking table. We could at best give a very passing and unsatisfactory notice. We feast ourselves upon them all—they all are full of literary delicacies for which we are thankful to general college writers who evince a great deal of good taste in the publishing of such creditable representatives of their respective colleges.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.

In response to the desire of the Pienary Council of Baltimore, Catholic school house are being built on every side which rival in many cases the beautiful state schools.

A new church, under the patronage of Notre Dame, was lately dedicated amid great solemnities in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

The people of Marshall, Michigan, recently gave a most affectionate proof of their esteem for their pastor, Rev. P. A. Baart, S. T. L., by giving him a grand reception on his arrival from Rome. Protestants and Catholics were as one on that day.

One of the grandest Christian temples in the West and assuredly the finest Catholic church in the state of Michigan was dedicated the other day in Detroit under the patronage of St. Anne. The French Catholics of that city had looked forward with anxiety to that happy day which was to bless their arduous works of sacrifice.

Two hundred and sixty-five young men, belonging to good French families, embarked at Calais on the 4th. of October for England, to continue their studies at Canterbury under the Jesuit Fathers expelled by the Government of the French Republic. There were days when the English young men came to France, at Douay for instance. What a change!

At Chicago, October 28, Rt. Rev. Maurice Francis Burke, late pastor of Joliet, was consecrated Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, by Archbishop Feehan in the Cathedral of the Holy Name. Bishop Ireland, of St. Paul, preached the sermon; many priests were present at the imposing ceremony.

Mgr. Persico was royally entertained and feasted by the Faculty of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, when the distinguished Prelate paid his visit to that most renowned Institution of Catholic Ireland, the Alma Mater of the Irish clergy, and the hope of the future of Erin. A Theological disputation took place one evening in presence of the students and of his Excellency who declared himself highly pleased with the talents displayed in the contest.

The first case of a public school building being rented for parochial school has just occurred at Malden, Mass. The Board of Aldermen of that city has leased the unoccupied rooms in the public-school building at the nominal rental of \$20 per month for parochial school purposes. The lease contains an agreement that the rooms shall be vacated upon notice when needed by the city. (Union and Times)

The will of the late Michael Corrigan, Chicago, has been admitted to probate court. The deceased left real

estate worth \$280,000 and personal property worth \$25,000. The will contains a bequest of land worth about \$50,000 to be divided equally between the Little Sisters of the poor and St. Vincent's Foundlings' Home, of Chicago. Such deeds do honor to the city.

The Rev. John P. Farrelly, D. D., who for six years past has officiated in the cathedral in Nashville, Tennessee, sailed for Rome a few days ago where he will assume the important office of Secretary of the American Hierarchy. On him will devolve the duties of conducting the correspondence between the American Bishops and the Propaganda. Father Farrelly was born in Memphis, educated at Georgetown, Md., and completed his studies in the American College at Rome.

A meeting of the prominent Catholic residents of the West Side, Chicago, was held for the purpose of furthering arrangements for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of priesthood of Father Damen, S. J. on the 21st. of November. Mr. William J. Onahan was made chairman of the meeting; it was decided to build a fine hospital of \$50,000 as a monument to be known as "The Father Damen Free Hospital." \$5,000 were subscribed on the spot and a committee was appointed to secure the other \$45,000.

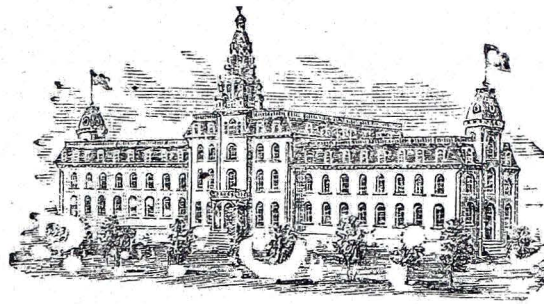
The question regarding the propriety of having a Catholic Congress of English-speaking Catholics from all parts of the world is again agitated and commented upon by the Catholic press in general. Cardinal Manning has been consulted of late on the matter and great hopes are entertained concerning the good results which would be accomplished by such a step. The world is ever ready to misjudge and misrepresent Catholicity, but it is in the doings of such assemblies of the elite of the Church that her grand doctrines and noble purposes shine conspicuous to the very bigots who oppose her.

The President of the United States has issued a proclamation appointing the 24th. of November as the National Thanksgiving day, on which all are called to thank God for the blessings of the past year. In these days, when so many rulers forget their Creator, it is refreshing to read the pious sentiments of the President of our young and prosperous country. Such doings never fail to be rewarded.

Rt. Rev. N. Matz was consecrated coadjutor Bishop of Denver, Colorado, on Oct. 28. The Vicariate apostolic is now a see and thus Bishop Machebeuf is honored for his untiring zeal in the missionary works of Colorado.

Right Rev. Thomas Bonneau, Bishop-elect of Lincoln, Nebraska, will be consecrated in St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 30, the forty-sixth anniversary of the episcopal consecration of his consecrator, the Most Rev. Peter Richard Kenrick, D. D.

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