

STRATFORD, ONTARIO, April 23, 1875.

EDITOR SCHOLASTIC:—Deeming that it would be interesting to many of your readers to take a glance at the names of the “immortal few” who won honors at the “first Commencement” of Notre Dame University, I send you the list, which I found among my “papers” last week. By way of introduction, I may state that the board of examiners for that year was Revs. E. Sorin, Theodore S. Badin, (*proto-sacerdos* of U. S.), Francis Cointet, and A. Granger. The examination took place the last of July, and the exhibition, etc., was held in the Study Hall. The play was one of Molières, and the music came from South Bend. The only piece the Band could play with any skill was “Home, Sweet Home.” I give these notes from tradition as I did not enter Notre Dame as a “seeker after wisdom” until the October of 1845.

Yours, E. B. K.

1ST DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS, AUG. 2, 1845.

Honor—Premium, Mr. L. L'Etourneau, of Detroit, Mich.; Accesserunt: Messrs. Noel Dagenet, of Terre Haute, Ind.; Michael Clark, of Carthage, N. Y.; Michael McLinchey, of Mansfield, Ohio, and Jas. Whelan, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Religious Instructions—1st division—Premium, James Whelan; Accesserunt: Messrs. Moses F. L'Etourneau, of Detroit, Mich., and Luke Murphy, of Brooklyn, Long Island. 3rd division—Premium, Alexander Metzger, Bertrand, Mich.; Accesserunt: Messrs. Thomas Griffia, of Michigan City, and Thomas Whelan, of Bertrand, Mich.

Greek and Latin Courses—1st div. Latin—Premium, Moses F. L'Etourneau; 1 div. Greek—Premium, Moses F. L'Etourneau; 1st div. Literature—Premium, James Whelan; 2d div. Latin—Premium, B. F. Allair, of N. Y. city; Accessit. Frederick Steber, of Dover, England; Greek—premium, Frederick Steber; Accessit. L. L'Etourneau; Arithmetic—premium, Frederick Steber, Accessit. L. L'Etourneau.

English Course—1st div. Grammar, Orthography and Parsing: Premium, F. Hacquin, of Philadelphia; Accessit, L. Murphy; Epistolary Correspondence—premium, F. Hacquin; Epistolary Correspondence—Accessit, Luke Murphy; History and Geography—premium, F. Hacquin; History and Geography—Accessit, T. Campau, Detroit, Mich; Arithmetic—premium, T. Campau; Arithmetic, Accessit, L. Murphy; 2d div. Grammar, Orthography and Parsing—Premium, John Hayes, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Accessit, L. Hitz, of Lafayette, Ind.; History and Geopraphy—Premium, John Hayes; Accessit, Noel Dagenet; Arithmetic, premium, John Hayes. Arithmetic, Accessit, Hypolite Barrot, of Delphi, Ind.

Preparatory Course—Reading and Spelling, premium, Thos. Whelan; Accessit, Alex Metzger; Writing—premium, J. Campau, Detroit, Mich.; Accessit, Alex Metzger.

Writing Class:—Premium, Luke Murphy; Accesserunt, Messrs. W. F. Hacquin, Theo. Comparet, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Linear Drawing:—Premium, James Whelan; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. L'Etourneau and M. Clark.

Book-Keeping:—Premium, Moses L'Etourneau; Accesserunt, Messrs. James Whelan and Wm. F. Hacquin.

Purity of Language:—Premium, James J. Whelan; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Wm. F. Hacquin and B. F. Allair.

Public Reading:—Premium, Fred. Steber; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Allair and Wm. F. Hacquin.

Music:—Premium, Moses L'Etourneau; Accesserunt, Messrs. L. Murphy, Clement Reckers, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Theodore Comparet.

French Class:—Premium, James Whelan; Accessit, L. Murphy.

Manual Labor School:—Reading and Spelling—premium, Patrick Whelan; Accessit, L. Derouin; Writing—premium, Edward Dowling; Accessit, L. Derouin; Arithmetic—premium, L. Derouin; Accessit, P. Whelan.

N. B. The scholastic year will commence on the 3d day of October, 1845. E. SORIN, President.

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