

ant. Protestants sometimes affect to say that they are members of the Catholic or universal Church, but not of the Roman Church; and by Catholic Church they understand the congeries of all the Christian sects. We have shown that this pretension is false; unity is one of the essential characteristics of the true Church; now this unity necessarily implies the possession of one and the same faith, the sharing in the same sacraments, submission to one universal pastor. This is really found among the various churches or particular societies that constitute the Roman Catholic Church (L'Eglise Catholique romaine)." Father S. J. Hunter, S. J., "Outlines of Dogmatic Theology" (1895), vol. 1, p. 388, puts the matter very well: "We acknowledge that the terms "Roman Church" or "Roman Catholic Church" may be misunderstood if their origin is not borne in mind. In truth the Church of Christ is one and unique; it is therefore sufficiently denoted by the one word, the Church, with no epithet added, just as we speak of the sun, for there is one sun only in the heavens: but men are found to claim the name of Church for other communities, and therefore, to prevent misunderstanding, it became usual to adopt epithets which serve to distinguish the true Church from her rivals, and the word Catholic, originally employed by way of protest against the Donatists, was found to be suitable for the purpose. It might still serve, were it not that it has been perverted from its original sense, which however it still retains in the mouth of all who have not a cause to serve, just as was the case in the days of St. Augustine; so, for the last three hundred years, the epithet Roman has often been employed, and still serves its purpose, for the members of the one true Church alone are in communion with Rome. It is in this communion with the common centre that various local churches find their unity in its perfection. The phrase "The Roman Church" is therefore unobjectionable, if it be understood as merely marking a character of the one true Church; but if it be taken to mean that one true church is to be distinguished from another, it is to be rejected as involving a grievous error."

In reply to our correspondent's question about the Vatican Council, though a cursory glance at the Dogmatic Constitutions thereof does not bring to light the precise form of words "Roman Catholic," i. e. these two words and none other, yet we find the very first chapter beginning thus: "The Holy Catholic Apostolic Roman Church believes and confesses that there is one true and living God." etc. The Council of Trent uses at least four times, the

words, "the Roman Church" (De Bapt., can. 3; de Extr. Unct., cap. 3; de Sacr. Missae, cap. 8; de Indulg.).

ST. PIE-LETELLIER.

Your correspondent desires to thank you much for answer to query.

The provincial elections passed off in an orderly manner. Many Catholic Liberals voted Conservative, desiring to show their disapproval of the Greenway school tactics. Mr. Greenway, through his organ the Free Press, did himself a great deal of harm, by his repeated boasting about National Schools. Apparently several gentlemen believed the French Canadians to be so ignorant of English that it did not matter what they said about religion, as long as they put the portraits of Mr. Greenway and Sir Wilfred Laurier together to show their feelings!!!

A certain gentleman who expected many French Canadian votes, ridiculed the same nationality at a meeting at Morris, saying that round Lake Manitoba the French Canadians signed their names by crosses. As I have some knowledge of that part of the world, I beg to say that most of the French speaking people there are half-breeds, although it is perhaps true that there are some French Canadians there who cannot write.

Mrs. J. Proulx has had the great pleasure of a visit from her sister, Sister St. George, a Grey Nun, who has been for some years on a reserve near Macleod, and who is now returning to Montreal to rest. Mrs. Proulx and her daughter, Miss Melina, left with Sister St. George to pass the winter months in Lower Canada.

It seems likely that the desires of the ladies of Letellier will be gratified with a convent.

The mayor, Mr. W. Frazer, was re-elected by acclamation, the councillors for ward 2, Mr. James Boiteaux and Mr. G. Beupré were also returned without opposition.

There was a large congregation at Vespers on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The children of Mary in costume renewed their vows.

DAWSON'S FIRST SCHOOL.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FIRST.

Klondike Nugget, Nov. 8, 1899.

The Catholic Church has the distinction of opening the first public school in the Yukon territory. The building is a commodious one-story structure, 30x40 feet, and is situated at the corner of first avenue and Ninth street. It is furnished with desks, seats and blackboards; it can accommodate comfortably 40 pupils. Father Gendreau, superior of the Dawson mission, is the individual to whom may be attributed the establishment of this public institution. It will be conducted under his supervision. Sister Mary Joseph is the teacher. She has been selected by reason of her experience and ability in this line of work. The school was opened on Monday morning with 18 pupils in attendance, whose ages range from 6 to that of 14 years. There are 10 boys and 8 girls. The following are the names of the little girl scholars: McEwan, Clark, Farlane, Burton, Wright, Heck and the Day sisters. The boys are: McEwan, Day, Clark, Burton, Buckley, Moore, Farlane, St. Armand and the Ross brothers. The children are not all of the Catholic faith.

The projected Catholic Club will probably be in full working order in a few weeks. To give it a send-off an assembly and supper will be held tomorrow evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

A FIERY FIRMAMENT.

BY AN ENGLISH BANKER.

(Written for the REVIEW.)

During the winter of the year 1883 many parts of this earth were favored with a spectacle, altogether more gorgeous and startling in its magnificence than anything of its kind which had been seen by human eye for probably many centuries, or possibly even, that has been presented since the earlier ages of geologic time.

In August of that year by far the most awful earthquake of which history has any record, which appeared to have shaken the very globe to its foundations, occurred on the island of Krakatoa. For three months previously, all residing within a hundred and fifty miles of that fated locality had been alarmed by the most appalling explosions, which by night and by day had rent the air, and the thunder of which had been heard as much as three thousand miles away. Some of these detonations were so violent, that at Batavia, a hundred miles distant, furious hurricanes ensued, the impulse having been so prodigious that the entire atmosphere surrounding the globe was disturbed. From Greenwich to Bombay, from Toronto to St. Petersburg, the instruments in the observatories recorded the series of awful outbursts, which with maddening, detonating roar, were destroying that fair garden of the east.

And then, culminating at the end of August, came the final crash. The island rent in twain, swallowed up in the ocean, again to be thrown up again severed and torn asunder, the mighty wave which resulted travelling far and wide, destroying towns and villages in countries far remote, and immolating nearly forty thousand victims. So colossal was this rolling surge that it is stated that a man-of-war lying off Java was carried inland and stranded in a field some distance from the sea.

But although this appalling catastrophe had devastated and laid waste some amongst the most attractive spots on earth, yet on the other hand it caused a brilliant display of aerial beauty, such as has perhaps never before been witnessed by mortal man. For the vast clouds of fine impalpable dust which were shot up right through our atmosphere, much of it integrating with it, and remaining suspended in its upper reaches, produced that wonderful series of gorgeous sunsets which, especially in those parts where the atmosphere is pure and clear, so delighted the lovers of nature's beauties during the winter of that year.

The writer, at the time, was at Biarritz, on the south west of France, and from that favored spot the spectacle was so superbly magnificent, that language utterly fails adequately to describe the overpowering, awful glory of the scene. Immediately after the orb of day had sunk beneath the horizon, the entire heavens appeared to have caught fire. Golden fire, purple fire, flames of amber, of softly shaded mauve, of blood red carmine; kindled tongues of azure light brightening into the richest of ultramarines; coruscations of emerald, dazzling in their intensity, and gleaming in streaks of flashing lustre midst the many-hued lambent rays; scintillating beams of glittering precious opal; with many another wonderful tint, so surpassingly fair and lovely that no limner's art could produce its like.

And stretched out beneath was the broad Atlantic, reflecting the sumptuous pageant upon

its ripple-covered bosom, every little wavelet scattering a shower of shining gems; the whole expanse a glittering display of emeralds and sapphires, of rubies and diamonds, of amethysts and chrysochryse; while over all seems vaguely to breathe the influence of the sweetly hued sardonyx, dyeing the whole moving expanse with its lovely tint.

But soon all is over, the ocean gems have gone, the flaming heavens have dimmed and flickered, and the shades of night have blotted out a scene surpassingly gorgeous and magnificent, and quite startling in its beauty.

But if the abode of man can be so glorious, how infinitely more glorious must be the abode of the Great Creator of all! The apocalyptic vision recorded in Holy writ reveals to us that those realms of glory absolutely revel in an overpowering effulgence of dazzling, many-hued brilliancy; the colouring of which is probably diverse from, and more beautiful than, anything here below. How mad, how fatuous, then, must those be who would, by neglecting or forgetting Him, be wilfully shut out from it all for ever!

DAWSON HAPPENINGS.

Letters just received from Dawson City inform us that Rev. Father Desmarais, O. M. I., was one of the passengers on the steamer Stratton which was nipped by the floating ice and sank on the 7th of November. It appears that the rivers froze a fortnight earlier than usual and thus the Stratton was caught unawares on its way down. The passengers all escaped on the ice; the fact that not a single life was lost is astonishing, considering how rapidly the steamer sank. Father Desmarais had not even time to save his cassock, his breviary and \$1800 which had been entrusted to him to be spent in purchases for the Catholic Missions in the Yukon District. He had to walk back 150 miles to Dawson City and suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

On the 37th anniversary of his ordination, October 1st Rev. Father Gendreau, O. M. I., parish priest of Dawson City, was presented by his parishioners with a rosary of pure gold. The 59 beads are all small nuggets of two different sizes, the larger being, as usual, destined for the recitation of the "Our Father," the smaller for the "Hail Mary." This chaplet weighs twenty ounces and is worth five hundred dollars. Gold rosary beads are no novelty; Barré Bros. had some for sale in Winnipeg lately, but they were so small that they weighed less than one ounce and could be sold for eighteen dollars. This set, however, is large and weighs one pound and two thirds Troy. There is some talk of sending this princely gift to the Paris exhibition. Father Gendreau values it especially as a proof of the gratitude of his flock.

CONVENT OF ST. NORBERT.

The half-yearly examinations will take place on the 27th, 28th, and 29th inst., as follows:

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The results already attained in similar institutions of the Order give every reason to hope that this arrangement will fill a long felt want.

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