devotion to her. He introduced into his paper some very happy quotations from Scripture, to show that in the earliest days there were traditions and prophecies of the high destiny that was to be the portion of the lowly Virgin. Francis O’Neill, ’96, read a thoughtful and well-written essay, entitled “Eve the Mother of the Living.” He pictured the Blessed Mother as prefigured in our progenitress; for as Eve was the mother of the human race according to the flesh, so Mary has been chosen by God to be our spiritual mother. As her children we are the objects of her constant care and protection. John Atkinson, Jr., ’97, read a paper, wherein he admirably portrayed Our Lady as typified in Sara, the mother of Isaac. Isaac was likewise a figure of Jesus, in that he bore the altar, whereon he was to be sacrificed by Abraham to God. Henry Shields, ’99, had for a theme “Judith the Valiant.” That superb heroine, the savior of her people in time of peril, was another type of her who gave a Saviour to all nations. John T. Delaney, ’97, read an essay of a rather practical nature, in that he touched upon a movement having for its object the honor of Our Lady. No more graceful and dainty tribute to the Blessed Mother can be imagined than P. Paul Brant’s “A Letter to the Blessed Virgin.”

The simple faith of Little Pierre won all hearts, and the sincere, manly ring in the speaker’s voice attested the faith of Mr. Brant himself. Charles Downes, ’98, read a beautiful little poem on “Paul, the Child of Mary”; and Jere Dunlevy, ’98, likewise rendered his anthem of praise very felicitously in a poem. The poems of these two gentlemen were admirable, both in rhythm and sentiment. Mr. Downes’ poem will be found on another page, and I may add that lack of space alone prevents quotation of Mr. Dunlevy’s. Paul Dolan, ’99, read very satisfactorily “Our Lady Veiled,” a poem of great merit. This very pleasant evening ended with the singing of the Magnificat in grand chorus. Following is the program:

**PART I**

**QUALEM CECINERE VATES.**

Overture....................Selected College Orchestra.

Introduction..................Thomas Callins, ’96

Essay—“Eve the Mother of the Living.”............Francis O’Neill, ’96

Cornet Solo—“Les Rameaux”...........Faure James Schwartz.

Carmen Elegiacaum—“Nostra Salus”...........John Byrne, ’98

Essay—“Sara the Princess”............John Atkinson, Jr., ’97

Chorus—“Virgo Fidelis”..............Arranged by P. Halm College Choir.

Essay—“Judith the Valiant”..............Henry Shields, ’99

**PART II**

**TALEM EXPERTI SUNT REDEMPTRI.**

“Our Lady of Victories”............Herman College Orchesa.


Essay—“The Marian Congress”............John Delaney, ’97

Poem—“St. Paul, the Child of Mary.”........Charles Downes, ’98

Chorus—“Coronation Hymn”.............Herman College Choir.

Reading—“Our Lady Veiled”.............Paul Dolan, ’99

“A Letter to the Blessed Virgin” (From the French),............P. Paulding Brant, ’97

Magnificat....................Grand Chorus Orchestral Accompaniment.

J. F. McLoughlin, ’96.

**GEN. MARTIN McMAHON ’55, LL.D. ’67.**

In the New York Red Book for 1895, we came across an account of Gen. McMahon which we are sure will be interesting to all friends of Fordham. The reprinting of it will, moreover,—though indirectly, for this our soldier is not dead,—be following out the suggestion made by our distinguished alumnus, Mr. M. J. A. McCaffery, ’61, in our November issue.

“Gen. Martin T. McMahon, who represents the Seventh Senatorial district, has an illustrious career. He was born of Irish parents, in Canada, in 1838, and came to the United States as a boy. He was educated at St. John’s College, Fordham, which bestowed the degree of LL.D. upon him in 1867. Going while yet a youth, to California, he attained a prominent position among the citizens of the new State. At the outbreak of the war for the Union he entered the service and was prominently associated with the history of the Army of the Potomac in all its campaigns from Bull Run to Appomattox.

“The family of which he was a member sent three sons to the war. Two of them died in the service; the oldest, Colonel of the One Hundred and Sixty-Fourth New York, in the Corcoran Legion, yielded to disease consequent upon wounds and exposure; the youngest brother, James, fell at Cold Harbor, literally cut in two by musket balls, while serving as a Confederate parapet at the head of his regiment, in the command originally led by his brother. Martin T. McMahon was Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General on the staff of General McClellan, and the most fraternal relations continued between the organizer of the Army of the Potomac and his favorite staff officer until McClellan’s death. The Sixth Corps being organized and placed under the command of General Sedgwick, McMahon was assigned to duty with it as Adjutant General and Chief of Staff; and Sedgwick, shot in battle, died in his arms. General McMahon likewise served as the principal staff officer of General William B. Franklin. At the close of the war he was made Brevet Major-General by the government.

“General McMahon is a widower, practising law in New York. He has always been a Democrat, and was Receiver of Taxes in New York for many years, and United States Marshal under President Cleveland’s administration. He was elected to the Assembly in 1859 by 1,300 plurality over Lucas Van Allen (Republican nominations, being the first Democrat ever elected in the district to the Assembly. He served on important committees in the Legislature of 1891, and was nominated for Senator in 1891. After an exciting contest he defeated Lispenard Stewart, who represented the district for the last term, by 1,567 plurality, William T. Jerome (County Democrat) and Joseph A. Bogardus (Prohibitionist).

“General McMahon is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, of the Committee on Railroad roads, and of the Committee on Grievances. He has taken a prominent position in the Senate. In the session of 1894, he presented a bill making an appropriation of $25,000 for the erection of a mon-
Gen. Jas. R. O'Beirne, of the class of '54, has been appointed by Mayor Strong Commissioner of Charities for a term of six years, beginning January 1st. We congratulate Gen. O'Beirne, and hope that this is but an earnest of greater dignities to be conferred on him in the near future, in recognition of the many and manifold services he has done for New York. We clip the following from the New York Freeman's Journal of December 28th:

"Gen James R. O'Beirne is fifty-two years of age. He was born in Ireland and left there when nine months old. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College and at St. John's College, New York, and took the degree of A. M. and L.L.D. at the latter institution. He has always been, as he expresses it, a radical Republican.

"O'Beirne enlisted as a private in the Seventh Regiment, then entered the Thirty-seventh Regiment of Volunteers, known as the Irish Rifles, as sergeant; was made first lieutenant and later captain; was wounded three times, being once shot through the lungs at the battle of Chancellorsville. He was rapidly promoted to the rank of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel, and was confirmed by the Senate in 1865 as brigadier-general.

"After the war he was appointed Register of Wills in the District of Columbia; then became Deputy United States Marshal, and was for a time acting marshal of the District. Just previous to the assassination of President Lincoln, the latter recommended him for military governor of the District, but the appointment was not made owing to the calamities which befell the President.

"He was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Emigration at this port under President Harrison, and was acting commissioner while Commissioner Weber was in Europe.

"Gen. O'Beirne was also in the newspaper business. He was Washington correspondent for the Times, and Indian war correspondent for the Herald."

WITH OUR FRIENDS.

We have just received a bound volume of the essays which carried off the highest honors at the last examinations in the University of Pennsylvania. They were written by our old boys, Dr. Jas. Walsh, '84, and his brother, Dr. Joseph Walsh, '90. We congratulate our doctors, and hope that they will go on adding glory to the old renown of alma mater.

The evening of January 14th we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. James N. Butler, '84.

About a month ago we got a letter from a lady in the city asking for some copies of the June Monthly, 1895, as there was a reference in it to her brother. We were unable to find out who her brother was, so, with the copies, we sent a letter asking for information. In answer comes the following:

"I received your letter and papers, and thank you very much for them. Many a happy day I spent, when a very little girl, visiting my two brothers, at Fordham College. Bub is now in Buffalo, and I have sent your letter to him, and I am sure he will be only too glad to write to you."

A day or two after we received a letter from Melchor B. Mason. From it we learn that the reference was to Thomson Mason, who was graduated in June, 1896. Melchor, then in classics, left school with his brother. Thomson died several years ago. Melchor is assistant agent of the D., L. & W. R. R., Black Rock. We also learned from his letter that he has pleasant recollections of St. John's and the Rose Hill B. B. C. In our answer we asked him to put his recollections on paper, so that his reminiscences might delight and unearthen other old boys, as Mr. Cristadoro's in the June issue, 1895, had delighted and unearthen him.

Shortly after the holidays Mr. Alfred V. Amy, '88, was married to Miss Estelle Rogers by Rev. Neil McKinnon, S.J., in the Church of the Holy Name.

Mr. Arthur T. Nicholson, who left from classics '91, son of Donald Nicholson, managing editor of the New York "Tribune," was married on January 15th to Miss Agnes T. Dunne.

Mr. Joseph Farrell, of the class of '96, was married on January 5th to Miss Agnes T. Dunne.

Mr. R. O. Hughes, of the class of '98, spent the greater part of February 2d and 3d with us. Mr. Hughes is a loyal Fordhamite, and it does us good to see him around. He was present at the mass on the feast of the Purification, when Fr. W. G. Read Mullan, S.J., took his last vows, and sang a very beautiful "Ave Maria." We hope to see him again before he goes back to the Seminary, to remind him of a promise he made us of the keeping of which will interest our readers.

On the 9th of January we got a letter from John B. Rosado, of the class of 97, with his subscription and best wishes to the Fordhams for a successful baseball season. We are glad to hear from John, and hope that letters from Belize, British Honduras, will get here often.

A score or so of the resident alumni of various Catholic colleges met a few weeks ago in Boston, and there formed a permanent organization. The majority of us went to Boston College men, but the Fordham representative, Mr. John J. Dockry, '95, managed to secure a place on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Charles T. Long, who was with us in '79-'80, dropped in to see us the other day. He was delighted with the many improvements made in the college since his day. Mr. Long is Canadian correspondent for the London Standard. He lives in Toronto.

Dr. Robert Carmody, '07 and Dr. Daniel O.