

ST. MARY'S R. R. AND DEBATING SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the St. Mary's Reading Room and Debating Society on Friday night last at the Court House, the election of officers being in order, the following gentlemen were elected to serve for the ensuing four months:—

President, James T. Bickelmeier; Vice-President, David S. Briscoe; Sec. Gen., Zach. R. Norman; Ad. Sec., J. P. Moran; Cor. Sec., J. P. Moran; Treasurer, J. Simon Fenwick; Librarian, D. C. Hammett.

The following are the standing committees for the term:

Questions Committee.—R. C. Combs, J. Frank Ford and Jos. H. Key.

Finance Committee.—A. J. Spalding, J. H. Wilson and R. A. Young.

Litigary Committee.—J. F. King, J. F. Matthews and V. Camiller.

Before the adjournment of the meeting, a vote of thanks was tendered to the outgoing administration for the prompt, able and satisfactory manner in which it had acquitted itself of its various and exacting duties. We feel called upon to state that this compliment, in our judgment, was fairly won and justly deserved. During their whole time of service, there was not a single officer of that administration which is remembered to have come before the Society with an excuse or explanation for the non-performance of any constitutional duty.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.—The fifty-third annual commencement of the venerable institution of learning whose name heads this notice took place on Thursday last, the 30th ult., and was honored, we learn, by the presence of many distinguished gentlemen in the military and civil service of the government and by an immense multitude of both sexes from the District and surrounding country.

In the proclamation of awards, we notice that the St. Mary's boys, students at the institution, came in for a fair share of the honors of the college and we give their names in the order in which they were announced. First Humanities, Benjamin H. Camiller. Second Humanities, Division B, for excellence in English composition, Francis M. Neale. Christian Doctrine, 1st class, Benjamin H. Camiller. Third class French, Benjamin H. Camiller, Charles L. Abell and Francis M. Neale. After the distribution, Father Maguire, President of the college, addressed the students in terms of solemn and affectionate admonition and dismissed them to their homes and duties with the blessings of Alma Mater.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY, EMMITSBURG.—It is with special pride and gratification that we recognize and give publicity to the eminence obtained by the fair daughters of St. Mary's at the recent "Distribution" at St. Joseph's Academy, Emmitsburg, Md. The very highest honors of the institution were awarded Miss Esse Washen, of our Town, who graduated with marked distinction after a residence of only three years at the Academy. The graduating course, we believe, embraces, usually, between five and seven years of laborious study. But the academic honors won at St. Joseph's are not limited to a single name. Each and every of our fair representatives was made, we learn, the recipient of valuable premiums and entitled herself to honorable mention by the faculty of the institution. The names of the young ladies, thus distinguished, are Emma Hoard, Jennie Raley, Mollie Abell and Otis Morgan. We congratulate our young county-women, one and all, upon their well-earned mental triumphs at St. Joseph's and thank them, with our hearts, for the credit they have conferred upon the section that gave them birth.

DEATH FROM SUN-STROKE.—We learn that J. Felix Hayden, aged about 30 years, formerly of St. John's Forest, Patuxent district, came to his death by sun-stroke on Thursday last. Mr. Hayden was engaged shoveling wheat on the farm of William Burch, Esq., St. Inigo's district, on the day named, and complaining of intense heat and thirst, sought to relieve himself by drinking water, which it is thought he took to excess. Being soon after summoned to dinner, he complained of loss of appetite and was persuaded to lie down. Feeling somewhat relieved by his rest, he re-appeared at the table and ate a saucer or more of calder. He was immediately afterwards taken with convulsions and died before medical aid could reach him. Every attention, we learn, that the most solicitous kindness could suggest was paid him in his last moments, and we have been requested to inform his relations that he is decently buried in the graveyard of the Catholic church on St. Inigo's manse.

The Courier-Journal's complaint that "there are half a dozen men in Congress who have no other business, other than 'Whittening.'" The trouble with Whittening was that he had a little too much business there.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

St. Inigo, June 30th, 1870.

Mr. Editor.—I was much gratified in being present at the examination and other exercises which took place at the St. Mary's Female Seminary, located in this county, on Thursday last, and I frankly state, though I have attended many examinations, it has never been my good luck to be present at one so satisfactory to patrons, teachers and pupils. The young ladies, one and all, acquitted themselves with distinction, reflecting the highest credit upon their teachers.

This Institution has been conducted for the last year by Miss Mary S. Gardiner who, with her excellent teachers assisting, has made it one of the best Seminaries in the State. Miss Gardiner has now withdrawn from the Institution and the trustees have elected in her place, as joint principals, Miss Lott L. Gardner and Miss H. K. Tighman, two ladies who, for capacity as teachers and distinguished ability to control an institution of this character, have no superior within the limits of this State. This Seminary is controlled by no particular religious denomination. It belongs to the State of Maryland and is conducted under its fostering care, through the supervision of a board of Trustees. It was erected as a monument commemorative of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. As such, it should be sustained by all Marylanders who cherish the past history of the State, who feel a pride in the principles and sentiments which emanated from those who first landed on our shores and invited the world to religious peace.

At the examination, the young ladies were marshalled in the exhibition room, and entertained the audience for two hours with vocal and instrumental music. Those who could appreciate the merit of their performances, gave favorable testimony to the proficiency and skill of the pupils.

Then came the distribution of testimonials to the young ladies who, during the year, excelled in studies and whose deportment was most praiseworthy. The first testimonial was presented, in equal degree, to Miss H. Holland, of Montgomery county; Miss C. Hitch, of Wisconsin county; Miss N. R. Maddox and Miss Kate Carpenter, of St. Mary's county.

The second testimonial, (in equal degree,) was presented to Miss Eva Harrison, of St. Mary's; Miss M. Moffitt, Miss K. A. Maddox, St. Mary's; Miss L. Hawkins, Anne Arundel; Miss Nettie Tighman, Talbot county, and Miss Olive Somerville, of Calvert.

The following young ladies were honorably mentioned for attention and deportment in the following studies:

History.—Misses Mary Bean, Maggie Bean, Annie Dyer, Lott Fossitt, Fannie Hodges, Amelia Spencer and Eliza Schuyler.

Grammar.—Misses Maggie Bean, Carrie Chaworth, Amelia Spencer and Eliza Schuyler.

Astronomy.—Miss Lott Fossitt, of Baltimore county.

Arithmetic.—Misses Carrie Chaworth, Nettie Hopewell, of Baltimore, Fannie Hodges, Anne Arundel, and Emma Gail, Washington county.

Mythology.—Misses Carrie Chaworth, Annie Dyer, Nettie Hopewell, Fannie Hodges and Amelia Spencer.

Music.—Misses Carrie Chaworth and Annie Dyer.

Department.—Misses Mary Bean, Maggie Bean, Fannie Hodges and Amelia Spencer.

A PATRON.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

Chapico, July 2nd, 1870.

Mr. Editor.—A few days since my attention was called to a communication, in the Beacon, written, I presume, by a young lady living at or near Chapico, and as I have just entered into manhood and am a resident of the same neighborhood, and as a frequent visitor of the fair sex (though a great admirer of female beauty and accomplishments) I feel very much interested in the young lady's welfare as regards her winning a future companion. Could I be so fortunate as to meet with her, I should undoubtedly make her a proposal, especially as I have been contemplating marriage for some time. After perusing various authors on matrimony, I have concluded there is no real happiness in celibacy, but that a matrimonial alliance when there is a congeniality of disposition, is calculated to produce a degree of felicity surpassed only by celestial bliss. Entertaining such sentiments as these, am I culpable, if the chief object of my existence is to be united by the "vinculum matrimonii"? In regard to the "young men" who are inattentive to their diffidence, and a fear of coquetry, and not to a desire of slighting the fair ones. In my humble opinion, Mr. Editor, the greatest respect and courtesy are due them, and I sincerely hope that they may never again have cause to complain of proposals, or a want of attention on the part of young men.

Yours with respect.

TIME FOR ELECTING CONGRESSMEN.—A few weeks ago, we gave currency to the statement that Congress at its last session had passed an act changing the time for electing Congressmen to the 2nd Tuesday in October. We now learn from the Baltimore American that this statement is erroneous. A bill to this effect was debated and considered by the last Congress but failed to become a law. It may be accepted, therefore, as a "fixed fact" that the Congressional election in this State comes off on the usual day in November.

HARVEST.—The wheat crop has been harvested in this county, and although it is somewhat better than was anticipated, still our information is that it falls largely short of an average yield.

THE NEW ENGLAND "ORIGINS" are all going over to the Democrats, although they admit that the "Radical party" is "ecclesial" one.

(COMMUNICATED)

St. Inigo, June 30th, 1870.

Mr. Editor.—I have read the Democratic Congressional Address—the contained wisdom of 74 members of Congress—the illustrious Democratic and Union of the Democratic party, and if this doctrine, then I am not of this order. True, meek and cowardly, it contains but two prominent ideas and those suicidal. The party never received a more deadly thrust from its most mortal enemies, "Dead issues!" What are they? Alport, servile submission to all the unconstitutional acts of this Parliament, Mongrel, Black Republican mob, to the destruction of the Constitution and forms of government by military force; to the 15th so-called Amendment and the acts of a rump Congress to degrade the white man and elevate the negro; to the unequal, oppressive and unpopulous burden of taxation on all the tax-payers, and the exemption of the bondholders, thereby creating a bondholding aristocracy;—to the flagrant corruption, wholesale plunder and prodigal expenditure of the public money by the party in power. It is needless to add more.—If all these are "dead issues," then let the party die. Ten years of this military mob law has no broken and subjugated the Democracy that they have forgotten the least of the framers of liberty. The Constitution, State sovereignty, Popular rights, natural, political and civil rights, all vanish at the word "loyal." It is time that this bug-bear should be buried; that this military rule should cease; that this corrupt horde of Puritan robbers should be driven back to New England; that the government should move in its proper orbit and be administered in the spirit of the party. To effect this the Democratic party must be thoroughly and rigidly reorganized. It is no time to trust to doubtful, timid men or traitors. The fight must be made square on Democratic principles, and what these Congressmen call "dead issues," or otherwise, it is a dead party.

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GATHERING DISSATISFACTION.—Even in the Radical ranks and among men who have won the right to speak by authority for the radical party, a gathering dissatisfaction is manifest with Grant and his administration of affairs. Every election which has taken place during the current year has shown that the confidence of the country has been withdrawn or is being withdrawn from him. It now appears that the radical party itself is losing faith in him and it is very certain that many of its leading organs are beginning to criticize his official acts with a severity of reproach that amounts to positive antagonism. We, of course, think none the worse of Grant because of the hostile attitude towards him of a radical Senate or the radical press. With us, it is rather a recommendation than otherwise. The point we wish to establish is, that the record which once existed between Grant and his party is already broken and that a serious and early outbreak between them is one of the most probable of probabilities. Speaking of Grant in a late editorial, the New York Times, without the slightest of his supporters, says, that "the complaint that in many important respects he is disappointing the just expectations of the people gains ground every day."

And it goes on to say:

"It would be useless to deny that the President is rendering it a task of increasing difficulty to defend his official acts in whose hands he is constantly playing. Matters seem to be getting into very much the same state as they were in the time of Andrew Johnson, and prospects in which the President takes out a deep interest are indignantly cast out of the Senate. It is certainly not the fault of his supporters in the press that so thorough a want of harmony exists between the Senate and himself. He seems to have lost the art of conciliation. His nominations to office are dictated in many instances by caprice, or by personal preferences, which are founded on motives inexplicable to those who entertain a high opinion of his character. His antagonisms, indeed, find it easy to interpret his conduct by the assumption that he is influenced by all kinds of unworthy considerations. We who have patiently stood by him cannot tranquilly accept that hypothesis. But in presence of some of his acts we stand bewildered—it is impossible to defend them; it is impossible even to understand them. They are purely phenomenal in their character, and cannot, in any way, be traced to the ordinary causes of political action."

Illinois voted on the adoption of the new State Constitution on Saturday, and the returns indicate that the Constitution as a whole, and the eight separate propositions, including the celebrated "majority representation clause," have been carried by a large majority. In the judicial elections, as far as heard from, independent candidates have beaten the regular Republicans.

FOURD ON THE STATION.—The Illinois...

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DOUGLAS AS A DUELIST.

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Mr. Editor.—I have read the Democratic Congressional Address—the contained wisdom of 74 members of Congress—the illustrious Democratic and Union of the Democratic party, and if this doctrine, then I am not of this order. True, meek and cowardly, it contains but two prominent ideas and those suicidal. The party never received a more deadly thrust from its most mortal enemies, "Dead issues!" What are they? Alport, servile submission to all the unconstitutional acts of this Parliament, Mongrel, Black Republican mob, to the destruction of the Constitution and forms of government by military force; to the 15th so-called Amendment and the acts of a rump Congress to degrade the white man and elevate the negro; to the unequal, oppressive and unpopulous burden of taxation on all the tax-payers, and the exemption of the bondholders, thereby creating a bondholding aristocracy;—to the flagrant corruption, wholesale plunder and prodigal expenditure of the public money by the party in power. It is needless to add more.—If all these are "dead issues," then let the party die. Ten years of this military mob law has no broken and subjugated the Democracy that they have forgotten the least of the framers of liberty. The Constitution, State sovereignty, Popular rights, natural, political and civil rights, all vanish at the word "loyal." It is time that this bug-bear should be buried; that this military rule should cease; that this corrupt horde of Puritan robbers should be driven back to New England; that the government should move in its proper orbit and be administered in the spirit of the party. To effect this the Democratic party must be thoroughly and rigidly reorganized. It is no time to trust to doubtful, timid men or traitors. The fight must be made square on Democratic principles, and what these Congressmen call "dead issues," or otherwise, it is a dead party.

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