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The Convent Children's Exhibitions.

Let us premise this short and we fear but too imperfect article, (too short to do ample justice to the event,) by saying that the size of the *Messenger* hinders an extended notice of the Convent children's exhibitions, of last Thursday and Friday evenings. However, suffice it to say, that these exhibitions were a decided and marked improvement in every respect, to those heretofore given. The programmes, of the two nights, which are inserted below in full, and which by the way, was carefully and admirably carried out, will, we trust, supply the deficiency of any superfluous words that space allowing, we would have employed to give vent to our feelings, and which the occasion deserved.

Long before the curtain rose, the house was well filled with anxious expectants. Following are the programmes:

Thursday Evening, Boys Exhibition.
 Music.....By the Band.
 "The Good Shepherd" Hymn, By Pupils
 Sonnet a la Vierge, Recitation O. Durand
 Spoiled Children, Dialogue,
 R. Lynch, J. Burdin, P. Voorhies, E. Guirard, D. Labbe, St Martin Fournet, J. Hitter, E. Knight, H. Olivier
 L. Bienvenu, E. DeBlanc etc.
 Aunt Jemimas Plaster, Song
 G. Bancker, P. Knight.

Scene in a backwood School, Dialogue
 R. Gary, J. Bienvenu, C. Lynch, O. Durand, H. Broussard, W. Hadley, P. Fleming, T. Dorcy etc.

Music Trio.....Misses M. Landry, E. Knight, L. Guirard.
 Gospel Raft, Song.....By Pupils
 The Gridiron, Dialogue.....J. Wiltz, J. Battle, G. Olivier

Music.....By the Band
 Ring dat golden Bell, Song...By Pupils
 Sailing, Song.....By Pupils
 Notre Revere Pere, Recitation R. Gary
 Music Trio,.....Misses A. Gernaude, C. Rousseau, L. Laeze

The Burglar Alarm, Dialogue D. Hebert
 G. Bancker, A. Carter, G. Olivier, Percy Knight

Le Portrait, Recitation, St. M. Fournet
 Music.....By the Band
 The Train to Mauro, Dialogue W. Carter
 G. Bancker, T. Dorcy
 Hush Little Baby, Song.....By Pupils
 Le Preiseur le fumeur, Dialogue,
 D. Hebert, G. Olivier

Music.....Miss C. Rousseau
 The Dentist, Dialogue.....D. Hebert
 A. Carter, G. Olivier
 My Little Cabin Home, Song...G. Gary
 P. Knight and Pupils

Music.....By the Band
 Friday Evening, Girls Exhibition.
 Music.....By the Band
 Salutory.....B. Broussard
 The Storm, Hymn.....By Pupils
 Le Lis, Recitation.....A. Dittman
 Music.....E. Knight
 Sweet Geraniums, Song.....By Pupils

Music.....By the Band
 Aunt Bethiah's Journey, Dialogue
 Misses L. Hart, R. Carter, B. Fleming
 A. St Germain

Music, Duet.....B. Ulmer A. Gernaude
 Composition, Liberty.....A. Bancker
 Lyberty's Song.....By Pupils
 Music.....A. Gernaude
 L'enfant et les Anges, Recitation
 A. St. Germain

Poor Old Maids, Farce By Young Ladies
 Les Croises devant Jerusalem, Song
 By Pupils
 L'oreiller d'un Enfant, Recitation
 C. DeLaureal

Children Come along, Song L. Hart and Pupils

DRAMA.

Scenes from the life of Katharina of Aragon.

ACT I.

DRAMATIS PERSONNE

Isabella, the Catholic Queen, B. Broussard
 HER DAUGHTERS:
 Isabella widowed Princess

of Portugal, M. DeLaureal
 Joanna F. Wiltz
 Maria A. Gernaude
 Catalina C. Broussard

Indian Queen M. Landry
 Indian Girls, I. Broussard, A. Dittman
 R. Broussard, I. Dittman

C. DeLaureal, L. Knight
 I. Bienvenu, M. Wiltz, A. Millot, C. Bienvenu, L. Rousseau, L. Hitter

Indian Hymn Dance and Tablean.

ACT II.

Queen Katharine A. Bancker
 Queen Mary Dowager of France C. Bancker
 Princess Mary, daughter of Katharine A. Dittman

Countess of Salisbury B. Bienvenu
 Duchess of Norfolk, N. Dorey
 Lady Willoughby E. Knight
 Lady Elizabeth Hammond W. Fitzgerald
 Lady Margaret Bryan J. Hitter
 Lady of Honor C. Ulmer

Page, L. Knight, Lady Messengers, L. Mouton and J. Hitter.

Pretty as a Butterfly Song, By little Ones

ACT III.

Lady Willoughby E. Knight
 Lady Blanche B. Ulmer
 Lady Isabel de Vergas L. Guirard
 Patience M. Landry

Ladies of the Queen's Household B. Broussard and C. Bancker

Tableau: Queen Katharine dead in her chamber in Kimbolton Castle. Angels Mourners, etc.

When the Roses come again, Song,
 By the Pupils

Valedictory C. Bancker
 Awarding of Medals and Diplomas.

The Drama, written by a Sister of the Order of Mercy, was acted in a manner which for amateurs would have been highly creditable, but for children was simply perfect. Therein are several passages of exquisite tenderness which the young ladies thoroughly understood, and were rendered with such graceful and delicate manifestations of feeling, that elicited the cordial approval of the

audience: and the exquisite variety of the minor parts were in keeping with a highly wrought whole. Great accuracy distinct articulation, and judicious pauses, were the features that rendered every word effective. The *Messenger* tenders a wreath of compliments to the young girls.

We recognize the fact that, when all have done so well, it would be invidious to particularize the merits of any one, still we cannot resist the temptation to jot down a few remarks about our pretty favorite and amusing little friend Lucy Hart. She had a solid and convincing proof of the success of her efforts. The applause elicited by her songs was of the most cheering and unanimous description, and were invariably encored. Her figure and face is so enlightened with animation and amiability that you can scarce gaze on it for half a minute without pronouncing it more than ordinarily chiseled for such parts. She is a remarkable child.

It is simply the work of superrerogation to say that the costumes and appointments were splendid in all that the word implies.

The declamation of the salutatorian and of the valedictorian was good and in some instances, perfect.

Medals and diplomas were awarded to the Misses B. Broussard, A. Bancker, and C. Bancker.

The good Sisters deserve much praise, and have every reason to feel proud of their labors. We do not hesitate to say that they have proved to be a decided acquisition to the town. They have now, we believe, some two hundred children under their charge; and as for the progress of the children, in their studies, we need but refer to the exhibitions of last Thursday and Friday. May God speed them in their good work, is the fervent wish of the *Messenger*.

Local Lights.

The Police Jury meets Monday next.

We learn that the waters in Lake Catahoula are raising steadily.

If our information is correct, there is a larger acreage planted this year than last year.

We are indebted to Hon. E. J. Gay, for a copy of the Official Gazette of the Patent Office.

The children of the society of the Angels of the Tabernacle, attend their anniversary mass, Monday last.

Our thanks to the Sisters of Mercy, for the gracious invitation to attend the exhibitions of their schools.

After being closed, for the past few months, we are glad to note that our friend Mr. E. R. Knight has re-opened his store of general merchandise with a fresh and selected stock of goods.

The heat has been very oppressive this week. The thermometer varied between 91 and 92 degrees in the shade.

The rainfall last Monday, though far from being as copious as could be wished did, notwithstanding, a great deal of good. The plants that were drooping and suffering from the prevailing heat, were thoroughly refreshed.

The Assessor gives notice to the effect that the "listing and estimation of the valuation of real and personal property" of this parish is now completed, and the lists will remain in his office for a period of twenty days, exposed for inspection and correction. Let those interested make a note of this fact.

The beautiful custom attendant on the last day of May, in the Catholic Church, the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the little children spotlessly attired in pretty white frocks, could not be observed with its usual pomp owing to a miniature tornado by a heavy rainfall, arising at the hour selected. Nevertheless quite a large number of children deposited their tiny offerings at the foot of the altar.

The New York World truthfully says: "Home rule for Ireland has justice humanity and common sense on its side, and is bound to triumph at last. The only question is whether the law shall be written in black ink or in red.

DIED.

GREIG—Thursday at 8 p. m. Marie Therese Greig, at the age of 12 years.

DURAND—Monday at 6:45 a. m. Louis James aged four months and fifteen days, child of Rene Durand and Amelia Bienvenu.

GUERINIERE—Tuesday at 3 p. m. Wickfield Joseph at the age of 7 months and 15 days, child of Edwin Guerinier and Dorciane Bienvenu.

The families have the sympathy of the *Messenger*.

MARRIED.

Monday May 31st, at the bride's uncle Mr. P. Damare, by the Rev. A. M. Jan, Mr. George Ward Adams of New Orleans and Miss Marie Louise Daban of this town. The happy pair left the same evening for New Orleans. We thank the bride for a share in the wedding cake. The young couple have the best wishes of the *Messenger*.

E. R. KNIGHT,

Takes this method of informing the public in general and his friends in particular that he has resumed business at the old stand, and will be happy to serve them to the best of his ability, and with the best of everything in the grocery line. Call and be convinced.