

College Chronicle

The students welcome and enjoy a good concert at any time but when it is held immediately before the Christmas holidays it is doubly welcome and certainly more enjoyable. On December 21st the following programme was rendered in the College hall. It was under the auspices of the Columbian Society and the rendition was certainly a credit to the American students.

PROGRAMME

Violin Solo..... W. Sharkey
 Vocal Duet—Juanita.....J. F. McDonald, E. Crowley
 Declamation—The Speech of Regulus.....D. F. Young
 Cornet Solo—Dreaming.....J. B. McNeill
 Declamation—Selection from Tennyson.....C. J. McDonald
 Solo—I'm Afraid of You.....S. S. Hessian
 Declamation—Les Pressentiments.....L. D. Durand
 Vocal Duet—The Vacant Chair.....J. Connolly, A. Barry
 Piano Solo—The Chariot Race.....L. Cheverie
 God Save the King.



The results of the Christmas examinations were gratifying both to the faculty and to the great majority of the students. The bulletins show that very considerable work was done. The following were the leaders of the different classes.

Senior Philosophy—Bradford McNeill.
 Junior Philosophy—Alphonsus Rooney.
 Fourth Year—J. A. McDonald.
 Third Year—W. V. McDonald.
 Second Year—Wilfred Sharkey.
 First Year—Frank Hughes.
 Commercial—J. V. Gillis.

In two short months the final examinations will be upon us and as usual they are looked forward to with anxiety by all, with dread by some and with absolute horror by all 'loafers' who wish to carry good reports of themselves to their parents. To every student but especially to those who work we wish unlooked for success and feel that the winners of the various medals and prizes will have deserved them.



In the Assembly Hall on Monday January 30th Rev. J. F. Johnston delivered his lecture on Thomas Moore, Ireland's national poet. In the case of Father Johnson it is unnecessary to say anything regarding his ability on the lecture platform since most of our readers having been fortunate enough to hear one or other of his lectures realize how fully he has mastered the art. The lecture itself was worthy of the author. He traced the life of Moore and portrayed the character of his works and the circumstances in which they were written. Moore was a born song writer and his native land at that time although rich in music had but few songs. Moore undertook to supply fitting words to old airs and his phenomenal success in this line is beyond question. A vote of thanks moved by Willard McNeill and seconded by Philippe Normand was tendered the lecturer.



March 7th the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas was as on previous years a holiday. The advent of this day is always made the occasion of a celebration by the men of the senior classes. This year preparations were made for a banquet in the afternoon. The banquet was most elaborately gotten up and served in style in the refectory at 4 o'clock. The celebrants, with appetites sharpened by a walk to town, it is needless to say did full justice to the fare—and to St. Thomas.

A good programme of songs and speeches was rendered with Mr. Raymond Dolan presiding. The toast, "The day we celebrate" was proposed and responded to by Mr. Henri Blanchard in pleasing style; a vocal solo, "My Old New Hampshire Home" by E. V. Crowley followed after which Rev. D. P. Croken delivered a well-worded response to the toast, "Our Institution." Mr. Willard McNeil spoke feelingly on behalf of "The

Ladies," and Mr. L. D. Durand for "Our French Canadian Brothers" after which all joined in singing God Save the King.



Three skating parties were held in the College rink this winter. The first was given by the Athletic Association Feb. 8th. A special train was run from Charlottetown with a fairly large crowd. The ice was in good condition and the rink decorated with flags and drapery. Refreshments were served in the Recreation Hall and everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The second skate was held Feb. 22nd under the auspices of the Ladies of St. Joseph's Sodality. The ice was again good and a very large crowd attended. The League of the Cross band discoursed choice music which was much appreciated by the skaters.

The third was held on the 28th of February in aid of St. Vincent's Orphanage.



Washington's birthday, February 22nd, was celebrated this year with genuine American enthusiasm by the Columbian Society. On the evening of February 21st in the college hall a good programme was successfully rendered and well received by the student body.

On Feb. 22nd a banquet was held, the guest of honor being Rev. Dr. Gillis, Moderator of the Society. Speeches were made by Fr. Gillis, E. Crowley, A. E. Farley, T. H. Greene C. W. Barren and C. J. Macdonald. Both the College hall and Refectory were tastefully decorated with Canadian, British and American flags and bunting



Since our last issue the college lost a faithful servant by the death of Ephraim Lemant, our genial and early rising old janitor. Ephraim—he was known to the majority of the students by no other name—was principally engaged in "keeping the boys warm," but for the last two years he figured as the nominal head of one of the departments of this magazine. We need not say that this was out of no lack of consideration on the

part of the staff; on the contrary it was an evidence of the pleasant relations existing between Ephraim and the students generally—relations which an annual Christmas presentation, invariably rewarded with the story of his conflict with “the turk,” tangibly expressed.

Ephraim was born in northern France about fifty-two years ago and was for many years in the French Navy. His death took place after two weeks illness at Charlottetown Hospital on Thursday Feb 9th. Next day his funeral took place from the College and was attended by the students in a body.



PERIPHRAISIS.

Valevia---The moon of Rome ; so chaste She, and so fair---Shakespeare.

Alexander---Macedonia's Madman---Pope.

The robin---The household bird with the red stomach---Dr. Donne.

A fishing rod---A rod with a worm at one end and a fool at the other---Dr. Johnson.

Poetry---Thought on fire---Gilfillan.

Infidels---The gentlemen who take the “not” out of the Commandments and put it in the Creed---Lady Montague.

Ambassadors---Honest gentlemen sent to be abroad for the good of their country---Sir Henry Watton.

Politician---A gentleman who serves God so far as will give no offence to the devil---Wendell Phillips

Gratton---A combination of cloud, whirlwind and flame---Lord Chatham.