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SATURDAY JUNE 5th. 1886.

St. Martin's Convent Schools.

Valedictory delivered at the Graduating Exercises, June 4th. 1886.

By MISS CORNELIA BANCER.

Rev. Father, beloved Sisters, kind Parents and Friends. But a few short moments ago and it was our pleasing duty to welcome you to our Exhibition. Now it has fallen to my share to bid you, on behalf of myself and my fellow graduates a long good bye. Never again shall we appear before you as school girls,—that happy period of life has passed for us—but we cannot quit forever these familiar scenes, without thanking the good Sisters of Mercy for their unwearied care of us during those years, for their patient, loving kindness, nor without expressing a hope that we have so far profited by their judicious course of training, their instruction religious and secular, as to show ourselves not unworthy of the care so ungrudgingly bestowed. To you, Rev. Father, we offer our sincere thanks for that thoughtful kindness to your loving people which prompted you to bring amongst us those devoted Sisters, and thereby procure for the children of your Parish the blessing of a liberal useful, Catholic education. And now dear companions of our school days with whom we have so long shared both our little joys and sorrows we bid you also farewell.

Beloved Sisters and affectionate school-mates, once more farewell.

Exhibition of the Pupils of St. Joseph's School.

Last Saturday the children, of the school mentioned in our head-line, under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy, gave their first exhibition, in a manner that drew forth much praise from those present. The parents were, undoubtedly, proud of the progress made by their children, and also appreciated fully the pains taking care bestowed upon them. We append the programme.

To Love Thee O Mary, Hymn By Pupils Music By Band
 Ten Little Injuns By Boys
 Little Brown Jug, Song By Boys
 The Little Boasters, Dialogue P & H Lede
 Mr & Mrs. Malone, Song J. Vavas seur and J. Neveu
 Music By Band
 Testing his Scholars, Dialogue J. Neveu
 J. Malveau, S. Ambroise, J. Ambroise
 P. Lede, P. Gagnet
 Tea and Turn Out, Song J. Vavas seur and J. Neveu
 Le Mennier Sans Souci, Recitation L Oger
 The way to Windham, Dialogue Z. Ambroise and L. Oger
 Music By Band
 Hurry Little Children Song By Pupils
 Music By Band
 America's Emblem Miss O. Vavas seur
 A Hopeless Case, Dialogue R. Neveu and M. Vavas seur
 L'Ete, Recitation Miss T. Martinet
 Paddle your own Canoe, song By Pupils
 The Precocious Speller, Dialogue Misses L. Ambroise and L. Oger
 La Rose, Recitation Miss E. Prad
 Dumb Dumb Dumb, song O. Vavas seur
 L'Amitie, Recitation Miss M. Vavas seur
 Gypsy Song and Dance By Pupils
 L'Ange Gardien Recitation Miss S. Oger
 Old Folks at Home, song By Pupils
 Earth Child in Fairy Land
 Dialogue Misses L. Oger
 P. Madelon, Z. Ambroise, T. Martinet
 R. Neveu, M. Eusede, L. Wiltz, E. Prade and L. Savoie
 Cousin Zedidiah, Song Miss O. Vavas seur

WEST POINT CADETS.—We note with pleasure that our Creole young men are gaining honors at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York. Mr. Armand J. Lasseigne, of Lafourche, has just graduated there very creditably, and next week comes home as a Lieutenant, and will no doubt soon be assigned to service. The vacancy from this State, at West Point caused by the graduation of Lieut. Lasseigne, will be filled by Mr. Vital St. Martin, of Terrebonne, a young and intelligent son of Mr. A. St. Martin, the well known merchant of Bayou Du Large. He passed a flattering examination before Mr. Gay, at Plaquemine, and young Robert E. Supple, of Bayou Goula, son of the late J. Supple was chosen as alternative. Mr. St. Martin goes to West Point next week. We wish all these young gentlemen success in their chosen profession.—*New Iberia Sugar-Bowl.*

He Paid \$11,000 For A Wife.

Forty Women Refused His Offer—His Sons Now Petition for a Conservator.

Last fall Chauncey B. Winship, a hard fisted old farmer of Weathersfield, lost his wife. He is 76 years of age, but within a week after his wife's death he began to look for a second wife. He had real estate valued at \$5,000 and \$10,000 in bank, and hoped to buy a woman of some sort. He first wrote an advertisement for a wife, but it appeared as one for a housekeeper. Twenty five women answered at once. He ranged them in a room and made the circuit with a roll of bills, \$2,000 in his hand and stopping in front of each said:

"I'll give you this to marry me to marry me right now."

All refused, most of them never having seen him before. He kept up a hot hunt for a wife about a month, proposing to over 40 women from 16 to 67 years of age. His offer was \$2,000 to each and he raised it to meet the appearance of each applicant, going as high as 10,000.

At length he married Mrs. Pheum-dance, giving her \$6,000 cash and transferring to her name property valued at \$5,000 without consideration. The children then filed a petition for a conservator. Most of the women were in court to-day and a crowd of hard fisted Weathersfield farmers. It was shown that since the petition, was filed Winsbip had threatened to start for New York by boat and jump overboard on the way; that he had bought laudanum and got the bottle to his lips; that he had threatened to kill his sons who live on the place and had assaulted Charles, threatening to brain him with a spade. The attorney for Winship confined his efforts to showing that Winship knew enough to begin planting his farm this spring. The case for the petitioners was rested and the court adjourned to next Wednesday.

Waylaid by His Sons.

A Wealthy Missouri Farmer Murdered by His Unnatural Offspring.

On Sunday morning Swain Anderson, a wealthy and respected farmer of Mountain Grove, Mo., was found murdered one and one half miles north of here. He attended the Masonic Lodge Saturday night, leaving the hall about 12:30 a. m., and started for his home afoot, two and one half miles north of town. He was found Sunday morning lying on his back, shot in the throat and breast. Yesterday, during the coroner's inquest two sons of the deceased, Ed. and Harry Anderson, and a companion, Ewing Sanders, confessed to the crime. Sander's confession is as follows:

"The plan was laid about two months ago. Ed. came to where I was at work in the field and proposed that I help him kill the old man. I said I did not like to, but then and afterwards he kept persuading me and finally I consented. It was my gun, a muzzle loader, with which he was shot. I got the ammunition last Wednesday night. I hid the gun about 300 yards from where he was shot. We got it about 12 o'clock at night and waited for him. He came along between 1 and 2 o'clock, walking fast and unconscious of danger. Ed lifted the gun and fired and he dropped and instantly expired."

The confessions of the brothers are identical with that of Sanders, except as to who did the shooting, each accusing the other. There was a wild talk last night of lynching the three men, but the sheriff succeeded in conveying them to jail at Springfield before the mob could congregate.

BOUGHT A SUGAR PLANTATION.—The colored woman, Mary Hudson, who had been left \$25,000 by the late Charles H. Walker, of St. Mary, is reported to have bought Mr. Don Cafferey's sugar plantation, just above Franklin, for the sum of \$20,000.

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