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## CURRENT COMMENT

The Catholic World for March 18 a strong number. It opens with a learned and able refutation, by the Rer. James Fox.
D. D., of Dr. Mivart's absurd theory on the continaity of the Charch. Then follows an illustrated historical article on the Brothers of the Christian Schools with special reference to Manhattan College and La Salle Institute. "A Son of Italy" is a cleverly written short story Which serves as a setting for
some fine pictures of Italian character at the time when Rome was usurped by Victor Emmanuel. Lida Rose McCabe contributes a very landatory
sketch of the late Aucustin sketch of the late Augustin Daly, in which his great Douay Bible, expanded by rare prints, water-colors and mezzotints to 42 folio volumes, at a cost of \$18,000, plays a prominent part It is sad to learn that this anique Biblical treasure is in danger of falling into the ruthless hands of booksellers who
intend to tear it gpart in order intend to tear it apart in order
to sell the valuable prints separately.
"The New Humanism," by Father McSorlev, C.S.P., in the March "Catholic World" is a beautifully written criticism of Edward Howard Griggs' recent book on this subject. On the whole Father McSorley succeeds in refuting the theory of the Apostles of Caliure, but in the first part of his essay he grants cannot share his enthusiasin in the discovery that "matter existed back in the untold ages before man was created;" mere mere distance, mere length of time, seen to be very insignificant compared to the value of one angelic or huranan spirit. And it is well to remiud even the New Humanists that,though
our earth may seem to them but an insigaificant atom in an obscure corner of the universe,
yet, because of the presence therein of the human soul, and especially because of Christ's sojourn here and the great pro-
bability that no similar blessing has been accorded to any other planet or star, this earth of ours is as immeasurably superior to all the rest of the universe a
the heart of a Catholic saint i
greater than the huge body of whale.
The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad is the first railway company to exercise its undoubted right to cen sorship of the publications sold on its trains. Our Canadian
railways might with advantage follow suit All novels and magazines of doubtful murality should be excluded. The sor of moral slush that is sometimes thrown by the train newsboy on a young girl's lap is positivels disgusting.

One good result of the South African war will be the increas ed respect each side will have for the other. Before the recent Boers thought they had no reason to change the opinion they formed of the British at the
time of Majuba Hill. While five armies were checkmated by ununiformed sharpshooters, the English learned to appreciate the fighting qualities of the
Dutch farmers. A corresponDutch farmers. A correspon
dent of the London leader writes thus of the desperate attemp made to bring about the fall of Ladysmith on Jan. 6th: "How doggedly they fought surprised those who claim to know the
Boer the best. I may mention here that every Uitlander esti mate of the Boers as men and as combatants which I heard on board ship and since I have been out here has been falsified by
what I have myself seen in this country."

The Holy Father who always strikes the keynote of every
situation, sent a St. Patrick's Day message to Irish Catholic in America wishing them every lexsing and especially that of ciril and domestic tranquillity and concord. Union among
Irishmen is always the great desideratum. There is so much ndividual self-assertion in the Hibernian Celt that he is always ady to quarrel with anyon that seems to orershadow him
in any way. There is much talk of the individualism of the Protestant nations, of the way Protestantism exalts the ind vidual, while Catholicism merg
es him into a system, This i not true; in fact it is the exact
contrary of the truth. There more individuality of worship and conscience among Catholic hian among Protestants. The ormer are accustomed to follow the promptings of the inward monitor, a habit derived from he practice of sacramental con ession; the latter follow the public opinion of their environment. But, granting that Cath olicism makes men submit to a definite system of doctrine and ractice, the union of the majory of Irishmen in allegiance to the Catholic faith is a wonderful
prool of the cohesive action of that faith. Of their nature the Irish are like touchy atoms repelling each other in their gyrations through space; but, a asserts its sway, they beccme a mass of cohesive units which no The Catholic Club have every reason to be proud of their enter The chairman, Matrick's Eve organized everything with his
usual skill and tact. The
audience was a most select and appreciative one. Though there was no noisy element, there was
tery enthusiastic applause. The presence of His Grace the. Arch bishop and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor euhanced the importance of the gathering. The choice, by the Club, of Father Drummond's subject was an extremely timely one, as was made evident when the lecturer read a telegram, printed in the Winnipeg Tribune only a lew hours before the lecture announcing from the British metropolis that the whole nation would unite in doing honor, the next day, to the bravery of the Irish soldiers. The Free Pres also witnessed to the opportune ness of the theme by devoting on entire page to a verbatim report of the lecture.
a Memorial to sister MARY XAVIER.

The new annex for isolated patients of St. Boniface Hospital will probably be opened about he first day of April. The new house will be called St. Roch's and is an enlargement of the arge bailding south of the hospital formerly occupied by Mr. Pambrun. One department
will sirse as a memorial to the late Sister Mary Xavier, whose name it will bear, This depart ment contains five private rooms and thirty beds. The many friends of the late dearly loved "Sister Mary" will now have an opportunity of testifying in a substantial way their gratitude to her by furnishing and equipping this department. This will be a more practical proof of their devotion to her memory, and more in keeping with her own wishes than any merely commenorative monument could be.

THE MISSION AT ST. MARY'S.

The Lenten Mission at St . Mary's church opened last Sunday morning by an eloquent nvitation to the means of grace by Rev. Father Distler, of the Redemptorist Order, stationed at St. Louis. Mo. The attendance was very large and great zeal is manifested by the parishioners to enter fully into the vening the crowd was so great hat standing room was with difficulty obtainable. Father Distler preached a powerful sernon on the necessity of sal-
vation. Last evening the same deroted missioner spoke persua vely of Mortification. Rev. Father Verlooy, a brother Redemptorist, arrived from Brandon yesterday, to assist in the labors of the Mission. Rev. F'ather Godts, Superior of the
Brandon Redemptorists, arrived Brandon Redemptorists, arrived
this morning. These three this morning These three
Fathers will take charge of all onfessions during the Mission.

Our zealous Vicar General is vangelizing his parish piecemeal. Last week he preached a retreat to the maiden element and more than 160 young ladies Who had left school made their master duty. This week the
women and widows are having their turn. Nert week the men will be tackled.

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GREEK TRAGEDY

## finished presentation

 phlloctetes at st boniface college.

## Morning Tetegram

The St. Boniface college was comfortably filled last erening with a select audience assem. bled to witness the presentation n the original Greek of the most pathetic of the tragedies of Sophocles. The entertainment had been prepared in honor of the fifth anniversary of His Grace the Archbishop of St Boniface, who presided with the rector of the college. Rev. Father Hudon. S.J., on his right and Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G., on his left. A large number of the
clergy were also present and most of the prominent ladies and gentlemen of St. Boniface.
The performance opened with a fine overture by the Winnipeg
theatre orchostra, which also theatre orchestra, which also
accompanied all the choral portions of the play. Mr. Gon zague Belanger, '00, then read a
well-worded address in French well-woided address in French,
explaining to his Grace how this great drama had been prepared his honor and how much labor the preparation had entail
ed. Mr. Ezzear Beaupré, '01 acted as herald, reading ver ceeptably a French summary the act about to begin. This he repeated before each act, so that
the entire action could easily be followed even by those who did not understand Greek. In general the intonations and
gestures wonld strike gestures wonld strike any obserr-
er as extremely natural Hormisdas Hogue looked and Hormisdas Hogue looked and
spoke the craftv Ulysses to per fection. Mr. Joseph Magnan, as Neoptolemus, son of Achilles, also showed feeling, ease and naturaluess. Mr. Albert Dubuc, as a spying merchant, was very
insistent and fluent course. the star of the evening was Mr. Lajoie as Philoctetes His face was literally racked with pain, his roice drew tears from many and his action was poignantly realistic. Mr. Adjuteur Hogue did well in his short appearance as Hercules is the frequent intervention of chorus of eight handsome lads dressed in white tunics with the same colored silk binding their hair just abore the forelock These boys, led by their corypheus, who wore a pink tunic sing sweetly and occasionally execute marches and counter marches (strophe and anti strophe) either in solemn step or in a pretty minuet. The music vocal and instrumental, is, how
ever, the erer, the paramount charm of It is generally grave, affecting the most pathetic minor chord The playing of the first riolinist was especially remarkable. Not
only the music, but also the actors were greeted often with loud applause. Much curiosity was felt by musical connoisseur present as to who was the autho of this touching music; but th fathers do not seem willing to that the composer all they say i the "Conservatoire de Papis." The execution of this play re flects great credit on Father Bourgeois, S.J. Who originated-
the idea and organized ways and the idea and organized ways and
means, and on Father Vandan daigue, S.J., who directed the hoir and the orchestra.
His Grace replied
His Grace replied briefly bat very eloquently to the address
congratulating the students congratulating the students on their success in presenting so
elaborate, classical and pathetic an entertainment. The audience
and was evidently interested, he said "Thus showed their culture The education," he said, "the students receive here is intended to form the character, Of course
they will not imitate the craft o Ulysses; but they can gather the
value of suffering. Those Greek were far above many contem-
porary so-called thinkers who porary so-called thinkers who do not believe in religion. When a solution seems impossidle, the Divine interrenes, as
Hercules does here. The tue Hercules does here. The stu-
dents have even edified Pharisees could object to such on Pharisees could object to such a
tragedy in Lent." He congratupathetic audience on its sym former demeanor, and the the singing who helped in

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The large audience which gathered to hear the first pres-
entation of "Philoctetes"" entation of "Philoctetes" last
evening at St. Boniface college vening at St. Boniface college the professors encouragement to had spessors and students who paring the tragedy in the orig inal Greek of Sophocles. Th competent manner in which the drama was presented was ver gratifying to those who ha Ventured out through the storm.
At the begmining of each act the argunent short synopsis those who could wot u dable Greek to comprend But eren without the action. good eneneral ide this a very bood general idea could hav were the voices so suggestiv The chorus work was excellent

