

Some controversy having arisen as to Cardinal Merry del Val's age and name, it may be as well to note that "La Croix" of Paris, is authority for the statement that he was born in London, on the 10th of October, 1865. He is therefore, just a little over 38 years of age. Moreover, he himself, signs his name with a small 'd' in the 'del' which of course, means "of the," (Merry of the Vale). Finally the "Merry" is essential. To call him "Cardinal del Val" would be as incorrect as to style President Roosevelt "Velt."

Rev. Father Allard, O.M.I., visited his brethren at St. Mary's this week.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface left on Tuesday for Notre Dame de Lourdes, where he officiates at ordination services on Thursday and also on Sunday next.

Rev. Joseph Mangin, O.M.I., a Frenchman, who was ordained October 14, 1853, celebrated his golden jubilee on the 18th of last month at Lowell, Mass., where he has been stationed for the past six years. He was received into the Order by its founder, Mgr. de Mazenod.

The Right Rev. John Brondel, Bishop of Helena, who died lately, was one of the pioneer missionaries of Montana.

The late Bishop Jolivet, O.M.I., at whose funeral Bishop Gaughren, O.M.I., of Orange River Colony, preached, labored for seventeen years in Liverpool. As Vicar Apostolic of Natal he did wonders by his zeal and energy.

It is officially announced that a General Chapter of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate will begin on the 14th of August, 1904, in the scholasticate of Liege, Belgium.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, arrived at Archbishop Langevin's house on Thursday evening by the delayed express from the West, and will remain here until His Grace of St. Boniface returns from Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Very Rev. Father Zoldak left on Thursday morning for Gonor.

Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., went by Thursday's delayed express to Rat Portage, where he will take the place of Rev. Father Emard, O.M.I., who started on Tuesday for Montreal, where his mother is dying.

Rev. Father Heland, O.M.I., goes to Morden on Saturday, the 21st, for next Sunday's services. Rev. Father Albert Kulawy, O.M.I., is at Sifton.

**Regina Notes.**

On Thursday morning Rev. Fathers Sullia and Kasper, O.M.I., accompanied by Rev. Brother Schumacher, O.M.I., arrived in Regina. On Saturday morning Rev. Father Kim, O.M.I., joined them. On Sunday morning Rev. Father Sullia celebrated High Mass, he preached a very good soul-stirring sermon, from the text "Hail Mary full of Grace." He enlarged on the depth of the true Mother's love, and how much deeper the love of the Mother of God. He clearly proved how truly in accordance with the law of God was the devotion we pay His Holy Mother, and then earnestly besought his hearers to invoke her aid. Most appropriate indeed for an Oblate Father, a devout worshipper of Mary Immaculate to preach his first sermon in the city from such a text, and in such a touching manner to place his and his assistants' future labors under the care and guidance of the Queen of Heaven.

On Thursday evening Rev. Father Kostorz left for St. Boniface. We are pleased to note by the Review that he intends making Regina his headquarters.

We have had a week of bitterly cold weather; there has been quite a fall of snow, and it is indeed very winter-like.

Rev. Father Van Heertam spent Sunday in Moose Jaw.

GENA MACFARLANE.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

Mrs. Bennett wishes to heartily thank her many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the long illness and at the death and burial of her little son. For the floral, and above all for the many spiritual offerings she received, she is especially grateful.

**Edmonton Notes.**

Edmonton, Alberta, N.W.T. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 3rd, 4th, and 5th, a bazaar was held in aid of the St. Joachim's Church building fund, which was an unqualified success, from every point of view.

The following is the list of officers:

Honorary President—Rev. Father Jan, O.M.I.  
President—Mrs. John Kelly.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Berube.  
Secretary—Mrs. Beck.

Board of Management.  
Mesdames: Prince, Lachambre, Gallagher, Leclerc, McNamara; Misses Pagerie and Duplessis.

The various departments were managed by the following ladies:  
Fancy Work Table—Mrs. Beck, assisted by Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Prince.  
Lottery Table—Mrs. Berube, and Mrs. Gallagher.

Fish Pond—Misses Mary Gallagher, and Annetta Lachambre.  
Candy Table—Mrs. Lachambre.  
Toy Table—Mrs. Ketchen.

Ice Cream—Mrs. Leclerc.  
Plain Sewing—Mrs. Reid, and Mrs. McNamara.

Dining Room—Mrs. Boivin, Mrs. Bilodeau, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Johnstone, and the Misses McAlister, Sarah McAlister, Mary McAlister, Pigeon, Huot, Bayheu, and Maud Bayheu.

Although the display of fancy work was very large and handsome, every article was disposed of, and the same remark holds good for the other departments, as absolutely nothing was left at the close of the Bazaar.

The three contests aroused much interest and became very exciting at the last moment. One between Mr. Percy Blois and Mr. Auguste Lessard for a gold watch chain was won by Mr. Blois.

Another for a ring between two little girls, Miss Katie Koch and Miss Mary Fitzgerald, was won by the latter.

Perhaps the most interest and amusement centred in the Old Timers contest for a pipe, presented by the Rev. Father Leduc, himself an old timer of 37 years standing in the North-West. This contest was won by Mr. John Kelly.

Every evening the hall in which the Bazaar was held was crowded, and as a musical programme was rendered, the people were entertained and amused.

This department was under the direction of Messrs. C. Hall, J. G. Fairbanks, and E. J. Hart.

On Tuesday evening the Harmonies St. Jean Baptiste, gave an excellent band concert.

The programme on Wednesday evening consisted of songs by Miss Marie Dubuc, (Winnipeg), Mr. Hall and Master Fairbanks.

Violin and Piano Duettes by Messrs Hart and Tinney, and Piano Solos by Miss Mary Gallagher and Mr. L. Dubuc.

On Thursday evening songs were rendered by Madame Wilfrid Garipey and Mr. Howard Stutchbury, accompanied by Mr. Vernon Barford, also by Mr. Provost, accompanied by Mr. A. Prince.

Two comic songs by Mr. W. Clark, created a good deal of amusement, also a humorous recitation by Mr. Fred Lamoureux, Miss Garipey, Messrs. Dubuc, Tinney, and Hart, gave instrumental selections, and the programme closed with a couple of French choruses.

A number of valuable articles were railed during the three days of the Bazaar, which was the most successful ever held in Edmonton, the sum of \$1,268.65 being realized, after all expenses were paid.

Towne—He seems to think he's quite an orator.

Brown—Huh! Why, whenever he attempts to make a speech he really makes a mopkey of himself.

Towne—Sort of harangue-outang, eh?—Philadelphia Press.

**Home Column.**

**THOSE WE LOVE THE BEST.**

They say the earth is round and yet I often think it square.  
So many little hurts we get  
From the corners here and there.  
But one sad truth in life I've found  
While journeying to the West:  
The only folks who really wound  
Are those we love the best.

The choicest garb and sweetest grace  
Are oft to strangers shown;  
The careless mien, the frowning face,  
Are given to our own.  
We flatter those we scarcely know,  
We please the fleeing guest  
And deal full many a thoughtless blow  
To those who love us best.

Love does not grow on every tree  
Nor true hearts yearly bloom.  
Alas, for those who only see  
This truth across the tomb.  
But soon or late the fact grows plain  
To all through sorrow's test—  
The only ones who give us pain  
Are those we love the best.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

**THOUGHTS.**

Teach children to love everything that is beautiful and you will teach them to be useful and good.

We can gain most good ends better by peace than by strife.

The praise of the world without the fear of God has no foundation. The religion of Christ is not a law, but a spirit—not a creed, but a life.

Liberality consists less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.

It may be that dark days are given to show how well God can sustain us in the hour of death.

"I will give you rest." Every promise begins to be fulfilled the moment you give it a patient hearing.

Know that thou art in the battle field where God and the Angels and the Saints are watching thee with intense interest.

Let me be brave in God's foes, and use the help and cheer He gives by the way. I shall not think the way long or the fight hard when I look back from heaven.

**SOME GOOD THINGS TO LEARN.**

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn how to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business. Very important point.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have a heart ache, headache, or rheumatism.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many browns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

Home life is the centre of all life. We shall have strong states if we have happy homes. We shall have peace among the nations if we have peaceable homes. U. S. Senator Hoar once said wisely that the real purpose and end of every struggle for liberty and constitutional government were to be found in the necessity of establishing happy homes. King Alfred, Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, all have their value, so far as they secure for us happy homes. We shall have good men and good women if we have glad and cheerful homes, and only so.—Edward Everett Hale.

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"Grow!" replied the youngster.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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"No 'Merican nutties, got Italian ches-nutta," answered the man in almost unintelligible English.

"But I want the regular old American chestnuts, not the foreign variety," said Judge Van Wyck.

At this a broad smile spread over the face of the foreigner, in delightful anticipation of the witticism he was about to perpetrate.

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