

lately established in Winnipeg. But we are not prepared to accept each and all of his statements as strictly correct. There have been in Winnipeg for a number of years the St. Vincent de Paul, the C.M.B.A., the Catholic Foresters, the St. Joseph's Union and the Catholic Truth Society, all of which with the exception of the St. Joseph's Union, are still in existence. The object of all these associations is the intellectual, moral, and social improvement of its members, and to those conversant with the works of charity done in and by these societies, it is an utter impossibility to endorse entirely and without reserve the ideas expressed by our young correspondent. For not only is he mistaken if he thinks that guilds have ever ceased to exist in the Catholic Church; but even Winnipeg for a number of years back has not been, as just stated, without many of them, although under different names.

The fault, in our estimation, is not in the societies themselves but in our young people, who seem to find more attraction in skating rinks, hockey clubs etc., than in gatherings for intellectual culture. And for this certainly the Catholic Church is not responsible.

However, we heartily approve of the organization of the "Newman Literary Guild" in Winnipeg, as it may be the means of stirring up the young and carrying them forward in the path of intellectual development on which we have long wished to see them enter.

Whilst disposed to give credit to Protestants for their energy in forming all sorts of associations, we are not at all inclined to take them as our models, particularly with regard to the mingling of the sexes. We believe that, if young ladies are found who think that there are no "desirable Catholic young men in Winnipeg," they are greatly mistaken. The fault is often with those ladies themselves. Many young men hesitate to launch into matrimony when they see the kind of helpmates offered them.

Not that we think that there are no excellent Catholic young women in Winnipeg, but we must confess that the taste of our growing fair sex for frivolous resorts, such as rinks and dancing halls, and their by far too numerous wants when once married, are of a nature to deter young men from proposing.

More of home life and home industry on the part of our young women might leave our young men more free to attend guilds and more inclined to let the many aspirants to wedlock discover that there are fully as many desirable young men in Winnipeg as they could reasonably wish to find.

This much being said by way of our congratulations to the zealous organizers of the Newman Literary Guild, and to express the hope that their society may increase and prosper.

Ste. Rose du Lac.

The Rev. Father Camper, O. M. I., preached a few days retreat here this week, in Sautere (in which language he is most eloquent) much to the delight of the parishioners of this nationality. The Rev. Father also went a journey of forty miles, to console and administer one of his farmer flock, though the elements seemed to have conspired against his doing.

One of our old Indians, in the days of his youth long past now, took a notion into his head that his wife, poor thing, had "Wittikow" (i.e., was possessed by an evil spirit) this could not be allowed, she must either be cured or die. Her husband thought she had "Wittikow" because in her weakness, having a baby only two days old, she could not stand, and caught hold of him, in a terrified way to steady herself, when he ordered her to get up. This was in the depth of winter. He took her as she was, and tied her on his sleigh, and away through the woods, and across the prairie to find the Medicine man, who lived far off.

The sage came out and looked at her. "Go back," said he, "a mightier than I has been here, before me."—He took her back, and ere he reached his home, she was dead.

The squaws' ghosts are patient, however, even as their spirits in life; this one did not follow her Lord with doleful menacing cries, her baby in her arms, whenever his sleigh-bells tinkled, oh no, she lay still in her grave. And

did he feel regret or fear?—His conscience was calm enough, I warrant you. I have seen him many a time, wrapped in prayer, in this little church, most saint-like to gaze on. He has been married once or twice since then, his children are the smartest in the school. Only the other day he smoked the pipe of peace in our home, he is one of our best and most respected inhabitants.

But this first baby of his, survived, tended I know not how, and is now grown up and has children of his own, a mighty hunter, like his father.

One day a few years back, in the early spring, when the snow was beginning to disappear, he was chasing game on the prairie and came across the frozen remains of a poor fellow, who had been lost in a blizzard, the previous winter; his friends had sought in vain for the body, but this brave Indian drew near, with awe, and took courage to abstract the pulse, still in his pocket. He had not gone far, however when he felt a hand grasp his right shoulder, and a ghastly voice hissed in his ear—"Stop." Quickly he returned, and replaced the pulse, which he had not intended for himself, he would have you to know, our Indians are too virtuous for that, but to give to the dead man's widow, apparently the dead man did not understand.

Now, although he and his people have been offered \$15.00 to collect the bones for Christian burial, oh no, they will not, they will be haunted if they touch him.

Speaking of our little church just now (in the near future, we hope to have a fine new one) there is lately come to us from over the sea a magnificent statue of St. Amelie; she is very lovely, which utterly disproves the old saying, "You can't be good and pretty too," you can at any rate in Ste. Rose. The Saint is represented as giving a piece of bread to a charming child with barefeet. One of our tiny Half-breed girls could not bear to see him like this: "I will go home," she said, "and fetch him out my new moccasins. It is pitiful to see the poor little one with naked feet, now it is so cold."

This little girl is cousin to the tiny mite who, when our good Oblate Father asked her:—"Why were the bad Angels sent out of Heaven?" replied, in an awestruck whisper:—"Because they made faces at God."

Tory Promises to Ireland.

Catholic Record.

If the promises of the Salisbury Government are to be relied upon, a new era is about to dawn for Ireland. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the course of an important speech at Birmingham a few evenings ago, on international politics, said he expected that the greater part of the coming session of Parliament would be given over to the Government measure granting local government of Ireland. So frequently have similar promises been made during the last few years that we cannot be very sanguine now that they will be kept. The tap of no-Popery may once more rouse the men of the North, and bring the Government prostrate at the feet of Col. Saunderson and Dr. Kane of Belfast, and some measure which offers a stone instead of bread to Ireland may be introduced before Parliament with a great flourish of trumpets, but which really will amount to nothing.

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