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**BRIEFLETS.**

Rev. Father, Lecoq, O. M. I., is in town for a few days.

Rev. Father Audemard, O. M. I., is helping Rev. Father Jolys at St. Pierre.

Some three or four weeks ago Archbishop von Steyn gave confirmation at Munich to thirty converts from Protestantism.

The St. Boniface College students are preparing a dramatic entertainment for the 17th inst. They will present one of Labiche's comedies and several English selections.

Sisters Duffin, Ste. Lucie and Maria went, on Wednesday last, to Rat Portage to take charge of the Industrial School. Sister Duffin will be Superior. Rev. Mother Vicar accompanied them, and will return to-morrow.

The Very Rev. Mother Olivier and Mother Martin returned yesterday from visiting their convent of Jesus and Mary at St. Pierre; they go to St. Jean Baptiste to-day and will be back in Winnipeg at the end of the week.

The Very Rev. Mother General of the Sisters of Misericorde returned to Montreal yesterday, and will soon send two or three Sisters of her order to help Sister St. Mary Magdalen, who may possibly to take the large house lately occupied by Mr. Pambrun.

Rev. Father Kullavy, O. M. I., has begun a house-to-house visitation of all the German and Polish Catholics in Winnipeg. On Sunday last, at 3 p. m. he gathered all the Poles in St. Mary's Church and gave them an impressive sermon in their own language.

It appears that we were misinformed as to the destination of the intended memorial to the late Sister Mary Xavier. The idea is to make some addition in the way of a new ward for St. Boniface Hospital with which the dear departed Sister was identified.

Last Thursday Rev. Father Tourangeau, S. J., in answer to a telegram from the obliging Superintendent of the Home for Incurables, went to Portage la Prairie, to perform the funeral rites over the remains of Mr. Fullerton who died a saintly death in the Home. Nothing can exceed the kindness of Mrs. Young the Superintendent, who drove in herself with a fine carriage and pair to meet Father Tourangeau and then drove him out to the cemetery and rendered every assistance in his power.

Until lately it was an Irishman that held the high jump record; now it is another Irishman who has smashed to smithereens all the broad jump records. Malcolm W. Ford, who long held the record of 23 ft. 9 inches, admits that Professor W. J. M. Newburn, of Claremont College Dublin, has gone out of sight beyond him. Newburn recently made a running broad jump of 26 feet 6 3/4 inches. Most great jumpers hitherto have been, of medium size and compactly built; Newburn stands 6 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 206 pounds. His chest measures 42 inches. He is a rare specimen of a very large man whose activity

is as great and whose muscles are as well knit as those of a small man. At one bound he has added almost three feet to the world's record.

The Official report gives the total majority for prohibition as 2,218. The Quebec majority against prohibition is 94,015. The total vote for prohibition was 22 1/2 per cent. of the entire available vote, and 21 1/2 per cent. was polled against the measure, 56 per cent. of the possible voters having abstained from voting. On the theory that unpolled votes are equivalent to negative votes, 77 1/2 per cent. of the vote-holding population declared against prohibition. Therefore, despite the noise still made by the cranks, nothing will happen except the increase of the national debt by reason of the polling expenses.

We regret to learn that Mr. Arcadius Marcoux, a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, died this morning at 9 o'clock. He received the last sacraments with perfect resignation to the will of God. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral will take place on Thursday next at 7.45 a. m., at the Cathedral.

R. I. P.

**FACTS ABOUT CHILDREN'S BRAINS.**

Philad. Inquirer.

How much happier the lives of the thousands of children entering school would be if only women—mothers and teachers—better understood the nature and limitation of their brain cells. Such knowledge is to be had, as very important experiments and deductions have recently been made by scientific investigators, but it always takes an unreasonable length of time for such knowledge to become general.

After 25,000 tests by the best educators in America, it has been absolutely demonstrated, for instance, that the length of time that a child six years of age can concentrate its mind does not exceed seven minutes, and that all efforts to confine its attention upon one subject beyond this limit are worse than useless. This power of concentration increases slowly. At the age of eight a child's attention may be easily held ten minutes. At the age of twelve his mind should not be riveted upon one subject longer than seventeen minutes. It is, therefore, a great mistake to keep a child of this age, say, at the piano more than fifteen minutes. After a change of occupation another quarter of an hour's practice will be of incalculably more benefit than the attempt to continue work after brain and nerves have become fatigued.

Indeed, most of the inattention and restlessness of children may be explained upon the physical basis. A boy's brain, for example, undergoes a certain shrinkage at the age of fourteen or fifteen. It actually weighs less than at the age of twelve and thirteen. This fact explains the carelessness, laziness and general unreasonableness of boys of this age. Statistics show that a large proportion of boys leave school at about this time. It is altogether probable that if parents and teachers realized that the proverbial lawlessness of boys of fourteen merely evidenced a temporary condition of brain cells, more of them would be patiently guided through the period, to take up their studies a year or two later with renewed interest.

The same tests have conclusively proved that the brain of a child is always most active between 8.30 and 11.30 in the morning. All lessons, therefore, requiring the exercise of their reasoning power—such as arithmetic and grammar—should be at this hour. It has been further deduced that the average child, unhampered by grades and systems, may have easily mastered his arithmetic by the time he is twelve years old.

Scientists have also discovered that if the brain centres governing the motor nerves remain undeveloped until the age of sixteen, there is no chance whatever of any later development, which fact is a powerful argument in favor of manual training in the public schools. The majority of children are so active that they develop their own brain and nerves to a certain extent along these lines. Where they fail to do so we get the tramp and the sloven. It is a physical impossibility to acquire skill and dexterity in any art unless the formation has been laid in the foundation of brain cells and the training of the motor nerves before the age of sixteen.



If a woman walked bare-footed on the sharp edge of a sword, she would not undergo one-tenth of the agony daily borne by thousands of women without complaint. They suffer greater misery and pain than could be inflicted by all the professional torturers that the world ever knew. Day and night they suffer from headaches, dragging down and burning sensations, pains in the sides and back, hot and cold flushes, nervous and trembling sensations and physical lassitude and mental despondency. The whole body is tortured with pain and the entire nervous system is racked. If they consult the average obscure physician, he will attribute their bad feelings to stomach, liver, kidney, heart or nervous trouble. If, by accident, he hits upon the right cause, he will insist upon the disgusting examinations and local treatment so embarrassing to a sensitive, modest woman.

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