

built on the spot, to witness what the untutored savages around them could see as well but not so understandingly—the darkness falling over all the neighborhood, as if a pall had been drawn across the earth, and the mountains fifty miles away bathed in sunshine.

On the 8th inst. the Premier of Alberta, Hon. Alexander Cameron Rutherford, presented the names of his cabinet ministers to Lieutenant-Governor Bul-yea, who approved them. The executive council will be: Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Premier and Minister of Education and Provincial Treasurer; Mr. C. W. Cross, B.A., L.L.D., Attorney-General; Mr. W. H. Cushing, Minister of Public Works; Mr. W. T. Findlay, Medicine Hat, Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Secretary; Mr. L. G. Deveber, Lethbridge, Minister without portfolio.

On the 12th inst. the Saskatchewan cabinet was announced as follows: Hon. Walter Scott, Premier and Minister of Public Works; Mr. J. H. Lamont, Attorney General; Mr. Jas. A. Calder, Minister of Education; Mr. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture and Provincial Secretary.

The new Sacred Heart Church school will be opened in a fortnight under the church. Three Sisters of Jesus and Mary will teach in this French school. The pupils have been attending St. Mary's school since the beginning of the month.

Classes were resumed at St. Boniface College on Thursday morning, the 14th inst., with 170 students attending, thirty more than last year, when the attendance was the largest on record. The Mass of the Holy Ghost was said at 9 a.m. by Father Drummond, S.J., after which Father Adam, S.J., preached in French in the large chapel and Father McDonald S.J., in English in the small chapel. Communication between the old building and the new wing has been closed till the latter is finished, which will probably be about the first of November. The roof is already nearing completion, and work is going on rapidly inside.

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#### THE NORTHWEST REVIEW TWENTY YEARS AGO

The first number of the Northwest Review was published on the 29th of August, 1885. The 4th number, dated Sept. 19 of the same year and corresponding as closely as possible in date to our present issue, contains a verbatim report of the first sermon Father Drummond preached in Winnipeg. The text was "The Virgin's name was Mary," Luke I. 27. The report, which fills three columns is prefaced by the following remarks:

"As was expected the attendance at St. Mary's church last Sunday was an exceptionally large one, the occasion being the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, the patronal feast of the church, as well as the formal opening of the new sanctuary, which has just been added to the church. The sermon, as announced previously, was delivered by Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., and was fully in keeping with the scholarly reputation of the members of the Society of Jesus."

The following item refers to the visit of the Marquis of Lansdowne. "The Governor-General was given a very enthusiastic reception on his arrival in the city, notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, and we judge from the manner in which he expressed himself in his reply to the corporation address that His Excellency was delighted with his reception. In the afternoon the vice-regal party were received by the Manitoba University, and presented with an address of welcome, to which His Excellency replied. In the evening the Governor-General was present at the 'Drawing Room' given at Government House, at which a large number of citizens were presented."

The Provincial Exhibition then took place at St. Boniface from Sept. 28th to October 3rd, and was a bona fide agricultural show. The Northwest Review announces that "the time for the reception of entries has been extended" from Sept. 15 to Sept. 22.

Among the "Notes and Comments" are the following: "If Bismarck sends his soldiers into Spain they will likely get the cholera. How France will grieve then."

"It is to be regretted that the Governor-General in his reply to the address of the Manitoba University, did not see fit to address himself to the President of St. Boniface College, which is an integral part of the University, besides being the oldest member of that body. It certainly comes with very bad grace from a gentleman of his culture and position, to say the least."

"A now curious item of news is the announcement that 'a new Catholic directory is soon to be published by the Hoffman Brothers, Milwaukee.'"

Extract from an editorial prospectus: "On the question of politics—a question which enters largely into the composition of most newspapers—this journal will be conspicuously independent. The opinion that Catholic papers should, in a great measure, avoid politics is shared in by the Publisher of the *Review* (J. J. Chaddock), but as Catholics have wide and deep interests in this country, which are either affected or touched by politics, it therefore becomes an impossibility for a Catholic journal to avoid entirely being brought into the political arena. However, the *Review* will interfere in politics only when Catholic interests are at stake, and in the cause of good government, treating all questions in a broad and liberal manner, without regard for party feeling. If a government be found unworthy of public confidence or an official source of danger to the Commonwealth, the *Review* will never hesitate to say so, no matter who is the offending party."

#### FATHER DRUMMOND'S SERMON ON THE RULE OF FAITH

Last Sunday evening in St. Mary's church Father Drummond preached from 2 Tim. II: 2. "The things which thou hast heard of me by many witnesses, the same commend to faithful men who shall be fit to teach others also." The following is a brief summary of the discourse which lasted nearly an hour. The Catholic doctrine is that the faith is handed down to us by an infallible living church interpreting the written word of God and unwritten but equally divine traditions. The Protestant rule of faith is the Bible and the Bible only. The former is the method used by Christ Himself, who left no writings and always taught by word of mouth. Even when He appealed to the Old Testament He did not appeal to it as teaching His doctrine, but as containing the prophecies, which with His own miracles, were His credentials. On the contrary, He asserted His authority to be independent of it or collateral with it, as when He claimed to be the Lord of the divinely instituted Sabbath, and He did not hesitate to abrogate parts of the Old Law and to teach a new and high morality in the Sermon on the Mount.

Christ's charge to the Apostles is of the same tenor. They are commanded to preach and to heal the sick, that is to say, to exhibit the credentials of miracles and to deliver an oral message. Not a word is said about writing; the Apostles are not commissioned to inculcate the observance of the Old Law, nor to promise that the New shall be put into book form and distributed. Christ gave his final commission to the Apostles immediately before his Ascension. They are not to write but to preach, to make disciples. It is through the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost that Christ will be with them all days even to the consummation of the world. The phrase "be with you," in the language of over ninety texts of Scripture, imports infallible and effectual assistance. The promise given in this form is never followed by failure. We have here the Divine guarantee against any corruption of the teaching which the Apostles and their successors are to

impart to all nations even to the consummation of the world. The tradition that they hand on will not be a tradition of men, such as those traditions were for which the Pharisees made void the commandment of God; but it will be the word of the Spirit of the Father speaking through His Ministers.

That the Apostles acted upon this commission may be seen in almost every chapter of the Acts. Nor does any other method appear in the Epistles. These letters were for the most part written to supplement and enforce the writer's teaching.

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