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#### CURRENT COMMENT

It is commonly said that corporations have no souls. But the city fathers of old Quebec are a brilliant exception. ln their corporate capacity they gave, the other day, a striking proof that they possessed a soul attuned to the lofty music of practical gratitude. On the 17th of May the members of the Quebec city council presented Mayor Hon. S.N.Parent at the city hall with a sum of \$5,000 as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the city since he became the head of the municipal administration. Lucky mayor! Happy vity !

then it suggests, "as a last des- ledge. perate resort," that Brandon turn over her school and municipal affairs to the women, as Guilford has been doing for some years past. But the Western Sun spoils this suggestion by the ungallant remark : "They can't do any worse than the men."

Sacred Heart-presents a magni ficent summary of the history and living expenses during nine and reasonableness of this great weeks' absence Ladies in delidevotion. "Devotion to the Sa-|cate health have every reason to cred Heart of Jesus is not merely some concrete form of worship by which we venerate His ing the cradle of the Devotion Sacred Heart, but it is also a habitual readiness to serve Christ, in other ways as well as by worship, chiefly because of the devotion of His Heart to ourselves. It is any act of religion by which we offer to Jesus Christ a special veneration having for its OBJECT

the physical Heart of Christ, as inflamed with love of men, and as affected by their ingratitude; gracious Majesty's eighty-firstand for its END, the honor of this may serve as a happy occasion same Heart to be procured by love and reparation." Father Maas contributes an exhaustive institutions during her late soarticle on Biblical criticism, with journ in Ireland. She visited especial reference to the deluge. Father Brabant continues his matter-of-fact reminiscences of Vancouver Island's Indian missions, with several photographs of Indians remarkably like our editorial department triumphantly demolishes Saint-Genix's "screamy" articles in the Contempory Review. The Director's Review contains an authentic sketch of the late Cardinal Mazella, S. J., wherein we read that. perceiving standing round his bedside his Father General, the Very Rev. Louis Martin, and other Fathers of the Society, a smile of consolation lighted up his countenance as he declared he felt himself happy in dying surrounded by his brothers in the truth and the life." religion."

The resources of Catholic journalism are almost illimitable. We instinctively felt that there was something fishy about that

cablegrammatic story anent Our The Western Sun, published Lord's letter to King Agrippa in the promising city of Bran- but we could not, in this new don. envies the town of Guil- country, lay our hands on Euseford. Conn., which is so well bius's works to settle our doubts, administered and has so solid a and so the Providence Visitor's surplus that it will collect no learned article on the "Legend taxes this year. "Think of it," of King Agbarus" came to us as wails our esteemed contempo- a great relief. We reprint it rary, "ye poor ratepayers with elsewhere. It is a blessed thing enormous taxes and things that our religious brethren comgrowing worse every year !" And pletely cover all fields of know Our extremely valuable contemporary, the "Pittsburg Observer," thus puts a singularly opportune reflection for the month of Our Blessed Lady: The beautiful name of Mary is maimed by some young women who call themselves Mae, Mayme, Mamie and other horrible nicknames. If any girl who "Town Topics" takes, on the has been called Mary in Baptism does not like that sweet name or does not prize the patronage of the Blessed Virgin, let her call herself Guinevere, Elaine, Dessays, let us first enforce those we demona, Gwendolin, Maude, have. Moreover, let us punish Gladys, or Marguerite, or any other "highfalutin" name she pleases, but let her not scandalize us all by spoiling the nicest name of all

hope that a pilgrimage begun with the pious purpose of visit-Holy Year of Jubilee, will bring them not only spiritual graces but even, if God so pleases, health and strength.

The recurrence of the Queen's Birthday next Thursday—her to remind us how kind our beloved Sovereign was to Catholic two of the leading institutions of the country, the Sacred Heart Convent at Mount Annville and Loretto Abbey at Rathfarn. to make them, evidently delighted Her Majesty, who spoke to the nuns and expressed her satisfaction at their educational work. This extraordinary kindness of the august head of the Empire ought to be an additional motive for Catholics to pray, next Thursday, in the words of the liturgical prayer for the Queen, that "she may receive an increase of all virtues, and may find favor with God and attain unto Him, Who is the way

"The Development of Character in Students," a paper read by the Rev. M. P. Dowling, S. J. President of Creighton University, Omaha, at the second annual convention of the Association of Catholic Colleges of the U.S., in Chicago, April, 1900, and published in the May Donahoe's, contains many valuable suggestions as to discipline. 'Catholic discipline," says Father Dowling, "is seldom irksome, except in the case of a boy it is so aristocratic, don't you unusually mean and self-willed know, so English, so reverentor a teacher strangely lacking in fally Tory; but, after a brief and tact and discretion. Under such rather hazy sketch of what the conditions youthful thoughts are readily turned to nobler ideals, even from no higher motive than desire to please professors whom to see that in obedience to religious sentiments the savagery of hazing has never obtained a foothold in Catholic colleges." If we might venture a criticism of the work of the Omaha President, it would take the form of a regret that he has been too

dollars will cover all travelling and Good Friday. several churches he was edified and delighted by the immense brought to admit any fault in crowds of fervent worshippers. "I could hardly believe my eyes," he writes, "at La Madeleine, at Montmartre, at Saint snub, Irish non-Tory works are to the Sacred Heart, the mira- Sulpice, at Notre Dame. It was crude, and everything French is culous shrine of Lourdes and with difficulty that I managed thin and superficial. the Eternal City during the to elbow my way through the throng to reach the Altar of Repose! Thus Paris is not all infidel. In spite of everything God is not forgotten. There are still people here who believe and pray."

He finds our Commissioner's Office, "Le Bureau Canadien," very well appointed. There he met the Hon. Mr. Tarte. who lines of faint praise and one dishas quite recovered and is very busy, worthily representing our though there is an absence of country. Hon. Mr. Sifton had just returned from Austria, whither he went to have his hearing distinctly unconventional, but attended to. He approved of Father Lacombe's proposed visit ham. In both cases the recep- to Belgium with Mr. Tarte. They tions, dainty and picturesque as will lecture on emigration from own Manitoba aborigines. The these refined ladies know how the banks of the Scheldt and immigration to Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest. The Oblate Fathers have a house at Antwerp for the purpose of helping emigrants passing through; they are assisted by a committee of laymen.

> Father Lacombe writes that he has clean forgotten his three peared, The Tablet reviewer sat score and thirteen years, and is on it very heavily with the evihatching almost fabulous plans for the future. At any rate we may be sure that Canadian interests will not suffer from the advocacy of his eloquent voice.

# THE POINT OF VIEW.

So much depends on the point of view. We have before us two criticisms of a recent English tale. One, signed "Thomas J. Hagerty," appears in The Catholic News (May 16) of New York; the other, unsigned, in The Tablet (May 5) of London. The latter evidently strives hard to praise "The Duchess of York's Page," by Mrs. William Maude;

On visiting diculously insular and therefore unfair. It can with difficulty be the work of an English Tory, while in its eyes American works are good to poke fun at or

Tablet reviewers are amusing. ly incapable of understanding and appreciating the delicate, touches of our best American writers. An instance of this incapacity appears in the same number of the great London weekly. "From the Land of St. Lawrence" by Maurice Francis Egan is dismissed with eight paraging clause thrown in, "alanything unconventional." Now Dr. Egan is constitutionally and not in a loud, obtrusive way. His delicate departures from conventionality, those fine lines that make true literature, escape The Tablet reviewer's jaundiced eye and dense perception.

This reminds us of a Tablet criticism which American men of letters laughed at consumedly some nine years ago. When Miss Lelia Hardin Bugg's delightfully clever book, "The Correct Thing for Catholics," apdent intention of killing it there and then. Miss Bugg's revenge was characteristic. Among other opinions of the press, she quoted, in her twelfth edition, this sentence from "The Tablet, London": "It is the artless manuer of the telling, as well as the unconscious triteness of her matter, which makes the work an endless source of humor." To this day The Tablet man wonders how Miss Bugg-and he emphasizes the name with Saxon politeness-ever reproduced so scathing a sneer in the advertisement of her book. He is not aware that she was holding him up by the tail for the amusement of literary America. The art was all on her side, the artlessne<sup>ss</sup> on his.

whole, a sensible view of the prohibition craze. Instead of making more stringent laws, it drunkenness more severely These remarks of our Winnipeg sontemporary were probably written just about the time

Judge Bossé, in the city of Quebec, was sentencing to death a he dearly loved his dead wife and that all that he did in the frenzy of drink was a blank in his memory. Such a sentence from intemperance than tons of prohibition literature.

days of the departure of the wife-murderer who affirmed that Canadian pilgrimage to Paray- eppe on Monday of Holy Week. tic structure." le-Monial, Lourdes and Rome, He was delighted with the home circular thereanent printed in another column. We are inwill do more to deter people formed that there is yet time to secure a few places before the

The June number of the Am-month. Persons intending to gation, 26 rue de St-Pétersbourg judice against English Catholic Greenway government to be as erican "Messenger of the Sacred visit Europe this summer could Heart" is more than usually in- not well find a better opportun- week, and what he admired teresting. The General Inten- ity to do so with the least possi- most was the devotion of the ten book from England, whereas conclusively that they did not

successful in divesting his paper of all appearance of professorial donnism.

### FATHER LACOMBE IN EUROPE.

The venerable missionary, Fa-As we are now within ten ther Lacombe, writes that he crossed from Newhaven to Di-

we beg to call attention to the of his ancestors, Normandy, then putting on its spring vesture of green. That same evening he was received with open arms by the Superior General of the date fixed for the departure from Oblates of Mary Immaculate at

Montreal; viz., the 2nd of next the headquarters of the Congre-

Page does and sees, the best The Tablet reviewer can say of the book is this concluding sentence: "Through all these varied they respect; and it is gratifying scenes juvenile readers will follow his fortunes with interest which may be shared by their elders, as the graceful narrative ernment ran the affairs of the makes the subject doubly attractive."

> lic News critic writes: "It is try. They had such complete hard to tell whether this book is control and such a large majormeant to be a contribution to our ity that the feeble note of crijuvenile literature or not. The ticism which the opposition best things about it are the half- gave forth on each occasion was tone illustrations. The rest of it simply drowned in the torrent is a woeful jumble out of which of praise and commendation one can make neither head nor which came from the other side. tail... The book has material Now, however, a great change enough for a very interesting has come over the scene. The af-

Not having seen the work we do not pretend to decide between these conflicting views, but, judging from the general tone of the two journals, we have tion under Mr. Greenway. Sumno hesitation in preferring the ming up the report of the com-New York view. For the Cath- mission we should say that olic News never betrays any pre-He remained in Paris about a literature, quite the contrary, it bad as many seem to have positively revels in a well writ- thought they were, it proves tion for June-Devotion to the ble outlay, since four hundred Catholics on Maundy-Thursday The Tablet is essentially and ri- conduct the affairs of the prov-

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The proceedings in the Local Legislature during the pastweek<sup>s</sup> have been of an exceptionally interesting nature. For twelve long years the Greenway govprovince and annually presented statements of their administra-On the other hand The Catho- tion to the people of the counstory, but it is sadly in need of fairs of the late government have proper arrangement and drama- been searchingly looked into by an independent commission appointed by their opponents and for the first time the people are in a position to judge as to the real merits of the administrawhilst it does not show the