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There is what is called the worldly spirit which enters with the greatest subtlety into the character of even good people...

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

THE IDEAL HIGH SCHOOL.

At a meeting of educationists held in Boston some weeks ago, Mr. Edwin P. Seaver, Superintendent of the City Schools, gave a discourse on the above subject.

"First of all, our ideal high school will be a school for the development of individuality. It will aim to educate boys and girls according to their several needs and capacities."

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"Our school, therefore, will offer not one course, but many courses. Or rather it will offer instruction in many branches freely open for all to choose from."

"The student who takes but a few studies at a time will not suffer by comparison with other students who take more studies at a time, for class standing will be no more."

"Under this free choice of studies every student assumes largely the direction of his own education. The responsibility of making much or little of his opportunities rests chiefly with him."

"Why should he be obliged to spend a year on algebra, and history, and botany and a foreign language before reaching the study he chiefly wishes to take?"

"In the new school no pupil will be expected to sacrifice time or inclination to the demands of an established course of study."

"The ideal high school will be a school for the development of high scholarship. The teachers will carry their instruction and the pupils their requirements to much higher standards than are now within reach."

"Teachers in the coming century will look back upon our present high school curriculum with curiosity and wonder. They will wonder how a good education was possible under it, for with them it will have become an axiom that a good education comes not from an imperfect acquaintance with many things, but from the deep study of a few things."

The Heroic Ballads.

(By the Rev. A. McLean Sinclair.)

By the heroic ballads, or dain gaisge, are meant such poems as refer to events which are supposed to have taken place in the time of Cochullainn, Fionn, and other ancient heroes.

The Book of Leinster was compiled about 1125 A. D. It contains five poems which are ascribed to Fionn Mac Cumhail, and two poems which are ascribed to Oasian. The Book of Ballymote was compiled about 1390. It contains one poem which is ascribed to Fearghus Finnheoil and one which is ascribed to Caoilte Mac Ronain.

According to the legendary history of Ireland Conall Cearnach, the sons of Uisneach, Fraoch, Cuchullainn and Conlaach flourished during the first half of the reign of Conchobar Mac Nessa, King of Ulster.

The Fianntan or Fenians were professional warriors. They received a thorough military training. They had a commander-in-chief, and were bound by oath to obey him. They spent their time hunting deer and wild boars, doing the work of policemen and fighting the battles of the King in whose service they were employed.

The battle of Gabhra was fought in 284. The contending parties were Cairbre Lifechair, supreme-king of Ireland, and Mogh Corb, King of Munster.

Treatment of Catholics in the Transvaal.

We have already repeatedly published the fact that Catholics are not excluded from the service of the State in the Transvaal. We have published Dr. Leyds' official statement in this regard, and we know that all the Jingo papers and orators of England and Canada have ignored it.

But Mr. Fitzpatrick says the Uitlanders (English subjects who refused the oath of allegiance) were taxed enormously for public schools. Archbishop Bruchet last week put the fact on record that the Catholics of Winnipeg alone pay \$6,000 a year for schools to which they cannot conscientiously send their children.

Inverness Notes.

Since some two or three weeks, your correspondent has mostly passed the time at Glenora Falls, probably the best agricultural spot in the county.

A couple of Sisters of the House of the Good Shepherd, Halifax, have recently visited Mabou, seeking alms in aid of their truly Christlike endeavors.

"Our" Mann and McKenzie have recently been with us, riding from Port Hastings to Port Hood on their own railway. Naturally enough we are all in high feather over the fact.

It is, of course, understood that the road is to be extended to Cheticamp; although indeed the local government seems to have thrown an obstacle in its way, last session, by a piece of grotesque legislation which had well-nigh burked the whole enterprise.

No doubt, the next January meeting will witness the Ry. Company before the Municipal Council asking for the bonus so given on the first or part of the first fifty already finished.

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NOTICE.

All persons having legal demands against Duncan McIsaac, lately of Fraser's Mills, in the County of Antigonish, Farmer, are requested to render their accounts to

JAMES MILLS, Guardian of the person and estate of said Duncan McIsaac. Or to McISAAC & CHISHOLM, Barristers, Antigonish, South River, Nov. 3rd, 1899.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of The Casket Printing & Publishing Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Company on THURSDAY, 30th inst., at 3 p. m.

Mr. Heinrich Schonenberger,

Professor of German and French at St. F. X. College, late Professor of modern languages in a Swiss College, will give private lessons in GERMAN, FRENCH and ITALIAN, either at the College or at the homes of the pupils.

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- Ladies' Cashmere and Ringwood Gloves in black and neat fancy patterns, 20, 25, 35, 50c. Men's Knitted Gloves, 25c to \$1.00. Men's Lined Mocha Kid Gloves, 80c, \$1.00, 1.20 to 2.75. Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, with a wide top, per pair, 25c. Men's black Cashmere and Wool Half Hose, per pair, from 30c up. Misses and Children's Hosiery. All Prices.

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General News.

Five buildings were destroyed by fire at Yarmouth early in the morning of Nov. 27. The French Chamber on Monday, by a vote of 349 to 202, decided to maintain the French Embassy at the Vatican.

The Scott Act was sustained in Northumberland County, N. B., on Tuesday, by a majority of 257. Queen Victoria has, it is said, given Emperor William a conditional promise to visit Germany next year.

Steps are being taken, according to a Toronto despatch, to ascertain the names of persons willing to go to South Africa in case of a call for a second Canadian contingent.

It is reported that a Finnish delegate who visited Canada the past summer, has written the Department of the Interior that 10,000 Finns will settle in the Dominion next year.

Australia's wheat crop of the past season has been a very large one. The Government statistician of New South Wales announces that it will be double that of last year.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. was incorporated at Trenton N. J. on Nov. 22, with an authorized capital stock of \$10,000,000, one-half of this being preferred 5 per cent. non-cumulative stock.

Advices from Yokohama, Japan, say that the bubonic plague is raging at New-ching, Manchuria. The mortality is said to be from fifty to sixty a day, and it is feared that the disease will spread throughout Manchuria.

A lad of ten years, who was playing with some companions around the station at Stewiacke last Saturday, fell on the rails and was terribly mangled by a moving train. He was taken to the Hospital at Halifax, but died just as he got there.

The Donaldson Line steamship Lakonia arrived at Baltimore from Glasgow on Nov. 22. She had on board 53 shipwrecked men from the British steamship Manchester Enterprise, which foundered in mid-ocean on Nov. 15.

It is said that Russian Government representatives are on the Pacific coast looking for a port to be the terminus of a fleet of freight steamers which they intend to operate in connection with the Trans-Siberian railway.

It is said that there is trouble between the salt and sheep owners of Wyoming and Colorado and that armed gangs of rustlers are riding over the ranges of both states shooting all the sheep they can see, while sheep herders are doing the same with the cattle of their opponents.

A Vancouver despatch says: Hon. Fred. Peters, ex-Premier of P. E. I., is connected with a scheme to harness the Pacific Ocean. The idea is to use the rise and fall of the tide at the Narrows in this harbour, to operate a large power house plant. Application has been made to the Dominion Government for rights.

Last Thursday a gang of men at work on an excavation at Canal Street, New York, accidentally broke into a four-inch gas main, and a lighted lantern, which one of them had in his hand, set fire to the rapidly escaping gas. A terrific explosion took place, sending timbers and planks flying in all directions. One man was instantly killed by a falling plank, and six or seven others seriously injured.

General Wingate with a force of Egyptian soldiers met the Khalifa Abdullah's dervishes at Gedil in the southern Sudan, on the morning of Nov. 24, and completely routed them after a sharp fight. The Khalifa himself, who had escaped from the battle of Omdurman last year, was slain, as was also the greater number of his Emirs. General Wingate is said to have captured 9,000 men, women and children after the fight. This victory will probably crush for ever the power of the Dervishes in the Sudan.

A well-known prelate of the Church in England passed to his reward on All Saints Day, the late Bishop Butt, of Southwark, which See he resigned about two years ago on account of his failing health. The Bishop was the son of a convert, was ordained by Bishop (afterwards Cardinal) Wiseman fifty years ago, lived some time with Cardinal Newman and his companions at the London Oratory, and volunteered as chaplain in the English army in the Crimean War, where he endured all the hardships of the soldiers and almost died of the terrible cholera. For twenty-seven years he was pastor of Aurundel, one of the rectories of the Duke of Norfolk, and was promoted to the Episcopate in 1885. His successor in the See of Southwark is Bishop Gore. R. J. P.

Inverness Notes.

That tight old metropolis of ours that absorbs everything within reach, yet persists in being the Nazareth of the old saw. Take up the best issues of the Chronicle and Herald, and what do you find? Why one simply finds that as things are, we are being rapidly bought out by American capitalists who, as in the case of the Syndicate, import from the United States their skilled labour, and care not a straw for ours; so that we of the Maritime Provinces, skilled or unskilled, are practically elbowed out. American papers such as the New York Herald and Pittsburg Dispatch boast of the fact, and of the thousands of skilled and unskilled labourers from the United States employed in Cape Breton; and yet the Chronicle and Herald will reprint gushingly the humiliating facts.

Obituary.

The death occurred at L'Ardeuse, on the 22nd inst., of Anna Bell, beloved wife of Constance Mombourquette. By her unexpected and untimely demise the community has lost an exemplary Christian and her bereaved husband and children—six boys and six girls—a dutiful wife and affectionate mother. Although ill for some time no fears for her recovery were entertained by her friends up to a few days prior to her death. Her death was like her life—beautiful. Consolated by the rights of our Holy Church she peacefully passed away in the 43rd year of her life. To her grief-stricken husband and children the profound sympathy of all goes out in their bereavement, as also to her aged mother, brothers and sisters. May her soul rest in peace.

DIED.

GILLIS.—At Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 14, John C., aged 9 years, 8 months and 2 days, beloved son of Ronald and Elizabeth Gillis (formerly of Antigonish).

MACDONELL.—At Roxbury, Mass., on Saturday, the 11th inst., Ronald Macdonnell, formerly of Dunsmuir, Antigonish Co., aged 84 years. He received the Sacraments of Holy Church before his death. May his soul rest in peace.

MCDONALD.—At the Harbour, Antigonish, on Sunday evening, 27th inst., Jane McDonald, relict of the late Alexander McDonald, Beaver, at the advanced age of 79 years. She died the death of a devout Catholic, which trait always characterized her during life, and her last days were comforted by a humble reception of the last rites of Holy Church. She was greatly esteemed and respected by all. May her soul rest in peace.

MCPHERSON.—At the North Grant, on the 23rd November, after a protracted illness which was borne with true Christian fortitude, Flora, wife of Alexander McPherson, leaving a disconsolate husband two sons and one daughter. Deceased was born at Arisaig 66 years ago. She was highly esteemed, and of a true neighbourly disposition. Her remains were laid to rest at Maryvale, where several of her children were buried some time ago. R. J. P.

MCNEIL.—At Fraser's Mills, on the 22nd inst., Mary, beloved wife of Angus McNeil. The deceased lived a quiet, industrious and virtuous life. She possessed many traits of character well worthy of imitation. Though dead she still speaks through the exemplary life she lived. Her patience and resignation through her long and painful illness and the calmness with which she met her death showed that she was prepared for her departure and that she looked forward to the rest beyond the grave and a glorious resurrection. Father Fraser administered the rites of the Church to her shortly before she died. She leaves a husband, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. She was 67 years of age.

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