

Clerical News.

On September 3rd, at 6.30, in his private chapel, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, conferred the Holy Order of Deaconship on Rev. Omer Robillard, O.M.I., and Rev. J. Casper, O.M.I.

Rev. Father Bastien, parish priest of St. Amelie, left on September 2, on a visit to his relatives in the province of Quebec, and he hopes to bring back some new settlers for his parish.

Rev. Father Lalonde, parish priest of St. Adolphe, left on Wednesday for the east whither he was called by the dangerous illness of his mother.

Rev. Father Lea, who is supplying for Rev. Father Lalonde at Oakwood, N.D., was here on Sept. 2nd, returning the next day. He reports that Father Lalonde, who broke both his legs some months ago, is getting better slowly, but will not be able to resume active work for two or three months.

On Sunday morning last at 8 o'clock His Grace Archbishop Languevin, O.M.I., conferred the holy order of deaconship on Rev. Dom. Ambroise, C.R.I.C., and the holy order of priesthood on Rev. Julius Casper, O.M.I., and Rev. Omer Robillard, O.M.I. The following morning at St. Boniface His Grace conferred minor orders on Rev. Mr. Perisset.

The Very Rev. Father Jodoin, Provincial of the Oblates of eastern Canada, completed the retreat of his own community last Tuesday, and began the same evening to preach the retreat to the Sisters of Mercy.

Rev. Father Jette, S.J., who has spent six years as a missionary among the Tinnah Indians of Alaska, arrived at St. Boniface College last Monday and immediately entered upon his duties as Professor of Mathematics, a position which he held in the same college eleven years ago.

Rev. Father Plourde, O.M.I., who recently finished his theology at Ottawa, has arrived here to work in this diocese.

Rev. Fathers Gendreau and Beaudin, O.M.I., returned to Racine on Wednesday.

Their Lordships Bishops Legal and Pascal, O.M.I., arrived at the Archbishop's palace on Wednesday, Sept. 9, and will remain a few days.

Last Tuesday the Telegram published a letter from the Russian Holy Synod declaring that the supposed Russian Bishop whose picturesque tomfooleries in this city were so complacently described last spring by several local non-Catholic papers, is no Bishop at all, but simply an excommunicated priest, and therefore that the batch of ignoramus whom he attempted to ordain are and remain disgruntled laymen.

Persons and Facts

Classes were resumed at the St. Boniface College on Thursday, September 2nd, with 140 students, more than ever before on the opening day. Seventy of these are boarders.

The Montreal Star gives portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Poirier, Acadians of Tignish, Prince Edward Island, who have been married seventy years, and have 201 living descendants, among whom are nine children of the fifth generation, i.e., great-great-grand children of the aged couple. Mr. Colo Poirier is in his 97th year; when he was 26 he married Marie des Roches, of Misconche, P.E.I., who is now in her 93rd year. As Colo Poirier, born in 1807, was the twelfth child of Prosper Poirier and Rose Levesque, i.e. is only one generation removed from the Acadians, so cruelly deported by the inhuman Lawrence in 1755.

St. Mary's Catholic school in this city re-opened last week with 185 pupils.

The Rev. Henry Gray Graham, parish minister of Avondale in the presbytery of Hamilton, Scotland, has been received into the Catholic Church at St. Benedict's Abbey, Fort Augustus.

Among the 140 students attending St. Boniface College are two from Cranbrook, B.C., Frank Murphy and Francis McConnell.

The Hon. James Eric Drummond has been received into the Church at Downside Abbey, England.

Irish Home Rulers will be pleased to learn that the Marquis of Lansdowne, rack-renting landlord, incompetent Governor of Canada, and still more incompetent head of the War Department, is probably going to step down and out, forced thereto by monster petitions reciting the ghastly findings of the South African war commission.

The convent school of St. Boniface will be re-opened next Monday. The delay is due to the building improvements going on in the convent, which has been enlarged to three times its original size.

The new St. Mary's Academy opened last Tuesday with 84 boarders and 42 day scholars. This is considered very gratifying.

Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., will preach next Sunday evening in St. Mary's church on "Catholic Education."

Street cats for St. Boniface seem to be knocked on the head for this year.

Mr. Thos. J. Bennett, with his eldest son, Cameron, left Regina on Aug. 27, for Alaska, to join Mrs. Bennett's brother and family. Good positions await them there, and we wish them success.

Bishop Curtis, Vicar-General of the diocese of Baltimore, has directed the clergy there to omit after low Masses the prayers ordered to be said by the late Pope Leo XIII. They were for the intentions of the deceased Pontiff. They were not a permanent obligation on the priesthood. Catholic Columbian, Sept. 5.

A SUSPICION OF SNOBBERY.

The Casket.
It is but natural that, as our communities become older, there should develop among Catholics different social sets divided from each other chiefly by the circumstance of wealth and to some extent by the circumstance of culture. But there is an added feature to this social evolution which we can not contemplate as leniently. It is the disposition of some Catholics, who esteem themselves of a social caste higher than most of their coreligionists, to cultivate with an eager desire the society of Protestants, and more especially of Protestants thought to be in the social swim.

And this sort of social ambition is accompanied by a certain spirit of gloominess from the society of Catholics.

Of course the moralists will be inclined to regard the danger of mixed marriages as the chief objection herein. Mixed marriages certainly are apt to result. The ambition to associate culminates in the ambition to marry. Overmuch or exclusive going into a non-Catholic marriage mart results in the selection of non-Catholic wives and husbands. But the objection to the situation which touches the core of character and true gentility is to the very attitude of mind which sends the Catholic into the non-Catholic social circle with a special craving therefor and an avoidance of his own people. When you hear a Catholic allege that "all his social friends are Protestants," or that there are no nice Catholic young men whom one cares to know, or vice versa, your instinct warns you that you are close to the atmosphere of snobbery. It is the same pushing vulgar temperament that is born and bred among all creeds in every nation, in every age. Wealth or fine clothes do not disguise the snob nor cover up the mean spirit, the imitative nature, the instability of moral principle, and intellectual conviction, which go with that kind of social straggle wherever he exists.

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The man who is true to his friends, true to his convictions, true to his class, treacherous to nothing for which his faith stands and contending in no manner his race or his family, is always respected. But the snob, never.

THINGS NICE GIRLS NEVER DO.

Do not turn their heads to look after impertinent men.

Do not write silly letters to young men, or permit them to write such letters.

Do not get into the habit of speaking familiarly to all the men they know.

Do not direct their conversation to one person when several visitors are present.

Do not imagine that every man who is pleasant to them has fallen in love with them.

The nice girl does not talk and laugh loudly when travelling, or in any public place where she may attract attention.—Home Journal and News.

MERRY SAINTS.

The churches to-day need more merry saints—men and women who realize that laughter is God-given, and that cheerfulness of disposition is a daily blessing, for too many people hug the fallacy that tears are somehow more sacred than smiles.

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