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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

understand, from experience, how the pupils look forward with a certain regret to the closing of the holidays: they feel that this period of compar-ative liberty should be unending. whether it be distasteful or otherwise, it is inevitable that September must follow August, and that September must mark the commencement of another scholastic term. We need not trouble these last few days of the students' recreation with advice that probably. would never be needed; but we canthe duties of the hour.

is to observe punctuality in sending the pupils to the school an the very weeks, the already protracted vaca-Parents are under the impression that there is nothing very much of the term, and that their children operation. This is a very mistaken idea, and frequently proves most injurious to the pupils' prospects of success throughout the year. If all parents were to act upon such detained from attending in consequence, the result would simply be that the classes could never ! e -organized-not in months.

which is explained to them by com and perfectly ready to start with the others when the signal is given. A few moments of delay and several class; a number of boys-or of girls -commence together a race of ten months for a prize, and the one who enters the lists after the others have started is necessarily handicapped. If he, or she, is to get an equal op-portunity of competing, the teacher portunity of competing, the teacher must stop the class work, stay the advance of the others, and commence Oblate Lay Brother Guillet, who has entire class. Then the first days of ested, their classes, according their acquirements, are assigned to over, at the expense of precious hours that should be devoted to the actual work of the classes.

Therefore, the one who does not attend the school on the first .day tainly annoying duties success and for final honors, which the entire scholastic term. Parents who do not oblige their children to attend from the very com-mencement should not feel any disntment if their boys or girls o secure the much-coveted refail to secure the much-coveted re-

OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS. — for irregularity in attendance is almost bad as not attending at all. In fact, the parents should be the schools will again be open. We can to pay for their children's education, and surely they are not overloaded with wealth that they wish to pay out school fees for no benefit—and that is what they do when they pay for their children's tuition and, at the same time, allow those children to neglect their duties to absent themselves from school, and to squander away their time and their opportunities.

We do not wish to write out a catechism of instructions for Catholic parents, but we desire to draw not refrain from calling the attention of parents and guardians to to the grave duties they owe to their children, and one of the most im-The first, and all important duty, portant of these duties is to provide their off-spring with a thorough Catholic education. The opportunarst day of the term. There is al- fity is not wanting, the means are at ways some excuse or other for 1ro-longing a few days, or even a few sin as great as that which they would commit were they to refuse to clothe and feed their sons and daughters, when they destroy the fubeing done during the first few days ture-both for here and hereafter-of those young people, in depriving are just as well off at home until them of all the advantages of a the classes are fully organized for the coming year, and are in regular cation. This is the time for parents to act; and we hope they will do so.

THE HUMBLE WORKER.-it is not always the one whose name is the most loudly proclaimed and impression and all pupils were to be whose fame is the most widespread that performs the greatest and most effective work. In the Catholic Church, above all, are there thousands of men and women of whose Boys more readily understand that existence the world knows almost absolutely nothing, yet who are delparisons; if a score of boys are to ving away, laboring day and night, run a race—say a mile race, will not in order that Truth may become each of them want to be on hand known, or that humanity may be made happier, or that the secrets of science may be revealed, or that souls may be raised to God. They yards are lost, consequently the live thus apart from the glitter and chances of winning are reduced to a glare of worldly triumph, and they minimum. It is the same with the die when their tasks are done, and no poet sings their praises and no historian records their deeds. Of historian records their deeds. Of these great and humble men we have of the best traditions and the best not a few examples here in our own land. Take the following little sketch as an example:-

advance of the others, and commerce | Spent over 35 years in voluntarily | Wednesday, Says: Dears nav tardy one an injustice to the banishment from civilization, in the St. Peter's Mission on the shores of the term are those in which the pu- Reindeer Lake. For 20 years there pils are graded, their competency is he never tasted white bread; the last to 15 years he has been able to procure 3 sacks of flour a year. He is them. If there are any absent ones, a typical missioner's assistant, very that whole work has to be done handy at all sorts of trades, and full of ingenious resources. At a time when there was no grain at the Mission, and fresh eggs made a kingly repast, he contrived to veep sev-eral hens laying during eleven imposes very unnecessary, and certainly annoying duties upon the to give them. The Indians thereateacher; he retards the progress of an entire class; and he spoils his own prospects in the competition for success and for final honors, which quimaux visit there sometimes and the Brother has educated and trained an Esquimaux boy, who now speaks several languages and is very

wards that come with the closing of their fellow-countrymen and of the term. We know of no advice of the country; but they seek no recreater moment that we could give ognition at the hands of their conto parents, at this period of the temporaries, and no reward from the

ried in the pocket, and thou-

which a shopper may ring up the nickels as she spends them, and thus keep exact tab on her financial sta-Also the commercial traveler, by a simple wagging of the finger when he pays a hotel bill, may void the brain-racking ordeal of fillout his expense account. The register will record in amounts not less than 5 cents each up to a total of \$100 before resetting. In dimensions it is two inches and a half long and one and a quarter wide and a quarter of an inch in thickness. It is made of aluminum and weighs little. On the face is the register, the first two indicators being for dollars and the third for cents. On the reverse side is the key for registering."

One more of the methods that ingenuity has devised for the slothful and negligent. Anything to avoid work; anything to escape the legitimate use of the mental faculties. Men want to have their counting, their account-keeping, their every particle of work done by machinery. The next thing we will read about will be a device for saying prayers. Could not some one invent a machine that could be carried in the pocket and wound up like a clock, and set, like an alarm, for certain hours, at which it would ring out the Lord's Prayer, or any other invocations or prayers that people might wish to address to God? It is a pity that there is not some mechanical contrivance to make the act of dying less laborious; a machine, for example, whereby the transition from time to eternity could be made without the necessity of either fort, or pain, or perceptible change on the part the one going forth. In another quarter of a century there will be no field for work left; machinery will do everything-and the human family will have attained the acme of sluggish happiness.

A CHRISTIAN FIRST. - If the world had a few more men like Colonel De Saint Remy, of the French Army, society and humanity would be the richer. While believing that his duty of obedience to military authority is of major importance, he equally believes that obedience to God and to the voice of conscience is still a higher duty. When ordered to lead his regiment against the nuns and schools at Lanoven, he refused, and said:-

"I am a Christian and will not share in an act that is contrary to my faith and religious sentiments.' To which a contemporary very truly adds:

spirit of Catholic France."

THE GRIZZLY BEAR AGAIN. along the Aylmer road of late." There must be something wrong up north when bears are driven to within three or four miles of the Capital That this descent of these animals upon the Valley of Ottawa is a fact -and in the past such facts were of periodical occurrence—we have the evidence in another despatch, from the same city, dated August 16th. It tells the following sensational

"The strange disappearance from ome on Thursday last of the sevenvear-old son of Mr. Dupuis, who is the only resident at Les Cave, miles above Mattawa, was the cause of a search party being formed and a search being instituted for the missing child. All were fearful the result, as never in the past history of that portion of the country have so many huge bears been see at this time of the year. A ent search on Tuesday and Wednes day morning revealed nothing, but searching in a pile of brush in the afternoon of Wednesday the search-

in fact, the advent into that part of sands of which are being manufac- the country of the grizzly in such tured in Minneapolis. The account large numbers has become a menace

> CATHOLIC TRAINING. - At the Harvard Teachers' Association the annual meeting of which was held this summer in Boston, one of the speakers, Mr. Munroe, of that city, referred to the essential elements in the training for citizenship. In the course of his remarks he said:-

"Moral education must be given more attention in the public schools. The primary purpose of Christian education used to be morality, and it still is with the Roman Catholic Church. Whatever criticism may be made of its methods, its teaching is supremely moral, and as the moral is the supreme aim in life, that element should be made more of in our systems."

It is pleasant to have such testimony from such a source. To Catholics there is nothing new in what Mr. Munroe's has advanced, for we all know that the Catholic Church alone has been ever uncompromising upon the question of moral training. Still it augurs well to find that leading and learned Protestants are beginning to openly admit the Church's claims to unchanging principles in matters of education. Not only has that olden Church aimed at securing for mankind such a moral education as would prepare man for the fruition of his virtues, in the life to come, but she has, invariably and in all lands, and under all systems of government, befriended the State in securing high and noble citizens and establishing loftiest ideals of good and true citizenship. The days is rapidly approaching when the power and grandeur, the Truth and pure Christianity of the Catholic Church will be universally recognized.

LARGE FORTUNES .- If the caeers of men who, in a comparatively brief period, have made large for tunes in American industrial circles during the present generation, show what energy, diligence, competence and perseverance, and probity, backed up by opportunity and patronage, can do, they have also another lesson. This lesson is that in the fevereish pursuit of great wealth the nervous forces of the body are too often overstrained, to the innermost danger of life. A man who deliberately sacrifices his life on the altar of mammon deserves not the esteem of his fellowmen. He sets a pernicious example. How different it would be if he spent his life in the of good, Christian performance works! How his name would be held in benediction for generation yet to be born, and his example would be held up by good men to their fellows as one to be admired and followed. Gigantic fortunes, in A despatch from Ottawa, on last wednesday, says:—"Bears have been mental and physical enfeeblement which is by the amassing of cause

A Tribute to Canada,

The Archbishop of St. Paul, says the Boston "Pilot," "need not travel more than half a day's journey from his home to find a country where it would not be impossible for a Catholic to be the head of the Government; where a Catholic is actually at the head of the Governjustices, military and civil dignitaries of all kinds, in Archbishop Ireland's country they are uncommon and almost impossible: where justice in the matter of religion in education is a thing mirers of Canada, but we do love justice; and the Catholics of the justice; and the Catholics United States have much to learn from their brethren across the bor-der, who did not attain the justice the opening of the school. And what with confidence for their recompense.

We have said concerning the commencement of the term is equally applicable throughout the entire year; we read of a cash register to be carbase where norror-stricken at the sight of an arm and leg, which were under, who did not attain the justice doubtedly segments of a child's body, that of the little one they were hunting for. Blueberry picking perchance some Orangeman might was actively concerned in the movement which resulted in the annexation.

Mr.T.Butler's Promotion

The lineaments of the above portrait are familiar to a large num-ber of our readers in Montreal, as those of a worthy, upright, and deservedly esteemed citizen, a practical, devout and exemplary Catholic a true-hearted and patriotic Irish-Canadian, and enthusiastic champion of athletic pastimes. They will recognize the portrait as that of Mr. Tobias Butler, whose recent transfer, by the Customs authorities at Gttawa, from the Customs De partment in the Grand Trunk freight sheds to the post of landing waiter at the Bonaventure Depot, gave great satisfaction throughout the whole city. Few of the other officers in the Customs Department are so widely popular as is Mr. Tobias Butler. He is about to complete his twentieth year in the service,



MR. TOBIAS BUTLER. *********

having entered the department The duties of the office to which he has been promoted are no means new to him, as he has efficiently discharged them on many occasions during the absence of officers through various causes; and he brings to their performance the intellectual ability and official capacity which are essential qualifications for the post.

Mr. Butler, we may say, while

making this announcement, has been

actively associated with Irish and Catholic movements in Montreal during the past quarter of a century. In athletic circles he has a record which is certainly not excelled by that of any other citizen. In the old days of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club his name was a household word with the rising generation of that period as a player on the field. He in fact, one of the foremost exponents of lacrosse at that time that he wore the Shamrock colors. Later on he held various offices in the organization, including those of treasurer and president. To his energy and enthusiasm, and to his executive talent, joined to those of other stalwarts of the time, the present flourishing Shamrock A.A.A., owes its existence. He was one of the first advocates of the union, grand association, of the different Irish elements in athletic circles and he was connected with the in corporation of the present association. He became one of its most active and successful presidents at a critical moment when thousands of dollars were expended on the equipment of the grounds now occupied by the organization. Throughout the whole period of hts connection with ment to-day; where Catholic Cabinet the Shamrocks, as player, as execuofficers of high rank, governors, chief tive officer, and as administrator, Mr. Butler has had a happy experience which falls to the lot men similarly situated-he has made temperance movement Mr. Butler has evinced the same enthusiastic has evinced course, as it is not in the United interest as he did in athletics, and States. We are no particular adas he has always done in matters connected with his creed and his nationality. In St. Gabriel village, now St. Gabriel Ward, he has al-

tion of the village to the city of Montreal.

When the late Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, visited Montreal, it was Butler's privilege to escort that distinguished Irish Catholic to the Shamrock grounds, and to explain to him a game which is the most interesting as well as the most distinctive feature of Canadian athle-

The "True Witness" heartily congratulates Mr. Butler upon his promotion to a position in which he will, we have no doubt, do honor to himself and reflect credit upon his race and his creed.

A New Church in Hall

On Sunday last His Grace Archbishop Duhamel blessed and opened the new Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Hull. He was assisted by the Very Rev. Canon Bouillon, the Rev. Father Rouleau, O.P., and the Rev. Father Alexis, of the Capuchin Order. A large number of priests were present in the samctuary, amongst them being Rev. Father Emery, O.M.I., rector of Ottawa University; Rev. Father Richard, superior of the Fathers of Mary; Fathers Forget and Mangin, Hull: Rev. Fathers Beausoleil, St. Anne's Church; Canon Beauchamp, Gatineau Point.

The Rev. Father Allard, who for many years was parish priest of Montebello, is the pastor of the new Church, his assistant being the Rev. Father Belanger, formerly of Buck-

The Pope's Letter To Roosevelt.

On Saturday last Bishop O'Gornan presented to President Roose velt, at Oyster Bay, the autograph letter and the gift from His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., of which he was the bearer. The letter is as follows:

"Mr. President: I am much pleased with the congratulations which you addressed to me in your letter of May 9. And since, in addition to the good wishes also expressed by the Governor of the Philippines, you have added a present of your own works, I am doubly grateful.

"You, Mr. President, will surely remember the many expressions of good will which I have uttered concerning the United States. "Nothing could be to me more

agreeable than to assure you of my continued good wishes, especially at the moment when the negotiations of Gov. Taft, having ended in a satisfactory result for both sides, have come to strengthen the excellent understanding between the Church and ehe United States authorities. "As a token of my satisfaction I

have charged Mgr. O'Gorman bring to you a mosaic picture from the workshop of the Vatican, representing our gardens. lay I ask you to keep it as a

soutenir and as an expression of my friendly regard? "LEO XIII."

NUNS AS PRINTERS.

The British "Printer" says that the general belief that women were for the first time employed in typographical work in 1631 by Kignoux, a printer in Montbard, is declared

to be erroneous, a printing press worked exclusively by women having been in regular use in Italy a century and a half before that date The printing office was the convent

of St. James at Mt. Ripoli, and the women printers were Sisters of the Dominican Order. The Sisters of this convent had practiced the art of copying and illuminating manuscripts since the thirteenth century When Gutenberg's invention made

its appearance the press spread rapidly in Italy, and every town so postessed its printing office. ence had one as early as 1475.

The Sisters appear to have devot-ed themselves to their typographical tts in these organizations. In the civic affairs of the same district he has ever taken a warm interest. He was actively concerned in the movement which resulted in the annexa-