

thrust that cuts to the marrow and the tongue-lashing that stings to the quick.

In the speech made on Tuesday evening at Ottawa by Mr. McCarthy, Conservative member for Calgary, there occurs one very suggestive passage. Speaking of the school question in the Territories, he said:

The prime minister had said that the rights given in 1875 were inviolable, but the member for Brandon had endeavored to show that there was a vast difference between the status of the minority under the law of 1875 and their rights under Territorial ordinances. The ex-minister would not consent to the rights which had been declared inviolable, but to the curtailed rights only. Mr. Sifton supported the ordinance of 1892, which he said swept away clerical schools, and which was also ultra vires of the Territorial legislature. That was to say, either the people of the Territories were still entitled to full benefits of the law of 1875 or else the premier consented to the violation of the inviolable.

This shows how important it is that the school clause should be as explicit and definite as possible.

Owing to the concurrence of movable with immovable feasts in the calendar of the Church the liturgy occasionally presents extraordinary coincidences. Last Saturday, for instance, was the feast of the Annunciation, but it was also the Saturday after the second Sunday in Lent and the special gospel for that day, read at the end of the Mass was the Prodigal Son. Now the Annunciation is, we need hardly say, the commemoration of the day on which "the Word was made flesh" and therefore the beginning of that tragedy which transformed the world and brought the prodigal human race to the feet of the Saviour. This coincidence of the two gospels—St. Luke i, 26-38 and xv. 11-32—may never have occurred before: for it requires not only that Lady-day should fall on Saturday—which often happens—but that the 25th of March should be the eve of the third Sunday in Lent, a contingency which must be still rarer than the extreme lateness of the Lenten season this year.

Clerical News.

The Sovereign Pontiff has lately decreed that all Vicars General and Vicars capitular, while they are in Office, shall have the title of Monsignor, with the rank of prothonotary apostolic, and may wear the insignia and use the armorial bearings of that rank even in Rome. Thus the Very Rev. F. A. Dugas becomes Monsignor Dugas. A vicar capitular is a vicar general continued in office by the vote of a cathedral chapter after the death of the bishop or appointed to that office by the chapter. As a chapter supposes canons and there are none in this diocese, there can be no vicar capitular here.

A High Mass of Requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Mgr. Ritchot was sung by the Prior of the Trappist Monastery in the church of the order at St. Norbert on Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. The Very Rev. Vicar General, Rev. Fathers Cherrier and Beliveau and a large number of sympathizing laymen from the surrounding district were present.

Rev. Father Cloutier begins his duties as parish priest of St. Norbert next Sunday, April 2. Rev. Dr. Beliveau is appointed chaplain of Stony Mountain penitentiary.

Rev. Fr. Dandurand, O.M.I., entered upon his 87th year on the 23rd of March. He is far advanced in the 64th year of his priesthood, and is still in the enjoyment of all his faculties, and in excellent health. In fact, many young men might envy him the freshness of his memory and intellectual perceptions. His interesting recollections of what happened seventy or eighty years ago do not interfere with his up-to-date knowledge of the Russo-Japanese war, and the latest newspaper items. Ad multos annos!

Rev. Father Kugener, who was curate to the late Mgr. Ritchot, will have to retire from St. Norbert, where there is not work enough for two abbodied preists, and the parishioners are very sorry to see him go, he was so efficient and devoted. His future destination is not yet settled.

Rev. Father Arpin, S.J., of Fort William, was a guest of the Fathers of

St. Boniface College on the 30th inst., and returned home next day.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., will preach, at St. Mary's Church next Sunday evening, the third of his Lenten sermons. The subject will be "Man a wayfarer upon earth."

Persons and Facts.

Archbishop Montgomery, coadjutor-archbishop of San Francisco, says: "To my mind, every dollar spent in support of the Catholic press has two great effects. It is invaluable personally to those rendering the assistance; it is of immense value to the parish where the help is given, through the intelligent and wholesome interest in all things Catholic, which the truly Catholic paper never fails to create and further among the Catholic faithful."

The pilgrimages to Lourdes last year surpassed in number those of any previous year. They numbered 207,000 members of organized pilgrimages, and fully a million of individual pilgrims. The number of Masses said was 42,000.

Miss Henrietta Johnson, whose death is announced from Kingston-on-Thames England, at the age of 107 years, was a native of Baltimore. She was a devout Catholic, though unable of late years to attend Mass.

It is interesting to note with regard to the projected marriage of Prince Victor Napoleon to Princess Clementine of Belgium, that such a marriage would unite the two rival families of Pretenders to the French throne. Queen Louise, the first Queen of the Belgians and grandmother of Princess Clementine, was the sister of Louis Philippe.

Under the will of the late Colonel Alexander Knight, whose death took place on January 10, legacies are made both to St. Mary's College, Oseott, and to the Cathedral, Westminster. The former benefits to the extent of £4,000, and the latter by £1,000. The Mothers Superior of the Convents of Notre Dame Birkdale and Clapham, each receive the sum of £100.—Catholic Times.

Vice-Admiral Hammet, C.V.O., who was received into the Church before his death at Florence, enjoyed the friendship of the King. His Majesty telegraphed to Mrs. Hammet his "sympathy on the loss of an old and personal friend." When seized by his last illness, the deceased was on his way home after having completed his commission as Admiral Superintendent of Malta.

Sir Anthony MacDonnell, on his appointment as Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Provinces of India, in 1895, was entertained to dinner by his friends and admirers in London. The toast of the guest of the evening was proposed by the late Lord Russell of Killowen, who said that during a visit to the United States he met Russell Lowell, and the talk turned on the political influence of the Irish in America. "I once asked a friend about to take a journey," said Lowell, "where he was going." "To Ireland," was the reply. "I want to see the only country in the world which is not run by the Irish."

As an instance of the rapid transition from one season to another, we may mention the fact that on March 19, the students of St. Boniface College played a hockey match on good ice, and just one week later, on the 26th, they played baseball on a dry field. The very slight coating of snow, a peculiarity of our Manitoba climate, accounts for this swift change. On Tuesday of this week, when the official weather probabilities announced "a few scattered showers, but for the most part fair; not much change in temperature"—the day began with rain, that gradually developed into sleet, and finally settled down to one of the heaviest snowfalls we have had this year, that is to say, three or four inches.

His Grace's reply to the addresses presented to him at St. Boniface College will repay an attentive perusal. There is nothing commonplace or perfunctory about Mgr. Langevin's utterances. They appeal to the mind and the heart.

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REPLY TO THE COLLEGE ADDRESSES

His Grace began his reply in English, and spoke in part as follows: "My dear boys, everybody appreciates the intelligence and culture you have shown. You have done very well this evening. Your words found an echo in my heart. I feel proud of you. Every one of you did well, but our Winnipeg boys did wonderfully well. Winnipeg is the capital of the country, the zenith city of the whole Canadian Northwest. True, we of St. Boniface never take second rank; firstborn we are, firstborn we remain; but we are quite willing to extend a fraternal hand to Winnipeg. You who know English better than I do, can appreciate how these young students speak the English language.

They succeed in avoiding the high storey of the nose and the low storey of the throat. Joe McManus, Harold Conway, and Charlie Becher speak what I call velvety English. To my ears it is a sweet melody. This shows that in crossing the river, our young men and boys have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. If I take the liberty of mentioning the names of these dear boys it is because they are a proof of what ought to be appreciated by everybody. I thank you for the noble things you have said about this "Endless Heritage" of ours. We are deeply attached to this country and ready to undergo any sacrifices for its prosperity. Religion does not diminish, but rather enhances that love of country which is so well cultivated in this college. I thank the Fathers for having given you this desire to be worthy of your vocation as Catholic young men. The question now, is whether there is in Canada a constitution or not, whether that constitution is to be torn in pieces or remain in its integrity in a free land, whether in the new provinces our conscientious convictions will be respected and our rights secured. There is no question of race or creed, but of fundamental doctrines, and consequently every man and woman among us should stand up for these rights. We love the whole country and we challenge any other section to surpass us in this.

Dear Boys, let me beseech you to be faithful to the Church of God. These principles are the safeguard of your future. We stand for religious liberty.

His Grace then went on to speak in French as follows:—"These young men did admirably this evening. I am proud to see this intelligent explosion of lofty sentiments. I salute them, as we were taught to salute each other by the Sulpician Fathers whom I always love. "Messieurs," even the small boys are addressed as "Monsieur." How beautiful is this courtly, Catholic education! Not everybody is called upon to rule, but you belong to the governing classes, you are destined to rule one day. Let me give you one piece of advice: do your work thoroughly. Be men, not children. Perhaps you have heard the story of the workman whose carelessness brought death to a regiment of soldiers. After working hard at a bridge which he was helping to build, he felt tired, and so neglected to drive home a very important rivet. When the army passed over that bridge, keeping step, that weak spot gave, and soon the whole bridge fell, hurling several hundred soldiers to their death. Boys, you are now working at the edifice of your future. If you neglect the work so carefully planned for you by the illustrious and learned Fathers of the Society of Jesus, your neglect will have serious consequences later on. When you get to be fifty years old, you will remember how your negligence on a certain occasion in your boyhood prepared the disaster that is upon you now. Be faithful to your duty. When visiting the Holy Land last year there came to me a vision of those heroes of the faith who gave battle before the tomb of Christ, and I said to myself: "In my country likewise there is a tomb, the tomb of Catholic Schools. Shall I not find crusaders who will respond, like brave men, full of faith, and repeat with us, 'God wills it?' And, believe me, we will roll away the stone from that tomb. One is never dead when one rests with Christ. Remember those time-honored words you hear the priest sing at Mass: Sursum Corda! Be always ready to answer: Habemus ad Dominum."

(Other celebrations will be reported later).

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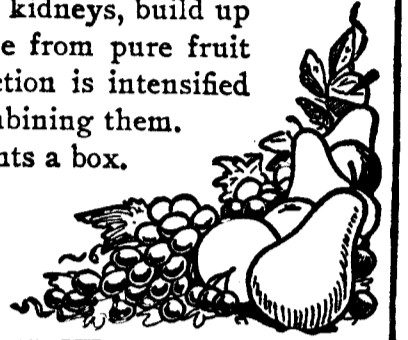
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