

Basilians in the North-west, will come from Edmonton to receive the new missionaries. Father Filas, by the way, seems to have successfully escaped the mitre which threatened him in Galicia last year.

Rev. Father Van Gistern, O.M.I., is transferred to the Qu'Appelle Mission. Rev. Father Dorais, O.M.I., takes his place as parish priest of St. Charles, while Rev. Father Ruelle, O.M.I., succeeds Father Dorais as Director of the Indian Industrial School at St. Boniface. Rev. Brother Doyle, O.M.I., is transferred to Touchwood Hills.

Rev. Father Frigon, O.M.I., writes from Yale, B.C., delighted with his trip to British Columbia.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., declined an invitation to speak at the laying of the corner stone of the Carnegie Library in this city.

The Archbishop of Westminster is now in Rome.

Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney, accompanied by his secretary, Dean O'Hara, and by Monsignor Byrne, Vice-Rector of the Irish College in Rome, was received on Tuesday, October 27th, in a farewell audience by the Pope. The Cardinal then tendered to the Pontiff a richly bound copy of his book on the "Lives of the Irish Saints." After the private audience, Cardinal Moran presented to his Holiness a number of visitors to Rome, including Dean Slattery, the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, Mrs. Stonor, of London; Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh, Miss O'Brien, sister of Lord Inchiquin, and other ladies.

Canon Bernard Smith has just died in his 89th year. He was one of those who left the Anglican church during the Tractarian movement, and had been for more than fifty years priest of St. Peter's Catholic church at Marlow, England.

Canon Doyle, parish priest of Ramsgrange, Co. Wexford, who has died at the age of 86 was Chancellor of the Diocese of Ferns. He was a man of strong character, and took an active part in the Nationalist politics of the last fifty years.

Up to the present time there is no confirmation of the rumor that Archbishop Guidi had been recalled from Manila, and we are beginning to seriously doubt the truth of the story. We do not think that Pius X. is quite ready for any such radical and decisive action.—Western Watchman.

The Diocese of Philadelphia has now 106 students for the priesthood. Ninety-two are at Overbrook, 10 are at Rome, two at the Catholic University, Washington; one at Louvain and one at Innsbruck. Seventeen were ordained last year, and 18 new students have been admitted this year.

Only two Cardinals were created at this week's consistory, Cardinal Raphael Merry Del Val, and Cardinal Callegari, Archbishop of Padua. The American Cardinals, so assiduously advertised of late, did not materialize.

Rev. Fathers J. A. Maguan and Thibaudan, O. M. I., exchange places, the former going to Touchwood Hills, the latter to Selkirk.

Rev. Father Woodcenter, of Kaposvar, was here Wednesday on a flying visit.

Rev. Father Kavanagh, of St. Francois Xavier, was at the Archbishop's palace last Monday; so were Monsignor Ritchot and his curate, Rev. Father Belanger.

Rev. Father Planet, O.M.I., will have charge of the Indians near Selkirk while Rev. Father Thibaudan, O.M.I., will be pastor of the parish.

From the 16th to the 25th of this month, Rev. Father Protlx, S.J., will be preaching a retreat to the Little Sisters of the Poor at Harrison and Throop Streets, Chicago.

Rev. Father Peran, O.M.I., of St. Laurent, was here last Tuesday.

Although there were only two newly created Cardinals at Monday's private consistory, three other Cardinals, Ajuti, Taliani, and Katschthaler, created by Leo XIII., in his last consistory, received with the two appointees of Pius X., the red hat on Thursday, at the public consistory.

Marriages

Prefontaine—Lynch.

At 6.15 on Saturday morning, November 7th, at a nuptial Mass celebrated in St. Boniface, by the Very Rev. A. Dugas, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Miss P. Prefontaine, sister of Mr. Joseph Prefontaine, member for the Manitoba electoral division of Assiniboia, was united in the bonds of holy wedlock to Mr. Thomas Lynch. Both Mr. Lynch and his bride are from St. Eustache, where Mr. Lynch has charge of Mr. Prefontaine's farm. The happy couple remained in the city a few days and then returned to St. Eustache.

Tennant—Tucker.

On Thursday October 29th, at Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba, by the Rev. Father Lecoq, O.M.I., Edward Vincent Tennant, Esq., collector of H.M. customs, Coutts, and formerly M.P.P. for Emerson, to Eliza Mary (Bettie) 4th daughter of Mr. W. A. Tucker, and Mrs. Tucker. Mass was announced to begin at 5.30 in order to be in time for the train at Makinak, en route for Winnipeg, the future home of the young couple. Nearly all the assistants had to drive four miles to the church, which at that early hour looked dim and solemn, but presently a blaze of light flashed out from the high altar, and we felt as if it were Christmas, and we at midnight Mass. The happy parents saw, on this occasion their children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, approach the holy table with other friends, it being general communion, and they felt with gratitude how few there are so blessed by Divine Providence, no links missing in the chain that makes up the sacred circle of home, the new comer also being received as a dear son and brother in this united family.

When the lights were put out, the first ray of morning fell faintly on the pitiful figure of the Christ raised high above the altar. Looking back as we drove westwardly to the hospitable house of Mr. T. Fitzmaurice, we saw the glorious sun throw off his crimson robes as he arose "behind the tall church tower."

Miss Cecily Tucker and Mr. Wilfrid Tucker were bridesmaid and best man, and when we were seated at breakfast, we could observe how charming and happy the bride looked, and such a lovely costume!

The company which numbered about 25 included the Rev. Father Lecoq, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Saurette, Mademoiselle Delina Saurette, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmaurice, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Tucker, Messrs. D. and C. McCarthy, Misses Hilda and Francis and Mr. Basil Tucker, etc., not counting four grand children.

The bridal pair were escorted to Makinak, eight miles distant by four other carriages, the weather being delightful. Summer, which had been so tearful, dying at last with a smile on her lips, for the evening of the year is fading away like a beautiful sunset. This is what in our land we call the Indian summer: some years have no Indian summer; neither have some lives, but we wish a very happy one to the bride and bridegroom.

Obituary

WILLIE STUDDART.

Our readers will remember that Thursday of last week little Willie Daniel Studhart was instantly killed by a freight train, which apparently he was trying to creep under when it began to move, and cut off his head. This death was all the more painful to his father because the latter is on a fair way to recovery from a similar accident that crushed his head while he was coupling cars. Willie was a good

boy, who had made his first communion this summer. He was 12 years old. On Saturday, November 7th at 9.30, his class-mates, members of grade six, St. Mary's School, attended his funeral in the church of the Immaculate Conception, which was almost filled with sympathetic children. The school-boys in charge of their teacher, the Rev. Bro. Thomas, went in a body from St. Mary's school to the late residence of their school-chum, 516 Selkirk Avenue. Then they proceeded to the church of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. Father Cherrier sang the Mass and conducted the services. The class has completed collections for several requiem Masses for the repose of the soul of their departed school-mate. One of these masses will be sung on Saturday November 14th, in the Immaculate Conception church. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the afflicted family.

GRANT BENNETT.

Dear little Jas. Grant Bennett, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett, of Regina, breathed his last on Monday, November 9th, at 3 p.m. He was born on February 6th, 1892, and had been a great sufferer all his short life. For him death came as a blessed deliverance, for his malady seemed incurable; but for his devoted mother we bespeak the sympathy of our readers. For twenty-four nights she never went to bed, just snatching a few moments of sleep when she could. The day of her dear boy's death was also the 28th anniversary of her first communion, the day after she was received into the Church. While praying for the poor little sufferer, now at last on his way to eternal rest, let us not forget the afflicted mother, and the father and brother who, being in Alaska, will not soon hear of their loss. The funeral took place last Wednesday morning.

R. I. P.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Winnipeg, Nov. 6. 03
Rev. A. A. Cherrier.

Dear Sir.—I wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of cheque for \$1,000 in payment of beneficiary certificate held by my late husband, Frank J. Connell. I also wish to express my thanks to Branch 163 for their kindness to us in our late bereavement.

With best wishes for the welfare of the society.

ANNIE CONNELL.

CONSIDERATIONS ON CATHOLICISM.

By a Protestant Theologian.

Sacred Heart Review, CCLXXXIII.

The general chorus of appreciation and eulogy called forth in the Protestant world by the sickness and death of Pope Leo XIII. has of course had its exceptions. There will always be "Devil's Advocates" in the world. Nor can such exceptions reasonably be denounced, as long as their temper is simply critical and inquiring, not sneering and vituperative. Of this latter hateful disposition I do not remember that any examples have come to my eye, except in one or two Spanish-American Protestant papers, upon the death of the Pope.

However, it is always warrantable to criticise the critics, and to insist that their exceptions shall be accurately taken. Otherwise in fairness, their depreciation goes to swell the general volume of praise. The presumption is always for the soundness of this, in view of the usual inclination of men to carp at him "who followeth not with us."

The 'Advance,' the Congregational organ of Chicago, denurs to these praises of Leo, although I cannot say that it denounces them. It founds its objection on the ground that his Pontificate was wholly devoted to the interests of his Church.

This might call out praises from Roman Catholics, but how could it evoke such a current of praise from Protestants? We Protestants have no interest in extending the power of the Roman See. Our interest lies quite the opposite way. It cannot be that Protestants are prais-

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ing Leo because he was a zealous Roman Catholic. Cardinal Antonelli was that, but who of us thinks of praising him? No one that I know of except Miss Dorothea Dix, whose philanthropic efforts he and Pope Pius IX. so warmly promoted.

The Roman See is to us very much what the Southern Confederacy was once. Jefferson Davis was wholly devoted to the interests of this, but assuredly we of the North did not extol him. Stonewall Jackson was equally devoted. Why is it that we hold him so high in honor? Because he pursued an object, the success of which we dreaded, in the spirit of a high-minded, righteous and religious man. Human excellence always draws the hearts of men, however they may judge the immediate object pursued. We honor Hampden, and we honor Falkland, although they were opposed in war, because of their personal human worth. Indeed some of us who are on Hampden's side honor Falkland personally, more than him, and find a strong ingredient of baseness in Carlyle's temper, who can not mention the noble-minded Viscount without a most ignoble sneer.

Assuredly Leo XIII. has not called out this warmth of regard in general Protestantism as being Pope. Gregory XVI. and Clement XIII. were equally Popes, but how much do Protestants care for them? Leo XIII. is honored because, being Pope, he is apprehended as a high-minded and saintly man. He is honored as such ardent Protestants as Harnack or Herzog-Plitt would honor such Popes as Pius VII., or Clement XIV., or Benedict XIV., or Innocent XI., or Gregory V., or Gregory the Great, or Zachary, of whom Neander says that while he was zealous for the interests of the Papacy, he was yet more zealous for the interests of truth and righteousness. He used the Papacy, as he should have done, to promote the ends of the Kingdom of God.

Of course Leo could not have been honored, by anybody, had he not studied the interests of his Church. The question is: Has he worked for these in the spirit of selfish partisanship and dark intrigue, or in the love of truth and in the light of day, in the pursuit of mercy, justice, social purity and religious faith? The world generally seems to have decided for the latter assumption. I do not pretend to have gained any such personal insight into his character and administration as to be entitled to render a verdict on my own ac-

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