

Regina Notes.

Sunday, June 19, Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., spent Sunday at Neudorf. Rev. Father Kim, O.M.I., was in the city. Rev. Father Kasper, O.M.I., conducted the services of the day. The altar was very tastefully arranged. Madame Forget sent two beautiful bouquets of cut flowers from Government house. The thoughtfulness and piety of Madame Forget are surely an example. She—the first lady in the land—amidst the multiplicity of her engagements never forgets her religious duties and may be seen every Sunday morning, all pomp and ceremony set aside, one of the most devout worshippers in St. Mary's Church. During the month of May Madame Forget sent six beautiful potted plants for the Blessed Virgin's Altar and a number of beautiful bouquets. In every good work connected with the Church a generous response always comes from Government house.

During this month daily devotions are held in the Church in honor of the Sacred Heart and are well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith returned from their honeymoon trip and are now residing on Scarth Street.

On June 15, Miss Eleanor Caffarata, daughter of Mr. Jos. Caffarata was married to Mr. Harold Moubert by Rev. M. J. Kasper, O.M.I., at Beacon Hill Farm, Belle Plains. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated at half past nine at which the happy couple, the family and many of the friends present received Holy Communion. Miss Lowe acted as bridesmaid while Mr. Willie Caffarata was best man. The bride was handsomely gowned in cream silk and carried a shower bouquet of roses. A recherche dinner at which Rev. Father Kasper honored the newly wedded pair by his presence was served after the ceremony and a most pleasant afternoon was spent in out door sports. The weather was delightful, and after partaking of refreshments in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Moubert drove to their new home a few miles distant followed by the very best wishes of all present. The presents were many and came from friends in Moose Jaw, Winnipeg and other places. Among the guests known to Reginians were noticed Mrs. Jeffries of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Service of Moose Jaw, and Mrs. Fleming also of Moose Jaw. The bride resided for a few years of her girlhood in Regina, where many friends wish her and the husband of her choice happiness and prosperity through life.

On Sunday, June 26, Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., passed the day in the city. It was a never-to-be-forgotten day for twenty-nine of the children of this parish, for on that day they received their first Holy Communion. As previously announced the first Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock and the last at ten thirty. Rev. Father Kim, O.M.I., was the celebrant. The little girls were all most tastefully attired in white, wearing wreaths and veils, while the boys looked neatness itself in black suits with white ribbon bows. The ceremony was most edifying. How very orderly every detail was carried out. The children showed most careful training and seemed to have profited by the teaching of their zealous Pastor Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., and their kind teacher, Mr. Krammer. At four o'clock in the afternoon the children renewed their Baptismal vows and received the sacrament of Mount Carmel. Here, again, too much praise cannot be bestowed on them for the pious manner they profited by instruction given them. Rev. Father Suffa, O.M.I., after the service gave each child a beautiful souvenir of the happy day.

Rev. Father Kasper, O.M.I., spent Sunday south of Grenfell, returning Monday evening.

Masters John Trudel and Patrick Keenan have arrived home from St. Boniface to spend the holidays with their parents. Judging from their appearance St. Boniface must be an ideal institution.

The Misses McCusker entertained their young friends at their beautiful suburban residence on Monday evening in honor of their brother who is at home visiting his family. It was a lovely evening and a great number of young people availed

themselves of the genuine hospitality one ever meets on accepting such an invitation.
GENA MACFARLANE.

A NEW RECRUIT FOR CONSTRUCTIVE MORMONISM.

A lively sensation has been stirred up in New York by the published reply of Dr. Lyman Abbot to the anonymous letter of an unhappy wife. Dr. Abbot was the immediate successor to Beecher in the Plymouth Church and has been the editor of the Outlook for many years. He is an old man, whose large experience of life in all its aspects as an eminent clergyman should make him a sound adviser in the matter of morals. It is not a strange thing that an unhappy wife should carry her sorrows to him, as women have carried their griefs to their beloved shepherds from the beginning of the history of religion. The strange thing is that Dr. Abbot should print the letter of his correspondent even anonymously and reply to her through the columns of his paper, like the real or imaginary persons who give advice to oversick subscribers of secular newspapers.

The consolation and advice administered by Dr. Abbot seem still more inconsistent with his character and profession than the introduction of this sensational feature into religious journalism. His fair correspondent wrote to him that she was crazy with grief because her husband was in love with another woman. The husband justified himself on the ground that it is quite possible for a man to love two women at once, and that, on the whole, he still loved his wife the most. She asked Dr. Abbot if he considered such a situation possible and could give her any comfort in her sorrow.

The answer, published in the Outlook, accepts the view of the husband, points out that no man can find exclusive interest and attraction in the society of one woman, declares that all a wife has to ask is that she shall be first, like the reigning consort in Oriental seraglios, and advises this particular wife to dry her tears, banish her sorrows and make the best of the situation. The full letter contains many passages that recall the traditional gush and sentimentality of the Brooklyn type of religion revealed to a cold and sneering world in the famous Tilton trial; but we have given the spirit of it.

This is amazing comfort and advice for a Christian pastor to give to a wife whose husband practically asks her to share him with another woman. The highest social service rendered to humanity by the religion Dr. Abbott professes was its restoration to the early Roman institution of single marriage and its gradual diffusion over the whole civilized world. No modern decay of the Christian ideal has been more hurtful to society than the invasion of monogamous marriage in all sorts of ways from the easy divorce of Newport to the plural marriage of Salt Lake City.

Of course Dr. Abbott is talking senile nonsense when he says it is possible for a man to love two women at once, or that it is decent for a woman to endure with patience a triple relation based on such a monstrous theory; but it is not necessary to go into that delicate matter. The public is interested in this whole question of the sacredness and permanence of one marriage from the social point of view. Monogamy makes for social health and the vigor of the race. Polygamy in any form breeds social demoralization and national decay.

What Dr. Abbott does not seem to perceive is that the situation he condones contains all the seeds of harem life; if a man may love two women at once, why not twenty, and if the society of all of them is necessary to him why should he not form one household with them,

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in which they might be arranged in the different grades recognized by the domestic history of Mohammedan countries? On the whole, it seems to us that Dr. Abbot has mistaken his vocation as a pastor of a Christian church even so liberal as Plymouth and the editor of a periodical of religious teaching. If he were not more at home among the apostles who preach a similar doctrine in Utah, his newer teaching would be more acceptable to their flocks than we think it will be to his own.—Minneapolis Tribune.

BRANDON TO HAVE AN ORPHANAGE

One of the most important real estate deals of the year was closed today at noon. The property involved is block 1, the south-east corner of Victoria Avenue and First street. This entire block was bought to-day from Mrs. A. Kelly, by Rev. Father Girard, C.S.S.R., for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, who at present have charge of St. Michael's Convent. A good price was paid.

The order of Sisters of our Lady of the Missions, the Mother General of which is at present visiting the Brandon house, has secured the property to establish another public institution for Brandon, a big Orphanage, the erection of which will begin next year.

In the Old Country the Sisters have large orphanages at many places. Here in Brandon, the second city in the west they appreciate the need of such an institution. The city has a hospital and an asylum, but no place in which to care for the children, and in this particular the needs of the west will be supplied by the new institution which will be undenominational and a strictly public institution.

The Sisters have property on Lorne Ave., on which they contemplated building, but in establishing an orphanage they felt that an entire block, such as is occupied by the school, the college, the hospital and other public buildings, would be necessary for buildings and playgrounds for boys and girls.

The Sisters will commence building early next year.

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