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## Current Comment

In our editorial on "The Relation of St. Boniface College to the University of Manitoba," we quote the "Free Press" and the "Telegram's" reports of Father Drummond's speech on this question before the University Council. In the "Telegram" report there is a curious inversion of the speaker's words. He is reported as saying that "at the formation of the University, the colleges were beyond the stage where the University was a nursing mother to them." What Father Drummond did say is expressed clearly in our own full report which follows the "Telegram's"; but it may be as well to point out here that the question in debate was whether the colleges should continue to teach the whole curriculum or become mere nursing mothers to the University. The absurd idea of making the University a nursing mother to them was never entertained.

To those who will read the full report of Father Drummond's remarks (see p. 4) and who may not understand all the workings of our university the allusion to certain materialistic utterances of one or two members of the new scientific professoriate may cause anxiety and suggest the question whether our Catholic students are obliged to attend the lectures of such men. We are pleased to be able to answer that no students of St. Boniface College are obliged to attend or do attend any of the university lectures. In fact, no student, whether collegiate or non-collegiate, i.e., whether he prepares his examinations in a college, or with a private tutor, or by himself, is obliged to attend any university lectures, unless he goes in for the special scientific course or for medicine. The non-Catholic colleges send their students to the elementary science lectures taught by the new professors, because this arrangement saves the salary of a competent college professor and the expense of a scientific equipment. But as St. Boniface College has always been equipped with all instruments needed in elementary science and pays no salary to its professors, and as, moreover most of the students have to be taught in French, there is no danger of our students ever having to attend the university lectures. This arrangement is better even for the students' own advancement, since the elementary science classes in the university building are so large that there can be no attention to each pupil's progress, whereas the smallness of the higher classes in St. Boniface College ensures the careful tutoring of each pupil by word of mouth and by actual participation in laboratory work.

Father Drummond did not by any means exhaust the statement of disadvantages and advantages of the university connection. In the former category might have been placed the History of Philosophy as a second year subject before the future student of philosophy has acquired any knowledge of that vast field except the rudiments of formal Logic. No one can really understand the history of a science before he has grappled with the fundamental problems of that science. At most the history of each problem should accompany, not precede, the solution of that problem. In non-Catholic courses of philosophy, which are chiefly recitals of conflicting opinions without any serious attempt at a definite and coherent system of philosophy, this difficulty may not be so urgent. As there is nothing to decide, parrot-work will do. Not so in Catholic courses of philosophy, in which the basic principles of Catholic theology are laid down, and in which everything hangs together. These principles must be understood before the aberrations therefrom can be realized. In the category of advantages Father Drummond did not insist, probably through delicacy, on the undoubted benefits the representatives of St. Boniface College have at various times conferred

upon the university. He merely hinted at these benefits when he spoke of the extension of elementary science and the addition of a fourth year to the university course. He might also have dwelt upon the improvement in Latin and French composition brought about by the St. Boniface professors, upon their salutary influence in the choice of text-books; in the debates of the Council, where they have always stood for sound pedagogical principles as opposed to wild-cat schemes; and in the Board of Studies where they have often harmonized conflicting interests and where one of their number, Father Cherrier, owing to his thorough knowledge of the intricacies of university precedents and his judicial integrity, has been re-elected to the chairmanship every year for nearly twenty-five years.

We reproduce in another column the "Free Press" report of Dr. Davine's lecture on some incidents of the Boer war. We here add an extract from the "Telegram" report, which supplements the other. Speaking of the charge that the Boers purposely fired on the ambulances:

"Dr. Davine made the somewhat remarkable statement that the British gunner was not at all adverse to making the ambulance a shield to hide his gun when hard pressed by the enemy. The lecturer contended that the Boers were a much maligned race, and he said they were an honorable foe, quite as honorable as were the British soldiers.

The war had at least one good effect, Dr. Davine continued, in that it united the British empire more firmly by bringing the various colonies into closer contact. And also he stated that if the colonies had not come to the assistance of the mother country, European powers would doubtless have taken a hand in the matter."

Henderson's Winnipeg Directory for 1906 is a distinct improvement upon its predecessors. Though it contains about 25 per cent. more matter than last year's edition, the choice of smaller type has reduced its bulk by 140 pages. A much needed improvement in the street directory is the use of heavy, black type for the names of the streets and of smaller black type for the intersecting streets. We have not, as yet, met with any of those big mistakes we pointed out in previous years, though there is one curiously disinterested bit of carelessness in the article "City of Winnipeg Directory," which ends blindly with the caution "see page—" only that and nothing more, no figures being added. We notice also several repetitions of the same names. As these are not names of "firms, companies and corporations," which, we are told in the preface, are the only ones excluded from the 41,682 names which form the multiplicand to be developed by the multiplier 2,875, this repetition seriously affects the general estimate of 109,196 for the city and 119,837 for city and suburban independent municipalities. The multiplier, though said to be lower than that used in other cities, is, after all, a mere guess. Judging from the much more reliable assessor's estimate in the past three or four years, we still think Henderson's estimate far too high. The population of the city of Winnipeg is probably not more than 95,000.

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## LYCEUM HOCKEY CAPTAIN

Peter D., or "Pete" Egan, who has captured the Lyceum seven through such a successful season up to date—four wins, one defeat and a draw—is an old St. Mary's school boy. He played the game on the old school rink not more than two or three years ago with half a dozen fellows who are now among the best younger league players in the city. Not to mention those since or before that time, there were Harold Conway, "Lew" Kavanagh, and Leo Barry, who with "Pete" starred among the Junior League forwards this season; and of the conspicuous league defence men this year, there were "Jack" Adshead, Frank O'Donnell, Frank Shea and Leo Egan.



PETER D. EGAN  
The Crack Junior Forward

The Lyceum captain is remarkably well qualified for the position. Egan has shown himself during the past season to be one of the best shots, cleverest stickhandlers and speediest skaters that has ever played junior hockey in the West. But he combines with these qualities a maturity of judgment in handling his team that comes to a fellow of his age only through very active participation in out-of-door sports. While yet in his teens, he has played junior hockey with the Kennedy's, was with the same club when they were the Juvenile Champions in the Lacrosse League and captained the Nationals to the baseball championship in the local Junior League.

Egan's unassuming and friendly disposition makes him very popular among Lyceum boys.

## LYCEUM NOTES

The annual meeting and election of officers of St. Mary's Lyceum will be held next Thursday evening, March 8, in the school hall, corner of Hargrave and St. Mary's Ave.

The Lyceum hockey team met a seven representing the Catholic Club at the Auditorium last week, on Wednesday, and defeated their Portage Avenue brothers by a score of 4 to 0. Despite the score, the game was fast and fierce. The teams lined up as follows: Lyceum—Forwards, P. Egan, Cronn, O'Connell, Shannon; cover point; Hooper, point, O'Donnell; goal, L. Egan. Catholic Club—L. Russell, L. Barry, Rooney and Buggee, forwards; coverpoint, Berber; point, Adshead; goal, J. Barry.

The Lyceum orchestra is now rehearsing the tuneful operetta "Trial by Jury," with the old St. Mary's choir.

Candidates for the handball tournament are requested to hand in their names at the next Thursday evening meeting.

The Lyceum will approach Communion in a body at St. Mary's church on Sunday, March 4. The members will assemble at 8.15 in the school.

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## Persons and Facts

On Tuesday last news came by cable from Shanghai of the massacre by Chinese rioters of six Catholic missionaries and an English family of four at Nan Chang, in the province of Kiangsi. As the details are confused and conflicting, we await further developments.

The Winnipeg School Board has given no sign of wishing to meet the representatives of Catholic schools and consequently no meeting is likely to take place for the present at least. Meanwhile no one seems willing to introduce the compulsory education bill, and the school board are up against something they had not bargained for.

The Winnipeg "Tribune" of Monday last reprinted our comments of last Saturday on the compulsory education controversy without a word of comment except a protest, in an editorial on another page, against Messrs. Gordon and Walker who would exert undue influence on the Winnipeg School Board. The "Tribune's" generous quotation of our article happily directs our attention to a mistake made in our own columns by those who set up that article. This sort of mistake is one which no correction of proofs can prevent. It consists in the transposition of two lines, the second line on page 5 being placed first and the first second. The "Tribune" faithfully copied our printer's mistake, and so the passage reads: "When once you have secured compulsory education you can, with the help of your crafty and learned lawyers, cunningly introduce into your legislation hidden pitfalls to entrap the children into purely secular or godless unsuspecting Catholics and force their schools." The hotch-potch we have emphasized becomes sense if read as follows: "unsuspecting Catholics and force their children into purely secular or godless schools." In other words, transpose the first and second lines of page 5.

Rev. Sister Curran, who had spent many years in St. Boniface from 1853 onwards, and who is often mentioned in Dom Benoit's Life of Archbishop Tache, died on the 25th of February at the Grey Nun Mother House in Montreal. A letter she wrote describing the six weeks' journey from Montreal to the Red River 53 years ago was published in the Annals of the Propagation of the Faith. Mary Ann Curran was born at Montreal, June 5, 1831, made her profession in the Grey Nun convent at Ottawa, spent 34 years in Manitoba and returned to Montreal in 1887.

The tasteful scheme of color decoration which has so much improved the sanctuary of St. Mary's church is now being extended to the whole interior of the sacred edifice. It is hoped that this work will be finished in time for the great Mission which the Passionist Fathers Barrett and O'Brien will begin to preach on March 18th next.

In Tuesday's "Tribune" Mr. D. A. Ross, interviewed by a reporter anent our article on compulsory education, denies the statement that the School Board are trying to force Catholic children into the public schools. We did not say they were doing so now. On the contrary we expressly stated that the usual procedure in such cases was to begin by a "skilfully disguised," harmless-looking compulsory act, and then later on to rivet the chains. In answer to our charge that compulsory education is "undoubtedly inspired by the Masonic and Orange lodges," Mr. Ross says there is not one Orangeman on the board, and that the Masonic members thereof are apathetic. That may be the case in Winnipeg, but there is no doubt that "the Masonic platform, the world over, is substantially the same" on this question, and the Orange Lodges follow suit. The plan the Winnipeg School Board are trying to adapt to local exigencies was long ago

concocted in the irreligious Masonic lodges of the European continent. Mr. Ross attempts to evade the difficulty of enforcement in sparsely settled districts by saying that the compulsion would apply only to cities, towns and incorporated villages; but the far greater difficulty of the newly arrived citizens speaking many different languages still remains.

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The departure next Monday of Mr. G. D. Venini to assume the management of the Mason & Risch Piano Co's. agency in Calgary is a great gain to the latter city and a great loss to this, especially to the Catholic young men of Winnipeg, who always found in Mr. Venini a staunch supporter in all that is right and good. The manager of the firm in making the appointment spoke in the highest terms of his work in the past.

Nurses Lawrence, E. O'Rourke and A. Starr, of the St. Boniface Hospital staff, left on Monday for Port Arthur in answer to a wire requesting their services to attend the many cases of sickness that have developed there lately.

Rev. Father Munro, a convert from Presbyterianism, who was formerly stationed at Wolseley, Sask., is now parish priest of St. Patrick's, Minocqua, Wis., in the diocese of Superior, where he has three outlying missions to attend. He writes that he likes the place and the people very much.

## CATHOLIC CLUB NEWS

On Wednesday evening, February 14th, the Catholic Club Hockey Team played their first game against the team of St. Mary's Lyceum. The Lyceum won.

Thursday evening, February 22nd, the Young Conservative Club attended the Catholic Club Rooms in force to play a return game of pedro, and this time the Catholic Club completely turned the tables on their opponents. There were fifteen tables and at the end of the two hours play of the score stood sixty-eight to fifty in favor of the Catholic Club.

The last and decisive game of the series will be played at the Young Conservative Club Room at an early date to be hereafter announced, when it is desired to have a good attendance of the pedro players of the Catholic Club, as on the result of this game will depend the possession of the Irving cup for a year to come and the Catholic Club expects its every pedro player to do his duty.

Mr. Frank Cahill, of Saskatoon, was a welcome visitor to the Club Rooms on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members all afternoon.

The regular weekly meeting of the Executive was held on Tuesday evening February 27th, when most of the evening was taken up in arranging for the concert on St. Patrick's Day. The programme is nearly completed and promises to be quite as good as any rendered in former years.

Mr. S. A. Gillis was elected as a member of the Club.

Tickets for the concert will soon be out and may be had from the Steward of the Club, or from members of the Executive.

Miss White—I've never been able to get a good photograph of my face.  
Miss Black—Allow me to congratulate you.