

CONCERT AND PIE SOCIAL

The concert and pie social in St. Joseph's Convent last evening was well attended and proved most enjoyable.

First Duet... Misses Sweeney and Clark. Chorus... Little Tots. Solo... The Misses Murphy.

Every number on the programme was rendered in a splendid manner, and was enthusiastically applauded by the large audience.

After the concert, Mr. E. H. Norton presided over the platform and held the attention of the audience for almost an hour while he auctioned off the pies.

The amount realized was \$86. The Sisters of the Convent and the members of St. Joseph's Sodality take this opportunity of returning their sincere thanks to all who assisted in the proceedings or in any other way contributed to the success of the project.

ROSSLAND AND KLONDIKE MINES.

Sir,—I noticed in the Guardian a few days ago a short article in reference to the desirability of those parties in this Province who have purchased shares in the various mining companies sending out a competent man to enquire into the prospects of those claims in which Islanders are interested.

No doubt there are many thousands of dollars invested by our people in Rossland and in the Klondike, and it would be in the interests of those who have invested to select a reliable man of intelligence who could be depended on to investigate the workings of the mines intelligently and report authentically.

As one who has invested in several claims, and who is anxious to obtain some reliable information respecting same, I would be willing to subscribe my share of the expenses provided a proper man was selected, and I suggest that an effort be made to get the various shareholders together and elect a trustworthy person.

I believe if a subscription of five hundred dollars was made up a most efficient man could be procured to investigate the claims both at Rossland and in the Klondike.

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MAN OR APE?

Mr J M Duncan's Lecture in Grace Church Last Evening.

A very intelligent audience greeted Mr. Duncan last night, and loudly applauded him as he walked to the platform to lecture on "Man or Ape."

After singing Tennyson's beautiful hymn: "Strong Son of God, immortal love. Whom we that have not seen Thy face By faith, and faith alone embrace, Believing whom we cannot prove," the pastor led in prayer.

The chairman, the Rev. Mr. Kirby introduced the lecturer, referring to the fact that Mr. Duncan was one of our own men, and a citizen of Charlottetown, and it was well to have him in our midst who were capable of interesting and instructing an audience for an hour or so on such an important subject as that of to-night. It was a fact that we had successful and talented Islanders at home as well as abroad.

He had great pleasure in introducing Mr. Duncan to lecture to us tonight on the evolution theory, "Man or Ape."

Mr. Duncan commenced his lecture on "paper"—which he insisted on calling it—by saying that he did not claim to look at the question as a scientist but only as an ordinary mortal, neither did he intend doing much more than allow the defenders of the evolution theory to do their own talking; but he wished to show the audience what these men said and then when all the evidence was in he would leave the listeners to pronounce the verdict.

His quotations and selections from Huxley, Darwin, Haeckel, the Duke of Argyll, Kant and others on both sides of the question were apt and his own arguments and findings were well put and conclusive.

It was easy to see that Mr. Duncan was not in sympathy with evolution, and he proved his points by showing how the missing links in the theory were too conspicuous, and required too great a stretch of the imagination to fill up.

He produced three charts to make his remarks more clear to the audience, one of which by the illustration of a cannon ball and several rings drawn on a chart he showed that a ball leaving this earth's centre and going into space made greater speed the first second of time and increasing in speed until it stopped altogether. Now if it be easy, he asked, to trace the theory through the earlier ages where the distances were so much greater, why not the later periods when the requirements are so much less?

The second chart showed how the direct ladder of the theory should work through the various geological periods, and how it actually did work. The theory was broken and incomplete. Mr. Duncan did not fail to brighten his lecture with wit and sarcasm as well as sound argument. It was evident to the audience that he held evolution to be contrary to Divine revelation, and would be destructive not only to religious belief, but to morality itself, and would applaud murder and suicide as the benefactors of the race.

The closing of the lecture weighed the evidence of the argument, and then lifting one chart from one to the face of another Mr. Duncan said: "The evidence is before you, what is the verdict? man or ape?"

The chart gave the skeletons of a man on one side and an ape on the other in which the eyes of the audience could readily detect the disparity and distinctions.

Mr. McCready moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, at the same time defeating the evolution theory and disagreeing with the lecturer on two or three points. Mr. B. Balderston seconded the resolution and defended the lecturer. Mr. John Newson also supported the evolution theory, and Dr. Leeming, again defended the lecturer. The chairman presented the vote of thanks which was replied to by Mr. Duncan. His replies to his critics were most effective and highly appreciated.

The Epworth League of Grace Church deserve great credit for the intellectual treat afforded the citizens last night, and Mr. Duncan can be assured that whenever he is announced to lecture again he will have the intelligence of the city in his audience.

The next lecture in the course will be by Rev. G. C. P. Palmer, on "The Mind of the Master; a Criticism." The date will be announced in the future.

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REAL ESTATE AND TAXATION.

Another Letter From Hon. D. Davies. Sir,—In continuation of my letter of the 8th instant, published in your issue of that date:

Property holders are now paying off the debt incurred for our water works, repayment of the money borrowed has to be made within twenty years. Three years of the sinking fund has been paid. We have still seventeen years instalments to pay before this debt will be extinguished.

The house I live in cost me \$6,500. It was considered a bargain as it cost the owner \$15,000. It has been rated for city taxation at \$6,500 ever since. If I desired to rent it the highest rent I could get for it would be \$300 a year, owner paying city taxation and repairs. I find city taxation, special water tax and insurance costs me over \$110 a year without taking repairs into consideration which cost me about \$50 a year. So I would not receive over 2 per cent for the money invested. I know of several nice two story houses, with all modern improvements, that cost over \$4,000, that let for \$175 to \$200. Smaller houses owned by mechanics and others owned by themselves pay quite as high a rate of taxation. Tenants of rented houses would be glad to have sewerage as their rents could not be increased, seeing that the supply of houses is greater than the demand. Old bachelors who do not run houses would, of course, advocate sewerage and other improvements. They can live quite comfortably by boarding out at a cost of from \$250 to \$500 a year. Of course they are in favor of the improvements! Under the present method of taxation the annual interest on the cost of sewerage, etc., would fall nearly altogether on real estate and household property. The advocates of sewerage and other improvements should have formulated a policy by which the incidence of taxation should fall more equally all round.

It may be inferred from what I have written that I am opposed to sewerage, etc. That is not so. I am in favor of it, provided we can see our way clear to paying the interests on the cost.

In a third and concluding letter I will suggest a scheme by which sewerage and other improvements can be made without being unduly oppressive on property holders.

Your obedient servant
DANIEL DAVIES.
Ch'town, 24th Dec. 1897.

ST. PETER'S ENTERTAINMENT.

The committee in charge of the course of entertainments in St. Peter's Hall is to be congratulated. Every entertainment has been good and every entertainment seems to be better than the last. That of last evening was wholly delightful. There was not a weak number in it. It was more marked than the others we should say that it was the part singing. The opening chorus, the vocal chorus by the talented Misses Earle and Messrs Earle, and the quartette by Rev. T. H. Hunt and Messrs E. Earle, C. Earle and J. Owen were exceptionally well rendered, and the perfect harmony was greatly enjoyed and applauded. The solos by Miss Cotton, Mrs. Sullivan, Rev. Mr. Manifold and Mr. Cloud Hill were capital. Miss Sullivan received a well deserved encore. Mr. Vinnicombe's cello and violin solos were of course excellent and highly appreciated, as Mr. Vinnicombe's performances always are. As to the readings, that of the Attorney General taught a lesson which those who are tempted to avoid recreation would do well to read. Miss Mellich gave a dramatic rendering of an old Israelite legend, which made a powerful impression upon the audience; T. A. McLean, Esq., of the Esdale Foundry, spoke of the pride of the builder on good work well done, and was heartily encored; and Mr. Fritz Moore recited two capital things in the Irish vein—both being heartily applauded. We must not forget the harmonica duet by the Messrs. Payne Bros., an unique performance which gave a pleasing variety to an excellent entertainment and was very heartily encored.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

"THE SET OF TROUSERS," one of the late Mrs. Della Brown Ponds favorite readings. Hear it on Thursday evening.

CONCERT.—Mr. Whitney is a concert in himself. Hear him in Kindergarten Hall on Thursday evening.

THE LAST TRIBUTE.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Crabbe took place this afternoon. The large attendance evidenced the respect entertained for the deceased.

POLICE COURT.—This forenoon George Offer appeared in answer to a charge of violating the Liquor Regulation Act by selling intoxicants after hours. The case was adjourned until this day week for further evidence.

The case of Patrick McMillan, charged with maliciously injuring the property of John Ling, was adjourned until Friday. John Cameron, for being drunk and incapable, was fined \$2 or 10 days.

The defendant in an assault case was fined 50 cents, each party to the suit to pay his own costs.

Short extract from a long letter to Commander Cheyne, R. N., from the Baroness Bronte, niece of the late Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson:—"At your lectures one feels no aching void, all is wonder and admiration; to such lectures as these, parents and guardians ought to take their children. Such achievements have made England what she is. You may fancy, Sir, the interest I took in your lectures when I inform you that at Constantinople I met Lady Franklin, who showed me the last letters from the immortal Commander of the ill-fated expedition.

Yours very sincerely,
C. M. NELSON, Baroness Bronte.

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REOPENING OF THE YOUNG MEN'S DEBATING SOCIETY OF EARNSCLIFFE.

The members of the Y M D S of Earnscliffe met at the call of the executive in the Earnscliffe School, on Saturday evening, Dec. 11th, for the purpose of reopening the society for the winter months.

The attendance, owing to the bad state of the roads was not very large, but all seemed determined to make this the best year in the history of the society.

Mr E C Nelson, 1st Vice President, occupied the chair. Mr R E Mutch, Secretary of the society, in a lengthy address reviewed the work of the past year, and judging from the list of subjects which had been debated, the young men of this section have got an intelligent conception of the public questions of the day.

The election of officers resulted as follows:
President and Chairman of the executive—E C Nelson.
1st Vice Pres—F E Young.
Asst Vice Pres—A Melnis.
Secretary—R E Mutch, re-elected.
Treasurer—D Morrissey.
Sentinels—Thos McPhee and Matthias Praught.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring executive, which was replied to by Mr R E Mutch. He thanked the members for their kind appreciation of the efforts of the executive to make the society a success and also for the assistance they had given to a accomplish the same end. He also asked on behalf of the new executive that hearty support and sympathy that had been given to its predecessor. The by-laws were then read, some slight verbal changes were made and a new one (No. 16) was added. The meeting will be held on Saturday evening, for the present. The subject for the first debate will be "Is man the architect of his own fortune or is he the creature of circumstances?" Moved by Austin Melnis seconded by Dougald Morrissey.

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