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CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

The Rev. Father Allard, O.M.I., who acts as Administrator of the diocese in the Archbishop's absence, will be at the palace on Thursday and Friday of this week.

His Grace Mgr. Langevin hopes to return during Holy Week. Perhaps however, he may await the Delegate, Mgr. Merry del Val, who intends coming here shortly after Easter.

Rev. Father Ambrose, a Premonstratensian Canon Regular, arrived at the Archbishop's Palace last Thursday. His white cassock and white biretta were conspicuous at the cathedral services last Sunday. St. Norbert (1080-1134), the patron of Mgr. Ritchot's church, was the founder of the order to which Father Ambrose belongs.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O.M.I., began last Sunday the fortnight's mission which he is preaching in the cathedral. His two sermons at Mass and Vespers were listened to with eager attention by a very large congregation. "Convincing, practical and touching" is the verdict of all who hear the eloquent missionary.

Branch No 52 of the C.M.B.A. hold a regular meeting in Unity Hall this evening. This is one of the months in the year when a double assessment is payable.

St Mary's Court No 276 of the catholic order of Foresters meet in Unity Hall on Friday evening.

This month's issue of the Canadian, the official organ of the C.M.B.A., contains the usual budget of news interesting to the members. The association is making rapid and substantial progress in the East,—why is the success there so much greater than in Manitoba?

There are hundreds of eligible members in the city of Winnipeg alone who should belong, and there is a good field in which energetic members might earn some of those dollars promised by the Grand Council to each one who introduces an applicant.

Large numbers of Immigrants are almost daily arriving in this city and the prospects are that Manitoba will receive a large addition to its population this year. It seems a little early for those who expect to hunt up land for settlement, but it is said that most of those who are now coming have already made arrangements and have places to go on.

On Thursday and Friday evenings the pupils of the St. Mary's Academy entertained a large number of relatives and friends with a programme of dramatic and musical items of great excellence.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Catholic Truth Society held last week Bro. Joseph read a very interesting paper in which he compared and analyzed the record of Catholic and Protestant countries in the matter of the civilization and general happiness of their respective peoples. At the close several of the members took part in a discussion of the various points raised and altogether a most pleasant and profitable evening was spent. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Joseph.

On Wednesday evening an interesting ceremony took place at the church of the Immaculate Conception viz., the formation of two sodalities, the elder children attending the academy being enrolled in the Holy Angels sodality and the younger in the Children of Jesus sodality. Rev. Father Cherrier addressed the sodalists giving them a most edifying instruction on the importance of the step they were taking and expressing the happiness with which he had granted the request of the good sisters to allow the formation of these two sodalities. If they were faithful to their obligations as members they would be a great blessing to the parish, a great blessing to their families to the congregation and to the school. About fifty children were enrolled, twelve of whom were boys.

The Play at St. Boniface College
On the Eve of the Anniversary of His Grace's Consecration.

On Thursday evening, March 18th, a distinguished audience under the patronage of our beloved Archbishop accompanied by the clergy in great numbers, listened with evident appreciation to the rendering of "La Foi Juree" (His Plighted Faith) a thrilling tragedy in French verse by Father Delaporte, S.J. The address, which served as a sort of prologue to the play, was far from commonplace. It showed how Regulus, the Roman dying for his plighted word, was outdone by Loch-Maria, the hero, whose heroism unto death was made still more sublime by his forgiveness extended to the revolutionary rrrbble about to execute him. The lesson was obvious — how contemporary promise-breakers were inferior to Pagans in their sense of duty, & how a true Christian should be faithful unto death. It reflects great credit on the audience that they punctuated with applause the best passages of this masterpiece, and that many, even of the men, were moved to tears.

Mr. Joseph Poiras, the hero, revealed himself a real actor especially in the heart-rending conflict between love of home and fidelity to his promise to return to bondage and death. Mr. L. Drummond, as the grandfather, was tender, paternal and dignified. Mr. Samson, the charming younger brother, who attempts to die in the place of his elder brother, excited much interest and sympathy. Mr. Lajoie, the revolutionary general, with his rough brutality, acted as a telling foil to the noble demanor of the vanquished Bretons. Mr. Bellavance, bishop of Dol, was truly episcopal and saintly. Mr. Leblanc, the priest, sustained the fatherly dignity of his part. Mr. Hogue, revolutionary spy, made a first-class traitor. Mr. Noel Bernier, an old friend of the grandfather, played the bluff, heroic old soldier in a very natural way. Messrs. Gosselin, Dabuc, Ayotte, Sabourin and Lagimodiere also deserve much praise. In a word all the actors were remarkable by their excellent French accent and their clear enunciation.

Between the acts Masters Rouleau and Clarke sang "Poudre et Farine" so well as to win an encore. The brass band of the Indian Industrial School, under Professor Sale's able conductorship, performed several selections with great skill. The Manitoba Mandolin and Guitar Quartette also enlivened the evening by hilarious music and song.

After "God Save the Queen," His Grace congratulated the Professors and students on this successful rendering of a tragedy which has had great vogue in France. The eloquent Archbishop surpassed himself when he exhorted the College boys to be true to their plighted faith even in face of death; "better die," he said, "than be dishonored."

LETELLIER

Report has it, that all the Indians, in this neighborhood are leaving in a few days, for the Mountains of Pembina. They have made their "Jongleur" consider the matter over a jug of Whiskey, and he declares that there will be a great flood along the Red River.

At some thirty miles from here, there is a wood in which are found good tall trees for building purposes, on the top of one of these someone is said to have seen an "adder"; on reporting the same to an Indian, he declared that it was a sign of water as high as that tree.

Mr Fortier, a French Canadian, who for the last ten years or more has been in charge of the Quarantine at Emerson received on the 4th March a ten days notice to quit, the reason of course being that he was a Conserrative.

I have been surprised to hear several times remarks from Cath-

olics about being forbidden to read the Bible. Now I am quite sure that I have heard from the pulpit that Catholics had the right to read the Bible, but not to interpret it to their own imagination. Would you kindly give an explanation of this subject in your valuable columns. I heard a certain man say the other day that it was hard not to be able to give proofs to a Protestant neighbor of his, who in defense of his argument would produce his Bible. Of course he was not in the right. Is the Priest in London who so ably defends the Catholic schools the Rev. Father Douglas?

REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONS OF OUR CORRESPONDENT.

1. The assertion that Catholics are forbidden to read the Bible is one of the hugest of the many huge Protestant standers against us. Look at the beginning of the Catholic English Bible (Doway) and you will find a letter from Pope Pius VI, exhorting the faithful to read the Holy Scriptures. Let your friend write for a Catholic Bible with good explanatory notes, for instance, Haydock's edition (P. J. Kennedy, Barclay St., New York,) and he will easily meet the sophistry of his Protestant neighbor.

2. No; he is an Oblate Father. Rev. Father Davson, editor of the Missionary Record.

SAVED HER LIFE

The Narrow Escape of a Fergus Merchant's Daughter.

Had Been Weak and Sickly From Infance Neither Doctor Nor Friends Thought She Would Survive Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Saved Her Life Advice to Parents From the Fergus News-Record.

Mr. C.M. Post, fruit and confectionery dealer, St. Andrew street Fergus, last week related to a representative of the News Record the sad story of the terrible suffering and sickness of his little daughter Ella, his only child, now a strong and healthy little maiden of ten years of age. At the time of the child's illness Mr. Post was a resident of Hamilton. His story is substantially as follows:—"My daughter had been very delicate from childhood until about three years ago, and the money it cost me for doctor bills made me poor as it was seldom she was without a doctor's care, and at times we have had as many as doctors in attendance and hope of saving her despaired of. The doctors succeeded in keeping her alive, but she was gradually growing worse and we thought she was going to die. Our regular physician had given up hope of saving her life and remarked that if it were only warm weather, (it was then winter) there might be a chance. But seven summers had passed since her birth and she had gradually become feebler, and my wife and I thought it was just a matter of time until the child would be called to a better home.

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