

mouth. The kindly eyes were hidden, but the whole face was one that commanded confidence, respect and love. He belonged to a type now almost obsolete in the Church of Rome, that type which considers that in the end nothing can matter but the soul, which lives wholly with a view to its salvation, which knows no ambitions beyond the happiness of his flock, and is ignorant of all intrigue save those innocent ones that reconcile enemies or re-unite parted friends or lovers: holy, simple, unlettered, such a man as the Master might have called from the shore of Galilee, and said, "Follow me!" He sat beneath the splendid canopy with a sense of discomfort, and let a cheap, brown rosary fall through his fingers as his thoughts rose, pious and humble, and his aspirations for knowledge of the right. And, further on the same writer closes his imaginative account of the Conclave with these words: "And thus it was that the Sacred College . . . in some mysterious manner were impelled to set upon that throne just such another as that Fisherman whom the Master turned back upon the Appian Way, to suffer and die for his sake. Deposuit potentem de sede, et exaltavit humiles!"

Sir Louis Jetté and Mr. Aylesworth deserve the thanks of all Canada for their refusal to sign the Alaskan award. If they, who were there and heard all the discussions, cannot understand the reasons for such a decision, how can we? To be sure, when we speak of "understanding" we mean, on the hypothesis that the British commissioners aimed at justice, not at placating a powerful rival.

One good feature in Mr. Chamberlain's protectionist plans is that, if carried out, they will probably benefit Ireland and largely diminish that flow of emigration which is draining the nation's best blood. "There is no doubt," says the San Francisco "Leader," "that the adoption of Free Trade hastened the ruin of Ireland. She was brought into competition with the machinery of America, her fertile prairies and her limitless resources. A small island with a treacherous climate could not compete with the San Joaquin or the Red River. . . . The first duty of a nation is to herself, and it would in the long run pay the Irish people to increase their living expenses if thereby they could give employment to the thousands of young men and women who are leaving the island every year."

We promised to give some account of the case of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart and their lawsuit in London, Ont. In doing so we counted upon some account of the latter appearing in the Catholic Record, of London, but two issues of that paper have since appeared without a single word about the trial. The Record is evidently not a newspaper.

In reply to a letter from Mr. Angus O. McDonald, who asks if Rev. Father McCarthy, and not Rev. Father Beaudin (as was mentioned at Rat Portage) was not the first parish priest of St. Mary's we beg to state that Mr. McDonald is quite right. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., who is still at St. Mary's, was its first founder. He was there three years as pastor before Rev. Father Beaudin came. It would have been more correct to say that the latter was one of the founders of St. Mary's Church. Not only did Father McCarthy star, the first Catholic church in Winnipeg, but he also started the first school there, buying the land for that purpose. All honor to our "Sogarth Aroon."

We find it difficult adequately to thank venerable Father Allard, of Fort Francis, for sending us twelve paid-up subscriptions. May God bless him for his practical support of our humble endeavors.

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ENTHUSIASTIC GREETING TO THE DELEGATE.

Mgr. Donato Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate for Canada, arrived on Thursday morning, with his secretary, Rev. Father Stickney, by the delayed train from the west. The Very Rev. A. Dugas, Vicar-General, accompanied by the clergy from the city, from St. Boniface and neighboring parishes and a representative body of laymen, met His Excellency at the C.P.R. station, and, after presenting their respectful and most cordial greeting, escorted him to the Archbishop's palace. The party, which filled a dozen carriages, drove to St. Boniface, where His Grace the Archbishop received the Holy Father's representative with marked pleasure. Although the train was an hour late and the clock was speeding towards eleven, Mgr. Sbarretti was still fasting and said Mass. Shortly before noon, about forty of the clergy assembled in the drawing-room, where Mgr. Langevin, in a few well chosen words, welcomed the Papal Delegate, presenting to him his clergy, of whom he was happy to say that they were all devoted and zealous, all united in the bonds of priestly charity, and all remarkable for their spirit of obedience. His Excellency briefly expressed his delight at this happy meeting. Commenting on the Most Rev. Archbishop's commendation of the clergy of St. Boniface, he congratulated them on their faithful correspondence to the wishes of their Ordinary, and exhorted them to continue to maintain that Church discipline which is an essential element of success in priestly ministrations. He blessed the assembled clergy and afterwards wished to be introduced to each one with a kind word for each, showing by his questions how deep is the interest he takes in their individual work. Then the distinguished guest with all the attending clergy followed His Grace into the large dining-room, where a suitable repast was served by young gentlemen from the college. During dinner His Excellency spoke most entertainingly of his journey in the West. He was evidently favorably impressed with the extent and importance of Western Canada. His experiences with the Indians of British Columbia were particularly interesting. After dinner Mgr. Sbarretti entered into conversation with all who approached him and by his affability won all hearts.

CHILDREN IN CATHEDRAL.

At 3 p.m. the cathedral of St. Boniface presented a pretty spectacle. All the children of the parish, to the number of 550, filled the nave. They came from the boys' school, the girls' school, the Indian Industrial School, the Hospice Tache and the Mother House of the Grey Nuns. They welcomed His Excellency with short addresses, songs and bouquets. Mgr. Sbarretti responded with evident delight. He was so glad to bless the little ones whom Our Lord so dearly loved. The venerable church was tastily decorated and the scene was one of especial charm.

THE COLLEGE.

The Rector of St. Boniface College having invited His Excellency, His Grace and all the clergy to tea at the college, the guests assembled at 6, and twenty minutes later were invited to the college parlor, where the Rev. James Dugas, S.J., Rector of St. Boniface College, gave a brief extempore address in Ciceronian Latin. He said it was difficult to express the joy which His Excellency's presence, as the representative of the Vicar of Christ, brought to all the Faculty and students of the college. For it was not only His Excellency's well known kindness, nor his personal dignity, nor his learning and charity that they were privileged to admire, but they seemed to behold in him the image of that most honored and beloved Father of Christendom, Pius X., now beginning so gloriously his reign. His Excellency was aware that the sons of Ignatius were bound by a special vow to that Papal throne. They would therefore give thanks to His Excellency and those thanks would be still warmer, if their illustrious guest would deign to im-

part to them, unworthy indeed, but most devoted and affectionate, his apostolic benediction.

After His Excellency had blessed the Fathers present, he replied in equally Ciceronian Latin that he was delighted to be among the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, who were so justly esteemed. Their devotion to the Church, the zeal with which they defend her, are known to all. The Vicar of Christ, himself, by the work he intrusted to them, and by the letters he wrote them, solemnly declared their merits. Therefore, as a friend of the Society of Jesus, he, a humble representative of the Sovereign Pontiff, congratulated them from the bottom of his heart, on their fruitful labors for the education of youth, and he also congratulated the young people who were confided to their care.

At 6.30 the guests assembled in the Fathers' refectory for the evening meal, which was followed by the Jesuits night prayer, the Litany of Loretto and the Litany of the Saints.

A little after eight o'clock the two Archbishops, the clergy and some prominent laymen who had been presented to His Excellency in the parlor, repaired to the college hall, which was already well filled with ladies and gentlemen from Winnipeg and St. Boniface and with the students of the college.

The program opened with a piano overture by H. Mauseau. Then an address in French was read by P. Beaubien, also the following address in English was read by J. Walsh.

To His Excellency the Most Reverend Donato Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate for Canada, Archbishop of Ephesus, May it please Your Excellency.

The advent of one who represents the highest and most beloved authority on earth is, of itself, an occasion for unusual rejoicing to the faculty and students of St. Boniface College, who pride themselves on being the standard bearers of that Divine authority. Appointed to your high office by the great and glorious Leo XIII., Your Excellency comes to us with the added charm of the delegate from Pius X., the pontiff of the warm heart. Thus, even were your personal qualifications unknown to us, this twofold delegation from knowledge and love would insure to your Excellency a glad and reverential welcome. But there are special personal motives for our present joy. We have heard of Your Excellency's wide experience through the length and breadth of this continent, from Cuba to Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; we have heard of your openness of mind to any suggestion that might add to that knowledge of local conditions which is so indispensable to a judge of appellate jurisdiction; we have heard of that urbanity which ever greets the suppliant at your tribunal; and, although we have no grievance to urge for Your Excellency's arbitration, we are glad to pay loving homage to your exalted personality and office.

This college, begun as it was eighty-five years ago, is the fourth in order of seniority among the Catholic colleges of Canada. In 1818 the first seeds of academic education were sown in heroic poverty and toil by Father Provencher, the first missionary permanently resident in the Red River country. He continued to foster the precious germ when he became the first bishop of the Northwest. Shortly after the illustrious Bishop Tache had succeeded Mgr. Provencher he erected, in 1855, for St. Boniface college, a building that remained for many years the largest educational edifice in Northwestern Canada. During thirty subsequent years the classical studies of this institution, already famous throughout the west, were directed alternately by the Oblate Fathers and by secular priests. When the University of Manitoba was founded in 1877 this Catholic college became one of the essential components of that republic of colleges, and its students soon won high honors.

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college, the Jesuit Fathers found it well equipped, and attended by a body of students whose numbers and success increased every year. True, there was some ten or twelve years ago, a period of hard times, when the universal financial depression seriously diminished our numbers; but in the past five years our increase has been steady and, of late, phenomenal, while our success at the university has been still more remarkable. This prosperity, for which we are so grateful, is largely due to the generosity of His Grace our beloved Archbishop, who has ever been a zealous and munificent patron of this college. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the clergy of this diocese, both secular and regular, for their hearty co-operation in this important educational work, and we need hardly add that the laity in its most distinguished members have ever been eminently practical supporters of St. Boniface College. Thus have we truly experienced "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

This is the only Catholic college in America which constantly competes for university honors on a footing of equality with non-Catholic colleges. This competition, while producing a healthy emulation and a consequent amount of sustained application such as is very rare even in our best colleges in the eastern parts of the Dominion, does not in any way detract from the religious spirit of the students, as is proved by the fact that more than one-third of our graduates have entered the ranks of the clergy, mostly the diocesan clergy, and that the lay graduates, some of whom date their graduation almost twenty years ago, have remained faithful to the practice of our holy religion.

Hoping that this sketch of our past and present may please Your Excellency (as an earnest of future usefulness for the glory of God), we beg to renew the expression of our unalterable attachment to the Holy See, of which you, my Lord Archbishop, are the immediate representative.

A "Song of the West" was sung by M. Gélley; and a Latin ode was read by L. Breidenbach, both of these were composed specially for the occasion. Then followed a poem in English well recited by H. Corway on "The Triumph of the Church, Foreshadowed by Leo XIII." A violin solo, Berceau de Jocelyn, by Godard, was well played by P. Beau, son of a former mayor of St. Boniface. A French ode to Pius X., composed by Father Tamisier, S.J., and published in the "Messager Canadien du Sacre Coeur," was read by N. Bellavance with remarkable earnestness and taste.

The most captivating feature of the evening was a dialogue in French, the "Arrival of the Delegate." Three lads, of the first, second and third Latin years, A. Lambert, J. Preniergast and J. Bertrand, are discussing what they should say when they meet the Delegate. What is he like? one says. Another replies, He is pretty much

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