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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. In
their corporate capacity they zave, the other day, a striking proof that they possessed a soul aftuned to the lofty masie of practical gratitude. On the 17 th 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 raluable services he has rendered to the city since he became the
head of the municipal adminisfration. Lacky mayor! Happy sity!

The Western Sun, published in the promising eity of Brandon. envies the town of Guil. ford. Conn.. which is so well administered and has so solid a supplus that it will collect no taxes this year. "Think of it," wails our esteemed contemporary, "ye poor ratepayers with enormous taxes and thiags growing worse every year. And
then it suggests, "as a last des. then it suggests, "as a last des-
perate resort," that Brandon tarn over her school and muni-- tipal 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 "an't do any worse than the men.
"Town Topics" takes, on the rhole, a sensible riew of the prohibition craze. Instead of making more stringent laws, it cays, let us first enforce those we have. Moreover, let us punish trunkenness more severely These remarks of our Wimipeg sontemporary were probably written just about the time Tudge Bosse, in the city of Quebee, was sentencing to death a wife-murderer who affirmed that
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 will do more to deter people from intemperance than tons of wrobibitoon literature

The June number of the Amorican "Messenger of the Sacred Heart" is more than usually interesting. The General Inten-
tion for June-Devotion to the

Sacred Heart-presents a magni ficent summary of the history and reasonableness of this great devotion. "Devotion to the Sa cred Heart of Jesus is not merely some concrete form of worship by which we venerate His Sacred Heart, but it is also a habitual readiness to serve Christ, in other ways as well as by wor ship, 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; and for its END, the honor of this same Heart to be procured by love and reparation." Father Maas contributes an exhanstive article on Biblical criticism, with 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 own Manitoba aborigines. The editorial department triumphantly demolishes Saint-Genix' "screamy" articles in the Cor tempory Review. The Director' 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 Marin, 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 i religion.
The resources of Catholic jour nalism are almost illimitable Weinstinctively felt that there was something fishy about that cablegrammatic story anent Our Lord's letter to King Agripps; but we could not, in this new country, lay our hands on Eusebius's works to settle our doubts, and so the Providence Visitor's earned article on the "Legend of King Agbarns" came to us as
areat relief. We reprint it elsewhere. It is a blessed thing that our religious brethren completely cover all fields of knowledge.
Our extremely valuable con emporary, the "Pittsburg Ob serrer," thus puts a singularly opportune reflection for the month of Our Blessed Lady
The beautiful name of Mary men who call themselves wa Mayme, Mamie and other horrible nicknames. If any girl who has been called Mary in Baptism does not like that sweet name or does not prize the patronage of herself Guinevere, Elaine Desdemona, Gwendolin, Maude Gladys, or Marguerite, or any other "highfalutin" name she pleases, but let her not scandal ize us all by spoiling the nicest name of all

As we are now within ten days of the departure of the Canadian pilgrimage to Paray le-Monial, Lourdes and Rome, we beg to call attention to the crcular thereanent printed in nother column. We are informed that there is yet time to secure a few places before the date fixed for the departure from Montreal; viz., the 2nd of next month. Persons intending to risit Europe this summer could not well find a better opportunity to do so with the least possi-
ble outlay, since foar hundred
dollars will cover all travellin and living expenses during nine weeks' absence Ladies in deli cate health hare every reason to
hope that a piigrimage begun with the pious purpose of visit ing the cradle of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart, the mira culous shrine of Lourdes and the Eternal City during the Holy Year of Jubilee, will bring hem not only spiritual grace but even, if God
health and strength

The recurrence of the Queen's Birthday next Thursday-her gracious Majesty's eighty-firstmay serve as a happy occasion remind us how kind our be loved Sovereign was to Catholic
nstitutions during her late sofoum in Ireland. She risited two of the leading institutions of the country, the Sacred Heart Convent at Mount Aunville and Loretto Abbey at Rathfarn ham. In both cases the recep tions, dainty and picturesque a hese refined ladies know how o make them, evidently delight ed Her Majestr, who spoke to he nuns and expressed her saisfaction at their educational work. This extraordinary kind ness of the august head of the Empire ought to be an additional botive for Catholies to pray next Thursday, in the words of
the liturgical prayer for the Queen, that "she may receive an increase of all rirtues, and may find favor with God and at taiu unto Him, Who is the way ae mana nat tha ies
"The Development of Character in Students," a paper read by he Rev. M. P. Dowling. S. J resident of Creighton Univer sity, Omaha, at the second an uual conrention of the Associa.
tion of Catholic Colleges of the J. S., in Chicago, April, 1900 and published in the May Donahoe's, contains many valuable saggestions as to discipline "Catholic discipline," says Faher Dowling, "is seldom irksome, except in the case of a boy unusually mean and sell-willed or a teacher strangely lacking in tact and discretion. Under such
conditions youthful thoughts are readily turned to nobler ideals, even from no higher motive than desire to please professors whom hey respect; and it is gratifying to see that in obedience to religious sentiments the savagery of hazing has never obtained a foot hold in Catholic colleges." we might venture a criticism of the work of the Omaha Presi dent, it would take the form of regret that he has been too successful in divesting his paper of appearance of professorial donnism.

## FATHER LACOMBE IN EUROPE.

The venerable missionary, Faher Lacombe, writes that he rossed from Newhaven to Dieppe on Monday of Holy Week. He was delighted with the home f his ancestors, Normandy, then putting on its spring vesture of reen. That same evening he was received with open arms by
the Superior General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate at the headquarters of the Congregation, 26 rue de St -Pétersbourg
He remained in Paris about a week, and what he admired most was the devotion of the


#### Abstract

and Good Frida everal churches On visiting and delighted by the immens crowds of fervent worshippers "I could hardly believe my yes," he writes, "at La Made eine, at Montmartre, at Saint sulpice, at Notre Dame. It was with difficulty that I managed throng to reach the Altar of Re pose! Thus Paris is not all in fidel. In spite of everything God is not forgotten. There are still people here who believe and pray.


He finds our Commissioner' Office, "Le Bureau Canadien," very well appointed. There he met the Hon. Mr. Tarte. who has quite recovered and is rery busy, worthily representing our country. Hon. Mr. Sifton had ust returned from Austria, whither he went to have his hearing attended to. He approred of Father Lacombe's proposed visit Belgium with Mr. Tarte. They will lecture on emigration from the banks of the Scheldt and im migration 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 aymen.
Father Lacombe writes that he has clean forgotten his three score and thirteen years, and is hatching almost fabulous plans for the future. At any rate we may be sure that Canadian interests will not suffer from the adrocacy of his eloquent roice

THE POINT OF VIEU
So much depends on the point of view. We have before us two criticisms of a recent Eng. lish 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" Page," by Mrs. William Mande it is so aristocratic, don't you know, so English, so reverent lally Tory; but, after a brief and rather hazy sketch of what th
Page does and sees, the best Th Tablet reviewer can say of the book is this concluding sen tence: "Through all these raried scenes juvenile readers will fol
low his fortunes with interest low his fortunes with interes which may be shared by their lners, as the graceful narrativ makes the subject doubly at ractive.
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On the other hand The Catho hic News critic writes: "It is meant toll whether this book is juvenile literature or not. The best things about it are the half tone illustrations. The rest of it is a woeful jumble out of which one can make neither head not ail... The book has materia enough for a very interesting
story, but it is sadly in need of proper arrangement and drama ic structare."
Not having seen the work we do not pretend to decide beween these conflicting riews, but, judging from the genera
tone of the two journals, we hav no hesitation in preferring the New York view. For the Cath olic News never betrays any prejudice against English Catholic literature, quite the contrary, it positively revels in a well writen book from England, whereas The Tablet is essentially and ri-
diculously insular and therefore unfair. It can with difficulty be brought to admit any fault in the work of an English Tory, while in its eyes American works are good to poke fun at or snub, Irish non-Tory works are crude, and everything French is thin and superficial.

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 Francıs Egan is dismissed with eight hes of faint praise and one disparaging clause thrown in, "although there is an absence of anything unconrentional." Now Dr. Egan is constitutionally and distinctly unconrentional, but not in a loud, obtrusire way His delicate departures from

