

Persons and Facts

Last Monday evening there was an exceptionally fine aurora borealis.

At the last meeting of the board of studies of the University of Manitoba, Rev. Father Cherrier was again elected chairman. He has now been holding this responsible position, by the vote of his colleagues, for some two and twenty years.

Hon. William Burke Cockran some time ago sent \$50,000 to Horace Plunkett, president of the board of Agriculture of Ireland, requesting that he expend it for the benefit of Sligo. Mr. Plunkett's native county. Mr. Plunkett decided to spend the money on the establishment of a saw mill in Sligo town.

At the last meeting of the University Council it was announced that the representatives of St. Boniface College for the coming year will be: Rev. Father Dugas, S.J., rector of the college, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., Chief Justice Dubuc, Senator Bernier, Dr. J. K. Barrett and Mr. F. W. Russell. The representatives of the same college on the board of Studies will be, as in the past, Fathers Cherrier and Drummond.

Some months ago in the Westminster Cathedral, writes the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," "I saw a large packingcase lying on the rough, half-finished floor of the sanctuary. It contained a throne for the Archbishop, and I wondered whether Cardinal Vaughan, who was even then in failing health, would live to sit here in state. Today the throne stands clear of its packings, and one sees that it will always be a memorial to him, for a brass plate in the front of it bears a dedicatory inscription to 'Herbertus Vaughan.'" It was as a gift to him that this magnificent throne was sent. Like the pulpit, the throne is of marble adorned with Venetian mosaic, cold and pure, and heavily massive."

Father Martin, the superior General of the Jesuits, has granted American Jesuits permission to have an exhibit at the World's Fair in St. Louis next year. There could be no more appropriate exhibit, says the New York "Free-man's Journal." The Jesuits were the true pioneers in the territory, which a hundred years ago was ceded to the United States by Napoleon. They had discovered the Mississippi, and had penetrated the unknown wilderness beyond the Father of Waters years before a Puritan had caught a glimpse of the Alleghenies.

The outbreak of the plague at Marseilles seems to be serious. A noteworthy incident of it is that the lay nurses have fled from the hospitals, in fear of contagion, their places being taken by religious, who from all parts have volunteered to nurse the afflicted. And these are the women Mr. Combes drives out of France! Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.

Mr. J. J. Hogan states that the Hon. R. E. O'Connor, who, as notified in cable messages from Australia, has been appointed one of the members of the Federal High Court, claims among his ancestors the Arthur O'Connor of 1798, renowned, who died a general in the French Army. Mr. O'Connor has been for several years one of the leaders of the Sydney Bar, and has twice held the office of minister of Justice. Since the accomplishment of the Australian Federation Mr. O'Connor has been chief representative of the Barton Ministry in the Senate or Upper House.

On October 4th a meeting was held of the members of St. Cecilia's "Music Club" in St. Boniface College. The director, Rev. Father de Mangelere, opened the meeting by calling attention to the necessity of choosing a secretary to take the place of Mr. H. L. Cormier, who is now a Jesuit Novice at Sault-au-Récollet, near Montreal. The posts of vice-president and third councillor were also vacant. The

following were elected: Vice-president, E. Boucher; Secretary, J. O. Plante; Third Councillor, Peter Noel.

The Rev. H. Drage, up till lately curate at All Saints' Anglican Church, Plymouth, has been received into the Catholic Church.

Lieutenant J. R. E. Stansfield, D.S.O., of the Gordon Highlanders, won the officers' heavy-weight championship at the annual Army and Navy Boxing competitions held at the gymnasium, Aldershot, on September 24 and 25. The gallant officer is the only son of Mr. J. R. Evelyn Stansfield, honorable treasurer of the Catholic Truth Society.

Miss Dubuc, daughter of Chief Justice Dubuc, left on Thursday, the 15th, for Edmonton on a visit to her brother, Mr. Lucien Dubuc, who is a partner in the law firm of Beck, Emery & Dubuc, of Edmonton.

Joseph Stoddart, a switchman, while coupling cars at noon on Wednesday, was caught between two of them and his head badly crushed. He was taken to St. Boniface hospital unconscious, but the following day he became conscious. Father McCarthy is attending him. On going to press we learn that there is great hopes of his recovery. Mr. Stoddart, who is a very worthy Catholic, resides with his wife and children on Seikirk Ave.

At last Tuesday's meeting of the civic board of works Mr. Edward Cass presented the request of the Sister Superior of St. Mary's Academy that the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway be permitted to run cars across Maryland street bridge and then 500 feet along the public highway to the academy, which now has more than 160 attending pupils. This was agreed to and recommended by the board, so that the cars will be running to the academy before the winter.

The street car line has now reached that part of Provencher avenue which is opposite St. Boniface College, but the section to be built on piles at the edge of the river bank opposite the Grey Nun convent is not yet completed.

We are requested to state that at the funeral of Dr. Bonfleur wreaths were presented by Dr. Peatman and Mr. Bertrand, bouquets of flowers by Mr. J. B. Lauzon and Mr. Denys Daoust, and spiritual bouquets by His Grace Mgr. Langevin, Rev. Father McCarthy, Rev. Dr. Trudel, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gosselin, Mrs. Guilmette, Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier, Mr. and Mrs. Minard, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chevrier, Mrs. A. J. Brooks, Miss E. Menard and Dr. Belanger.

The Catholic Club conversation on Thursday night was an unqualified success.

Clerical News.

Rev. Paul Kulawy, O.M.I., who was ordained last year in Germany, arrived last Saturday at the residence of the Holy Ghost Church. He is a younger brother of Fathers William and Albert Kulawy, who are both here, initiating him in his parochial work.

The physicians and surgeons who for several weeks have been attending Archbishop Kane of St. Louis, a patient at St. Agnes' Sanatorium, Baltimore, held two consultations Sunday. At the close of the last one, late in the day, they reported that, while Msgr. Kane is much improved, his condition does not warrant the hope that he will entirely recover from the ailments from which he is suffering.

Rev. Edmond Lecompte, Superior General of the Canadian Jesuits, left for Port Arthur on the 15th inst.

Rev. Father Charles, C.S.S.R., who represented the Redemptorists at the Consecration of Notre Dame du Portage last Sunday, returned to Brandon on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Van Gistern, parish priest of St. Charles, was here last Wednesday; so was Rev. Father Deloy, of St. Anne's.

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The Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, passed through here Wednesday on his way to the Pacific Coast. During the interval between the arrival and departure of the transcontinental train His Grace visited Mgr. Langevin, his classmate at Montreal College, and then drove to see St. Mary's Academy. Mgr. Bruchesi will remain six weeks on the coast for a much needed rest.

Rev. Father Bellemare, S.J., accompanied Rev. Father Lecompte in his eastward journey on the 15th inst.

A Wednesday despatch of the Associated Press announces the death on the 13th inst. of the Most Rev. John J. Kain, Archbishop of St. Louis. He was not expected to recover, as we noted in a previous item, but the end came rather suddenly. His Grace died at the St. Agnes sanatorium, St. Louis. Bishop Glennon, who was appointed last spring coadjutor with right of succession, is now Archbishop of St. Louis.

Rev. Father Proulx, S.J., who concluded Saturday before last the retreat to the French students of St. Boniface College, Rev. Father McDonald preaching to the English students, left on Thursday for St. Anne's, where he will preach to the students and alumnae of the convent their annual retreat. The closing sermon of the college retreat was delivered by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface.

A letter received last Tuesday from the secretary of Monsignor Sbarretti, papal delegate to Canada, states that his Excellency has decided to pay a visit to Prince Albert en route east from the coast, and may also make a stay at Regina, therefore he could not possibly reach Winnipeg before the 20th inst. The exact date of his arrival, however, would be telegraphed later. His Excellency has accepted the proffered reception by the Catholic club.

Rev. Father Cherrier is preaching the annual retreat to the pupils of St. Norbert convent, beginning last Wednesday evening and ending on the morning of Sunday, the 18th.

Rev. Father Besson, a French priest who has already spent four years in mission work in eastern Canada, is now curate at the cathedral.

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Rev. Father Gendron was at the Archbishop's house on Thursday.

Rev. Father Viens, pastor of St. Cathbert's, Portage la Prairie, was here last Wednesday, making arrangements for the blessing of a bell for his church. Sunday after next, Oct. 25, His Grace the Archbishop will officiate and Rev. Father Drummond will preach.

Rev. Father Lalonde, who returned a fortnight ago from the east, where he found his mother quite recovered from an attack of paralysis, was here on Thursday and went back to St. Adolphe the next day.

Rev. Father Hogue came in from St. Adolphe on Thursday.

Rev. Father Camper, O.M.I., who returned from a missionary tour through Pine Creek, Ste. Rose du Lac, etc., was at St. Mary's Precinct this week, leaving for St. Laurent on Friday.

Calgary Items.

On Monday last the 5th of October the Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, parish priest, of Calgary, Alberta, left for St. Albert, to partake in a retreat, expecting to be absent for about two weeks.

Vicar Rev. Father Dubois, during his absence has charge of the congregation.

Everybody in Calgary is well pleased with our new chimneys which have lately been erected in our new chapel.

THE INTELLIGENT CHOICE OF PASTIMES.

Much of the material given to children, says Mrs. Langzettell, in the Kindergarten Magazine, is useless, and is given simply to pass the time, without any definite object in relation to possible gain for the child. Before the age of two and one half or three years the child can scarcely accomplish definite results in the work of his hands; but he does desire to repeat the various occupations of sewing, writing, cutting and numerous

household duties which come daily under his notice. Out of this impulse to repeat things grows the desire for real work in later life, and the fostering of the same is one of the privileges of motherhood. For instance, stringing the contents of mother's button bag was an occupation dear to the heart of every old fashioned child, and seeing the string grow longer and longer increased the sense of pleasure derived from viewing ones own handiwork. At a later period, glass beads, daisy chains, leaf chains, and a variety of forms supplant the button bag. They may also be supplemented by wooden beads of various sizes, forms and colors. With these and a shoe string, many an experience in form, color, and number may be gained. By a judicious oversight the child may grow from a simple, reflex reaction against materials, to a conscious selection and mastery of the same. Let there be a gradual growth from day to day in the selection of color, form, or number, and the combinations of one with the other. Let there be clear decision on the part of the child as to what he is attempting. Shall it be all red beads today, or one red and one white bead? Shall it be round beads or square beads, and how many of each? Innumerable combinations will suggest themselves as each chosen task is accomplished, and out of the chaos of beads, carelessly strung may grow more and more regularity and beauty. Thus one may pass from simple amusement to true activity, and enjoy a well earned recognition. Beware of things which only amuse. The real test educationally is what arouses a child's self-activity and causes an action of the will.—Ex.

IN THE EDITOR'S ROOM.

Politician—I want to talk to you, sir, about a remark you made respecting me in your paper. You called me a political jobber, sir!

Editor—Yes, it was a very annoying typographical error, and I promptly dismissed the compositor. "Ah! Then you didn't mean to call me a jobber?"

"No, sir; I wrote 'robber' very distinctly."—Stray Stories.