able work. Suffice it to say that no clerical student and no clergyman can afford to leave "The Ambassador of Christ" out of his library. Although it lays no claim to great depth, originality or brilliancy of treatment, it is an eminently practical manual, more so, we are inclined to think, than Cardinal Manning's "Eternal Priesthood" and wider in its scope and better adapted to American needs than Canon Oakeley's "Priest on the Mission." The psychological analysis of the gradual fall from grace of unworthy priests (pages 29 and 30) would, of itself, make the book invaluable. This is a specimen passage of the author's wise and tactful manner. He neither minimizes nor exaggerates, but always unfolds with exquisite delicacy of touch the treasures of his accumulated wisdom and the lessons of his ! multitudinous experience, caring litt e if he be thought commonplace, provided only he make his meaning clear and his teaching theologically correct.

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### Brieflets.

The Hon. C. H. Mackintosu, Lieut. Governor of the Northwest Territories, contributes to the Montreal Star an interesting and comprehensive article on "The Empire's Far Northern Outpost" at Fort Cudahy on the Yukon River. His Honor has an eloquent passage on the achievements of the Mounted Police, that excellently disciplined force to which we owe the contrast between our law-abiding Western country where railway hold-ups are unknown and the lawlessness of the regions in the same meridians south of the line.

"Pa, what does intrepid mean? -" Fearless, brave." -" Well, that's funny. Here's the paper says Col Browne was a man of intrepid courage. Is n't that the same as if it said 'brave bravery." -" Of course it is. The fellow that wrote that has forgotten the little Latin he ever knew."

Telegraphic despatches are getting less impersonal, and therefore more suggestive, than they used to be. One from Toronto, dated Feb. 11th says: "Greenway's attack on the wheat and flour duties is a blow at immigration. It is not the first time, however, this 'Oom Paul' of the the prairie has been willing -to put party before the public good." That 'Oom Paul of the prairie' is a stroke of genius.

A woman who had left the Catholic Church through weakness and professed to be a Protestant, was about to undergo a dangerous operation. During the wanderings produced by chloroform, she suddenly grasped the hand of the Protestant surgeon who was administering it, and cried with accents of heartrending appeal: "For God's sake don't let me die a Protestant!" The Protestant doctor got a sensation.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

From the Daily Nor'-Wester.

Today the Legislature once more assembles. For all the good its meeting will do the Province, however, that useless formality might just as well be dispensed with. In these days, all the Legislature meets for is to enable its members to draw their sessional indemnity, and to put into the necessary statutory form those decrees which the Greenway oligarchy has predetermined. As at present constituted, the Legislature has no parliamentary independence. It is but a mere machine of Greenwayism. It represents on live issues but a small fraction of the people of the Province. By means of Gerrymandered constituencies and doctored voters' lists. however, that fraction possesses an overwhelming majority of seats in the Assembly. The Government supporters have no conception of their duty as representatives of the whole people. They are merely delegates of the local Grit bosses, sent here to give a blind support to Mr. Greenway whether he be right or wrong. That is the only duty they recognize, and they fulfil it faithfully. They obediently vote whatever funds Mr. Greenway chooses to ask. They dare not criticize his measures, even had they the intelligence to do so, which indeed very few of them have. They have allowed him to perpetrate job after job. to run the debt of the Province up to some \$4,000,000, and to enormously inerease the annual expenditure, without a protest. To condone such iniquities as the Northern Pacific contract, the Ryan & Haney steal, the Chicago "side show" affair, the Souris branch scandal, and the Dauphin railway boodle scheme, is as natural for them as to pocket their sessional indemnities. The present session will be spo exception to the rule. They will

meekly vote funds for such misappropriations of provincial moneys in the interest of the Grit party as the bogus "ballot stuffing" prosecutions, and the payment of witnesses to give Free Trade evidence before the Tariff Commission. They will without a murmur whitewash Mr. Greenway for taking without authority \$2,000 from the Provincial Treasury to promote his chances of receiving one of the Jubilee honors. Any other schemes, big or little, Mr. Greenway may have in view for his own advantage they will cheerfully license. Any further legislation he wants for gagging his political opponents they will readily pass: and any kind of Bill he wishes put through for the "settlement" of the School Question they will sanction without consideration, no matter how its provisions may conflict with their past professions. In the face of the number, the ignorance and the servility of the Greenway following, the Opposition will be able to do little. The Opposition, though, can do the public a service by relentlessly criticizing, however hopeless of immediate effect that criticism may appear. While Mr. Greenway may control the Legislature, he does not control the Province. With the people, his power is waning; and he knows it. By vigorously exposing his acts of misgovernment, the Opposition will still further enlighten the people as to his unfitness to administer their affairs, and will ensure himself and his obsequious followers being relegated to their native obscurity on the first opportunity the people have of exercising their franchises.

### OFFENSIVE AND INOFFENSIVE PARTISANISM.

From the Daily Nor'-Wester.

It is a high crime for a Civil Servant to possess political opinions if his opinions happen to be Conservative. But if his opinions happen to be Liberal it is a great virtue. The other day a Conservative immigration official was dismissed because his opinions were "offensive" to the Minister of the Interior. Mr. Alderman Histop was given the position. Within a day or two after his appointment, we find Mr. Hislop being elected a member of the Executive of the Winnipeg Liberal Association. Mr. Hislop's partizanship is not of the "offensive" kind, so there is no fear of his losing his job. Indeed, Mr. Histop no doubt recognizes the fact that now he is a Civil Servant aggressive partizanship of this kind is the surest road to promotion. He is determined not to hide his political light under a bushel; but is resolved that his zeal for Liberalism shall be known unto all men, particularly unto the Minister of the Interior. Is it not time that the Liberals dropped their hypocritical professions about freeing the Civil Servants from partizanship, and boldly avowed their intention of "reforming" the Civil Service in accordance with the doctrine that "to the victors belong the

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