

Murphy, who this summer returned from Rideau street Convent, Ottawa, sang a duet with Mr. Lyons which was much appreciated, she also sang several songs very well indeed. Miss McCarthy gave some excellent instrumental selections. Miss McLaughlin also favored the company with a Scotch Ballad. Mrs. Coupal gave some selections and proved herself an excellent pianist. There were several very hearty choruses. Mr. Hutchison, who has recently settled in Regina gave several humorous selections and showed himself to be quite an elocutionist. The piano kindly lent by Mr. John Murphy, was an exceptionally fine one and comments were heard on all sides upon its excellency of tone and finish.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, the three new bells for the church, now nearly completed, were blessed in the gallery of the church. These bells are of very excellent tone, being made in Baltimore at the McShane Foundry. They were named respectively: Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Joseph. Their weight is; largest, 1250 pounds, next 750 pounds, the other 350 pounds. Rev. Father Sufra, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Father Hilau, O.M.I., performed the ceremony in the presence of a large concourse of people. The Sponsors of the bells, chosen from the heads of families of the English and German congregations were assembled in the gallery and after the "Laudate Dominum" had been sung and the three bells were rung, Madame Forget, the very popular and highly esteemed mistress of Government House gave the first stroke, followed by each of the sponsors and almost every member of the congregation. Quite a large sum was realized from the liberal donations. The principal sponsors were: His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Madame Forget, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ehman. Second bell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. John Reinlander. Third bell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan. McCusker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ehman.

The church will be finished shortly and at High Mass on Sunday Rev. Father Sufra announced that His Grace Archbishop Langevin would consecrate the new building on Sunday, Dec. 17. On Thursday, Dec. 7, the ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society will hold their annual Bazaar and Fancy Sale in the City Hall. The ladies have worked most energetically and it is to be hoped that their efforts will be crowned with unlimited success.

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Persons and Facts

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In Germany's recent little war, off in a corner of Africa, which got small attention from the telegraph editors of the dailies, there were 16,000 men engaged and the Teutons suffered 1,066 fatalities and 1,852 casualties.

French exchanges are commenting regretfully just now on the decadence of the French language. Even in Belgium, whose capital was termed 30 years ago "linguistement un Paris en miniature," the king is no longer "roi des Belges," but "Konig von Belgie," the Flemish title. The decline of the French language is marked since the battle of Waterloo, until now the English tongue leads with 116,000,000 citizens of the world speaking it; Russian is now spoken by 85,000,000, as against 50,000,000 35 years ago; German comes next with 80,000,000 adherents, while French is now the language of only 58,000,000 people. Moreover French has ceased to be the universal language of diplomacy.

The new church of the Sacred Heart of Winnipeg, will be opened to the parishioners on Dec. 25.

Wm. R. Routt and son Harvey, converts to the Church, contributed \$25,000 and the site to the new Catholic college recently opened at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Routt also gave \$50,000 as an endowment fund for the college.

Messrs. F. W. Russell and T. J. Murray were chosen at a parochial meeting last Sunday as the two delegates from St. Mary's parish called for by Archbishop Langevin to participate in a city committee. The functions of the committee will be to look after Catholic interests. It was at first suggested that the president of the Catholic Club and the president of the Lyceum should be the representatives of St. Mary's, but after due consideration it was decided to proceed with the election in the regular way by nomination and ballot. The following were appointed a financial committee for the parish: Messrs. McManus, T. Jobin, J. E. O'Connor, T. J. Coyle and D. Smith. A vote of thanks was

tendered the pastor, Rev. Father Cahill, for his conduct of the affairs of the parish.

The sixth transcontinental railway for the United States is realized in the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road to the Northern Pacific coast. About 1,500 miles of new road will be laid at an estimated cost of \$60,000,000. The Western Pacific, or extension of the Gould system, is another prospective transcontinental.

Nearly all of the expected \$60,000 for the Calabrian fund, conducted by the review "Civiltà Cattolica" for the benefit of sufferers from the recent earthquakes in Italy, has been contributed. The suffering of these victims is said to be more severe than the experiences of the persecuted Jews in Russia.

The debt of the Catholic University of America, which has experienced some painful financial strains, is now reduced to \$50,000. It is expected that the debt will be further reduced by at least \$10,000 by the end of the month in response to the annual circular of Archbishop Farley.

The new St. Mary's college, recently opened at Monroe, Mich., cost \$325,000. The architecture is of the modernized Elizabethan style. A forty-foot tunnel built at a cost of \$5,000 connects the new building with the old group.

The Belgian government's budget of worship this year is increased by one-half, \$64,000 being appropriated for the support of Catholic bishops and \$1,200,000 for other Catholic clergy. The Protestant denominations will get a subsidy of \$20,000 and the Jewish Church about \$7,000.

Very Rev. William J. Murphy, O.M.I., D.D., the newly appointed rector of the University of Ottawa, is a Westerner. He was born in British Columbia, at Williams' Lake, 40 years ago. He was graduated from Ottawa college in 1888, and completed his academic studies at Harvard. Since that time he has in turn been professor of physics, prefect of studies and secretary of his Alma Mater, and pastor of St. Joseph's parish.

Four Cardinals were created by Pope Pius this week at the second secret consistory of his pontificate. Three of the four were foreigners, which apparently manifested a desire by the Holy Father to equalize the foreign and Latin elements in the sacred college. Latin America was honored with its first cardinal, the nominations being as follows: The Most Rev. Samassa, archbishop of Erlau, Hungary; Mgr. Spinola, archbishop of Seville; Mgr. A. Dearcoverde de Albuquerque Calcavanti, archbishop of Rio Janeiro; Mgr. Cagaine de Azevedo, majordomo of the Vatican.

On Friday of last week a deputation consisting of St. Boniface town councillors Gauvin, Metcalfe and Berry called upon the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company in reference to larger cars and also the diversion of the proposed street railway through Norwood. Mr. Phillips promised that two larger cars would be placed on the St. Boniface line the next day, and he was as good as his word. On Saturday last passengers were agreeable surprised when they found the entrance steps easily negotiable, the car large enough to seat 35 persons, everything clean and bright and all the straps in place and unbroken. As to the proposed branch line it was decided that it would run on Tache street past the English church to St. Mary's road and then south. This will give an eight minute service to Norwood in the spring. We are told that at the next council meeting contracts will be signed between the town of St. Boniface and the W. E. R. Company. Now is the time for the councillors to be stiff and explicit in their stipulations: no small, shabby, high-stepped, strapless, unventilated cars.

Re the pronunciation of the name Dalzell, an elderly lady, now living in Winnipeg, informs us that she is aunt to the present Earl of Carnwath's wife and that their family name is pronounced "Dee-ell." The Earlom of Carnwath is quite venerable, as the present bearer of the title is the fifteenth earl of that name.

On Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock, in the chapel of St. Boniface College, Rev. Father Dugas, Rector, sang Mass for the repose of the soul of Theophilus Blain, who died at St. Remi, Que., on Monday at the age of 84. Mr. Blain was the father of the Rev. Joseph Blain, S.J., of St. Boniface College.

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