

THE GARDEN PARTY

There is one form of temptation to which every one should yield at this most delightful season of the year. It is the lure of the soft skies, the delicious air, the tender colouring of the fields and woods that on a fair day in June invite one so insistently to walk or drive "beyond the City."

The pleasure is not diminished and may be greatly heightened if one has an interesting objective that can be reached without fatigue or expense. No more excellent reason for taking such a brief excursion to the near-country presents itself at the moment than a visit to the New Loyola College in Montreal West, a bare half-hour's trolley ride from Dominion Square.

A delightful surprise awaits the visitor who has not previously seen this recent and important addition to the architectural wealth of our city. Those who have watched the progress of the graceful and dignified buildings, feel a constantly renewed pleasure in surveying their fascinating outlines and studying the interesting details that compose a peculiarly satisfying and unique effect. An ideal setting is offered by the magnificent Campus and spacious grounds, framed in a background of natural landscape effects of great charm and variety, to which a wide expanse of level fields, a low line of distant woods, a picturesque old orchard, and the noble height of Mount Royal, all lend distinctive notes.

The possibilities of such agreeable surroundings, suggested to an enthusiastic group of ladies interested in the success of the new Loyola the idea of a large Garden Party which would serve the double purpose of making it known to the friends and admirers of the College, and would at the same time offer an easy means of raising much-needed funds for the furnishing of the Sodality Chapel. This is an object which appeals strongly to parents and friends of the students of the old college who for many years have enjoyed the privilege of attending the services in the small but convenient chapel on Drummond Street.

Out of simple gratitude, as well as loyalty to the kind and hospitable Rector and his reverend Assistants, each one approached on the subject readily and warmly commended the idea. A large, enthusiastic Committee was formed to carry out the plan. The attendance at the first meeting left little room for doubt as to the ultimate success of the venture. The organizers, Mrs. E. C. Amos and Mrs. J. G. McCarthy, met with hearty support in every direction. Officers of the provisional Committee were elected as follows: President, Lady Hingston; First Vice-President, Mrs. N. A. Timmins; Second Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. Trihey; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. J. McMartin, Cornwall; Hon. Treasurers, Mrs. E. C. Amos and Mrs. J. G. McCarthy; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Kavanagh.

It was decided to include Music, Bridge and Games in the attractions for the Garden Party, and to have an afternoon and an evening programme.

The following ladies kindly agreed to act as Conveners of the different groups: Refreshments, Mrs. Arthur Terroux and Mrs. E. Desbarats; Music, Miss E. Power O'Brien; Decorations, Mrs. J. T. Walsh, Mrs. P. S. Doyle, Mrs. Arthur Kavanagh and Mrs. John Hackett; Home-made sweets, Mrs. Wm. Scully and Mrs. D. L. Chabot; Flowers, Mrs. Hugh Semple and Mrs. E. R. Décaré; Cigarettes, Mrs. J. P. Kavanagh and Mrs. D. V. Murphy; Publicity, Miss Anna Doherty and Miss L. E. F. Barry; Amusements, Miss D. Kinsella; Bridge, Mrs. G. E. Hall and Mrs. J. T. Davis.

The Patronesses of the entertainment are: Mrs. P. E. LeBlanc and Lady Gouin, Quebec; Mrs. C. J. Doherty, Ottawa; Mrs. T. Chase Casgrain, Ottawa; Miss Guerin, Mrs. T. W. McGarry, Toronto; Mrs. M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew; Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. Chas. F. Smith, Lady Murray, Mrs. E. W. Tobin, Mrs. Godfrey Weir, Mrs. M. Chevalier, Mrs. Arthur Boyer, Mrs. Cornelius Coughlin, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Mrs. S. R. Thompson, Mrs. Arthur Whitney, Mrs. James Cochrane and Mrs. H. W. Mulvena, Sherbrooke.

A meeting of the Conveners—twenty-five in number—was held at the new College on May 16th, to lay out the scheme of the Entertainment. All reported favourable progress with the collection of materials and the sale of tickets. It is estimated that from 1,000 to 1,500 guests will accept the invitation to be present. The admission tickets at one dollar each, including Bridge and Music (half-price for young people), are in the hands of the Conveners and their assistants. They can also be obtained at the old College, Drummond Street.

An elaborate scheme of decoration is planned by Mrs. J. T. Walsh. The Royal Arms will surmount the Administration Building. Four search-lights will be in operation, flags and Chinese lanterns will lend a festive air to the walks and the Campus. Attractive booths will be erected on the lawn for the sale of flowers, sweets, ices, and cigarettes. In the Refectory Building, where tea will be served, a room will be set apart for Bridge and another for an excellent concert which is being arranged by Miss E. Power O'Brien and which will include several interesting features by local amateurs.

Games and other amusements for the younger folk will be provided in separate tents on the Campus.

With ample indoor space to accommodate the largest attendance, the committee feel no uneasiness concerning possible vagaries of the weather, and with the assistance of over a hundred young ladies, the conveners are confident that all the arrangements will be successfully carried out to ensure for the undertaking the magnificent success which it is hoped will crown the eventful day and evening of Thursday, the eighth of June.

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