

ceeds of the sale will be devoted to three objects—the publication of unpublished Irish manuscript, the provision of a fund for the erection of memorial tablets or statues to deceased Irish authors and the encouragement of young writers by the foundation of annual prizes for literary works.—Pittsburg Observer.

At Portage la Prairie thirty-five candidates have written in the Central school, room 3, for the University Matriculation, under Father Drummond's supervision. They found it hard to have to write six hours on Empire Day (May 24) with the noise of firecrackers and brass bands all round them; but it would have been a still greater hardship to make the students from a distance, who have to pay their board, lose one whole week day. The Matriculation Examinations lasted from May 23, to June 1.

William Blake, a prominent manufacturer of Massachusetts is in Winnipeg on a business trip. The immediate object of Mr. Blake's visit, is the securing of space at the Dominion Exhibition for prominent New England manufacturers. Asked as to the sentiment existing at the present time in New England towards Canada, Mr. Blake gave an answer which seems to contradict the recent views of Robt. Ellis Thompson, as he expressed himself in the New York Freeman's Journal, "Well," said Mr. Blake, "I should say that it is the desire of the people in that section for more extended reciprocal relations with Canada. They realize the greatness of this growing country and especially the advancements made and to be made in the Great Canadian Northwest, and wish to derive some of the benefits to be had with freer trade with the country. I was present at Faneuil Hall in Boston the other day when a petition signed by 35,000 people in the State of Massachusetts alone was presented to the meeting and subsequently forwarded to Washington asking that all possible efforts be made to bring about closer relations with Canada. If it ever comes as we desire it every branch of business in the New England States will be benefited."

The mission to men given at St. Mary's was fairly well attended, but the attendance was not what it should have been when one considers the importance of the subject matter treated, and the eloquence of the preachers. Father Cunningham preached a powerful sermon on a very timely subject viz.—The Sin of Scandal. Another evening he took for his theme the sin and crime of drunkenness. Taking cases from his own experiences as missionary and, for a time, as Chaplain to Penal institutions, he drew a faithful, if awful, picture of the unfortunate drunkard. Particularly striking were his impassioned words when describing the helplessness of the priest at the bedside of the dying drunkard. Sin in order to be forgiven must first be repented of. But the unfortunate drunkard who is dying, under the influence of drink has placed himself deliberately outside the pale of God's mercy. The priest beside such an one stands helpless. Aye, indeed, even the Pope of Rome, in all the plenitude of his powers, is unable to do aught for the dying drunkard. This is a true, if terrible fact, something to be pondered over by the drunkard, and by the temperate, by the young man who takes his glass, and the man who who is, as yet, abstinent. Will it pay to take the risk? is the all important question, particularly for the man who has yearnings after the convivial glass.

This week a mission was given to non-Catholics. A regular feature of this work was the question box. The Rev. Fathers extended a cordial invitation to all non-Catholics to attend, which they did in large numbers. Nothing was said insulting to their religious tenets, but instead a plain exposition of Catholic doctrine was heard.

Clerical News.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., returned from Portage la Prairie on Wednesday.

Rev. Father Veins, pastor of St. Cuthbert's Church, Portage la Prairie, has been in poor health lately, but is now improving.

Rev. Fathers Phelan and Cunningham, the Passionate Priests who are giving the retreat at St. Mary's, visited St. Boniface College on Monday last.

The Catholics of Pincher Creek have decided to build a convent to be directed by recently expelled French Sisters. Three years ago these zealous people built a church at a cost of \$12,000.

Rev. M. J. Tiernan has passed away at Mt. Carmel, near London, Ont., after a lingering illness of over six years. Father Tiernan was one of the best known priests in the London diocese.

Rev. Joseph Brouillet, pastor of the Church of Notre Dame, Worcester, Mass., died in St. Vincent Hospital that city on May 9, after an operation for peritonitis. He was born in L'Assumption, Que., and came to Worcester in 1883.

Rev. O. L. J. Davis, parish priest of Fort McLeod, Alberta, is leaving shortly for France to obtain a new preaching order for Southern Alberta. It is the intention to establish a convent at McLeod.—Tribune.

Rev. Father Frigon, O.M.I., who recently preached a mission in Minnesota, left for the diocese of Alberta on a similar mission accompanied by Father Brosseau, O. P. Father Frigon will be absent all summer, proceeding from the territories to British Columbia, where he will also give missions.

Rev. Father Plante, S.J., of St. Boniface College, has almost completely recovered from the painful injury to his foot. On Corpus Christi he preached in both French and English to a class of boys who on that morning had the happiness of receiving for the first time the Holy Communion.

Rev. Eugene Schmidt, S.J., who in 1889-90 was Prefect of Studies and Discipline in St. Boniface College, died on the 21st inst., at Detroit, Mich. He was just returning from a long journey undertaken for the benefit of his shattered health. He was born in Montreal May 17, 1856, entered the Society of Jesus May 9, 1877, and distinguished himself therein by his administrative ability and the promptness and efficiency with which he fulfilled the many trusts confided to him. He died surrounded by his brother priests after having received the last sacraments.

Rev. Fr. Cunningham, C.P., left on Thursday for Chicago, where on Sunday he will open a mission at one of the largest churches in that city. The eloquent Passionist carries with him the sincere affection and love of the Catholics of Winnipeg, and the respect and esteem of the many non-Catholics who had the pleasure and privilege of hearing him in his discourses this week. Father Cunningham replied to the numerous questions propounded calmly, dispassionately, and with great forbearance, as becomes one who is conscious of having truth on his side.

Local and General News

Crop reports from all over the country presage a record year.

No less than 708 out of the 988 delegates to the Republican convention have been instructed absolutely for Roosevelt.

Attorney-General Campbell left on Tuesday week for England. He goes to defend the Province in connection with the swamp lands appeal.

It has been officially announced that the contract for the new hotel and station of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg has been awarded to Peter Lyall & Sons, of Montreal. The cost is something like a million and a half dollars.

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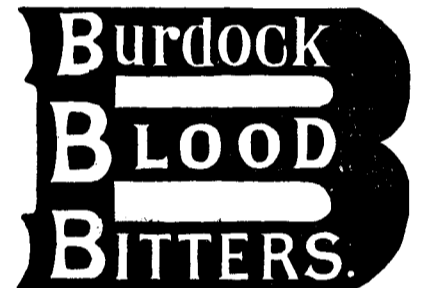
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The Danish Scientific expedition to Greenland, under the leadership of Ericksen, has arrived at the Danish colony of West Greenland, after much hardship and suffering. The expedition reports that it found the whaling ship G. Joa, with Captain Ammundsen's magnetic north pole expedition on board, at Dalrymple Rock. All the members of the expedition are well.

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