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CURRENT COMMENT

At a fashionable ball given on Thursday of last week, supper was served as usual, after midnight, consequently, on Friday morning. Two Catholic damsels jokingly inquired of a Catholic bachelor near them if he intended to abstain. "Yes," he replied with an incisive smile and tone. "I make it a point to do so on such public occasions as this whatever may be my private delinquencies at home." What the young ladies did does not matter; but they got a lesson that will, let us hope, last them well on into Advent.

A zealous priest, who attends missions in country districts when there is no chapel, and where he says Mass in private houses, relates the following fact. After spending two days with a fervent Catholic family who had lately come from England to settle in Manitoba, he announced that, as no priest could visit them again for some time, the Blessed Sacrament would no longer remain in the house, where it had been reserved in a room adorned as a temporary chapel for the past two days. On hearing of this announcement, the father of the family burst into tears; so vividly did he realize the priceless blessing his house had enjoyed in a visit that seemed to him all too short. Such examples of lively faith are more eloquent than many a sermon.

At a meeting of the city council on Friday evening of last week, Mr. Nicholas Bawlf supported the petition already presented that Catholic school buildings be exempted from taxation. The Free Press gives the following report of what occurred.

The city charter gives the council power to exempt from taxation any building (with land) used exclusively as a charitable institution. That is the opinion of the city solicitor, which was obtained in regard to the application for exemption from taxation of the following Catholic institutions:

1. Holy Angel's school, St. Mary's avenue; owned by Oblate Fathers.
2. The Brothers school on Hargrave street; owned by Oblate Fathers.
3. St. Joseph's School, corner of Ellen street and Pacific avenue; owned by Archbishop's Corporation.
4. The Holy Ghost school, situate on Selkirk avenue; owned by the Oblate Fathers.
5. Academy of the Immaculate Conception, n. e. corner of Austin and Euclid; owned by Archbishop's Corporation.
6. St. Joseph's Orphanage, on Carlton street; owned by Les Soeurs de Charite de l'Hospital General de St. Boniface.

The Catholics were represented at the meeting by Mr. Bawlf. Some other technical matters arose and these were left in the hands of the chairman. The committee as a whole appear to coincide with the view that the aforesaid institutions were 'charitable' in the sense of the charter. The taxation involved amounts to something like \$600 per year and indications are that in future the Catholic institutions enumerated will be relieved of that burden. For this slender measure of justice let us be daily thankful—and work for more.

The chronic triangular duel which breaks out every now and then between our three city dailies has been particularly amusing this week. The Telegram, which dearly loves sensationalism, came out on

the evening of the 27th with flaming scareheads announcing that the Church authorities in St. Boniface intended soon to spend four million dollars on a new cathedral, a new hospital, a new convent, a new archiepiscopal residence and a new college. The next day the Tribune, still smarting under the Telegram's last anent that Maxim & Gay advertisement, for printing which the news came from Toronto the previous day (Nov. 27) that the advertising manager of the World had been committed for trial on a charge of aiding and abetting a common gaming house, published an interview with the Very Rev. A. Dugas, Vicar General of the Diocese, who reduced the four millions to about two hundred and fifty thousand, pointing out that the new convent was already very nearly finished, that there was no question of a new archiepiscopal residence and that the cathedral would be built very gradually. Of course the Tribune flattened out the Telegram in great style. On Monday 30th, the staid and reliable Free Press, alluding to the St. Norbert tragedy recently invented by a Telegram reporter, had the following:

A MERE \$3,850,000 OUT.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin was at St. Norbert Friday, and this seemed to have something of an influence on an erratic contemporary, for it published a story in its evening issue describing how the Church authorities were going to spend \$4,000,000 at St. Boniface in building a new church, hospital and archiepiscopal residence. Saturday it states that the news was a surprise and pleasure to its readers, but that the story was premature. The yarn was certainly a surprise to His Grace, but did not seem to afford him much pleasure. It is intended to do some building at St. Boniface, but the Telegram was a mere matter of \$3,850,000 out in its figures.

Some supersensitive citizens of St. Boniface imagined that the Telegram's purpose was to make them and their town ridiculous. We do not think so. We believe it was only one more manifestation of Hearst or Yellow Journalism, the basic principle of which is, "startle your readers, never mind the facts." This view is confirmed by the Telegram's rather clever explanation last Monday morning, here it is.

HEAR 'EM SQUEAL.

It hurts. The two other daily publications in the city, one of which is described as an organ, and the other as neither a newspaper nor an organ, are evidently irritated at the exclusive story published in the Telegram on Friday afternoon, giving particulars of the immense extensions to the buildings of the Roman Catholic Church in St. Boniface.

The fact remains that the Telegram's report was substantially correct. Plans have been prepared on the structures and will be submitted to the Church dignitaries at a meeting to be held soon, the date of which the Telegram is informed of.

The Telegram did not state that all the buildings would be proceeded with next year. It specifically stated that it would be some time before the entire scheme was gone on with.

The Church of Rome does not build for tomorrow or the next day, but for all time. The plans, which have been prepared call for works which may take years to complete, but each new building that goes up will be in conformity with a prearranged plan and this plan is what the Telegram referred to.

This is what may be styled "explaining away." Give us time, say

spend one hundred thousand a year, which would make four millions in 1943.

The sovereign Pontiff pronounced his first allocution to the Sacred College on November 9th, and touched upon the question of Papal independence in the following words which we translate directly from the Latin original: "Since it is necessary, and of the highest interest to the Christian commonwealth that the Pontiff should, in his governance of the Church, be and appear free and subject to no (other) power, therefore as the sense of duty and the sacredness of the oath that binds us, requires, we complain that the very gravest injury has been inflicted on the Church in this matter." The Tablet translator (Nov. 14, p. 778) has gone lamentably astray in translating "iurandi sacrosancta religio" by "holy religion," as well as by the oath by which we are bound." These well weighed words of Pius X. prove that he is not at all inclined to coquet with the usurper. Incidentally, also, they reveal his thoroughly modern taste for condensation. That phrase, "The Pontiff should be and appear free (esse et apparere liberum)," sums up beautifully the case for the Civil Princeship of the Pope. Occasionally he may be free now, but he certainly does not appear so; and, conversely, though the Italian government would like to make him appear free, we know he is not so, at least in a general and permanent way.

With reference to the appointment of Cardinal Merry del Val as Secretary of State, "The Times" (London) Rome correspondent writes:

"The foreign policy of the Vatican is likely to be in future simple and easy of comprehension, though, for that matter, in the past it has been neither so tortuous nor so stupidly shortsighted as some of its critics have represented it. As to the question of nationality, it would seem that Germany and Austria would rather have their affairs in the hands of an Italian. They can at least console themselves with the reflection that Cardinal Merry del Val is more an Englishman than a Spaniard, and more an Italian by right of his long residence in Italy, than an Englishman. The fact that a man is a cosmopolitan and speaks four languages, among them German, with equal ease and fluency, should hardly be against his filling so cosmopolitan an office. That, at least, was the opinion of a very eminent foreign ecclesiastic who this morning spoke to me of the cause for devout gratitude felt by himself and his countrymen at the appointment of Cardinal Merry del Val. At last, he said, there is some one in actual power who understands and can sympathize with the particular conditions of our Church. The Italians, themselves have so long looked upon him as an Italian that they are little concerned with the question of his parentage or birthplace. No one who was present this morning in the Sala Borgia, where the new Cardinal received the congratulations of his friends, could have doubted for one instant as to his real popularity in the country of his adoption. Naturally of a modest and retiring character, he may have hitherto somewhat restricted his circle of acquaintance, but the last few months of office have brought him in contact with nearly the whole of the Roman Ecclesiastical world, and his unflinching and patient courtesy, his quick intelligence and appreciation of business submitted to him, and his genuine kindness and sympathy have already endeared him to what is now a very wide circle of friends."

This last week has witnessed two noteworthy testimonials to two Judges who are a credit to our faith. On Sunday evening last, Judge Prud'homme was the recipient of a congratulatory address and a fine gold watch with chain and locket and a diamond scarf pin in honor of his fiftieth birthday. On Monday, Chief Justice Dubuc was congratulated by the Law Society in the person of its president, Mr. Munson, K. C., on his appointment to the high office of Chief Justice of Manitoba. The Honorable Judge has been twenty-five years on the bench of this country, and in all that time, his ability and impartiality have been so conspicuous as to excite wonder at his having been passed over two or three times when the chief justiceship became vacant. His brother-in-law, Judge Prud'homme, although a much younger man, has already, in nineteen years a judge of the County courts, where his experience and judicial fairness are highly valued. In both cases the testimonials were presented by men of both political parties, whose differences disappear before the serene majesty of British law. May that incorruptible ideal long continue to be practically upheld by these two men whose public honesty is but a faint reflex of their fervent Catholic piety.

We are glad to hear that Mr. L. L. Kramer, principal of the Regina Gratton Catholic school, and Grand Deputy of the C. M. B. A., for Assiniboia, has opened a registry office for Catholic teachers, in the Northwest Territories. He has special facilities for placing teachers in French and German districts. He is highly recommended by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, who considers him a very capable teacher and an excellent Catholic. Applicants for situations for teachers will find in Mr. Kramer an able, intelligent, and devoted friend.

Sometime ago a very worthy lady stopped her subscription to the Northwest Review because, as she regretfully said, she could not afford the additional expense of our increased rates. But the other day she came back, saying that she really could not get on without our paper, and so she cheerfully paid a year's subscription in advance. Of course this enhances our already favorable estimate of her taste and discernment.

We sympathize deeply with the Oblate Fathers in the great loss they have suffered by the burning of their University in Ottawa, and the injuries inflicted on their Fathers, but it is some consolation to know that the new Science building has been spared.

Persons and Facts

The "prophet" Dowie is threatened with loss instead of profit. It is almost childish to say 'what every one has been saying' that this ending was inevitable.

The Breton Catholics are raising an immense Calvary opposite the monument, recently unveiled by Premier Combes, of Renan, the apostate, at Tiegulier. The figure of Our Lord on the cross is sculptured by Hermet out of one block of red granite at Tregastel. On the pedestal will be engraved the words attributed to Julian the Apostate: "Thou hast conquered, O Galilee!"

The Rev. Charles Hardy Little, M. A., late Vicar of St. Martin's, Brighton, was received into the Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 10, by the Very Rev. Canon Fanning, at the Church of our Lady of Victories, Kensington, W.

The new standard time came into force yesterday, and every Winnipegger pushed the hands of his watch forward half an hour. It is adopted by the public schools and children will now accustom themselves to rising half an hour earlier. —Free Press, Dec. 2, 1883.

The Rev. W. H. Drage, formerly curate of All Saints', Plymouth, was recently received into the Catholic Church at Manresa House, Rochampton, and has just proceeded to Rome to study for the priesthood at the Collegio Beda.

Rev. Father Jubinville intends to have his new Church at St. Felix (Dunrea) blessed about Christmas. He deserves great credit for the success with which his quiet, persistent efforts have been rewarded.

Clerical News.

Rev. Father Drummond left on Thursday, the 3rd, inst., for St. Patrick's Church, West Superior, Wis., where he will take a month's rest. This move was made necessary by a slight return of a malady from which he had formerly suffered, but which had left him for 27 years—haemoptysis. No serious consequences are apprehended, but the prescription just now is rest from teaching.

Rev. Father Garon (Wolseley) Campeau (St. Pustache) and Giroux (La Broquerie) were here at the beginning of the week.

The Edmonton Bulletin reports as follows the first appearance there of Father Paul Kulawy, the youngest of the three brothers, all Oblate priests.

"There was a large congregation of Ruthenians, Poles and Germans last Sunday at 4 o'clock in St. Joachim's church. Rev. Father Paul Kulawy, O.M.I., delivered a Polish. Those in attendance were touched to tears as the Rev. Father spoke of the old country and of the faith of their ancestors. A very impressive sermon first in He encouraged his fellow countrymen to remain faithful to their religion. Rev. Father Kulawy addressed a few words to the Germans, who were delighted to hear him speaking their language so perfectly and fluently. Prayers and songs were made both in Ruthenian and Polish. Rev. Father Paul Kulawy will remain amongst his countrymen in Edmonton. He likes our growing town very much and is delighted with the progress it has made in the last years. He will do his best for the material and religious advancement of his fellow countrymen."

Regina Notes.

On Thursday night Rev. Father Van Heertum left for De Pere, Wis. The Rev. Father spent the last week of his sojourn in the west in Moose Jaw and arrived in Regina only a few days before leaving for Wisconsin. In the afternoon of Thursday Father Van Heertum bade adieu to the pupils of Gratton school and Mr. Kramer—the deservedly popular head master of that institution—read an address while Mrs. D. D. McLeod handed the Rev. Father a purse containing over one hundred dollars in the name of St. Mary's congregation, Regina. There were only a few visitors present, it being at such a time of day that business men and those at work could not well attend, however, the purse was representative, although so few of the contributors were there, and your correspondent was informed by one of the lady collectors that hers was a pleasant duty indeed, so heartily did every one approached, immediately respond. The address spoke