

Mr. Gilbert J. Brady, a student of the St. Louis University, has been appointed to take charge of the Vatican exhibit in the Anthropology building at the world's fair. Mr. Brady has made a study of manuscripts and historic objects and is especially well versed in the traditional and historic significance of the Vatican exhibits.

One of the most pleasing features of McClure's Magazine is the occasional story of New York East Side Jewish school life, by Myra Kelly. The strange lingo of the little Hebrew boys and girls, coupled with their admiration of their Christian teacher make up a picture that is unique and full of curious sidelights. Miss Kelly is the daughter of a well known Catholic physician. Her popular stories will soon appear in book form.

The Rev. John Faber Schofield, whose resignation of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Hill Square, Edinburgh, Scotland, and forthcoming reception into the Church were announced in the London Times on July 19, is a cousin of the late Father Faber. During the twelve years that he has ministered at St. Michael's, he has, in the teeth of much opposition, consistently held such "High" doctrine and practiced such "High" ritual that the church had become, according to the complaint of the "English Churchman," "a very hotbed of the most extravagant ritualism." In consequence of this he was refused an assistant and placed under episcopal ban. So successfully, however, did he work single-handed that he gathered and kept together a big enthusiastic congregation. Mr. Schofield is a member of the old Yorkshire family, and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. For years past he has been a devoted admirer of the works of his kinsman, Father Faber.—The Tablet.

Senator and Mrs. Bernier celebrated the 33rd anniversary of their weddingday on Monday, 15th inst. The day was also the 60th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Bernier. On this occasion a large number of friends went in the day or in the evening to offer them their hearty congratulations. One may rest assured that if any attentions are more appreciated than others, it is those which spring spontaneously from the heart, as they did on this occasion.—Le Manitoba.

The Telegram of the 19th inst., describes as "a romantic story, one of the most romantic incidents in the history of the Northwest" the scandalous weakness of a nun who secretly ran away and got married. Since when has the betrayal of trust, the breaking of one's solemnly pledged promise, since when has constructive perjury become romantic?

The three greatest estimators of the world's wheat crop for 1904 though differing by more than 130 million bushels (twice the probable Manitoba crop) agree in forecasting a crop smaller by at least 41 million bushels, than last year. The highest estimate, Dornbusch's, is 3,056 million bushels; the lowest, Bromhall's, is 2,926 million bushels. Thus Manitoba is expected to provide about one-fiftieth of the world's wheat crop.

Colonel Sanderson, on Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the House of Commons, raised a discussion on the case of Constable Anderson, and made an attack on Sir Anthony McDonnell. He acknowledged in almost as many words that the little Orange minority are highly indignant because even a subordinate Government position has been given in Ireland to a gentleman whose religion is that professed by the vast majority of the people. The Orangemen should, as hitherto have all the loaves and fishes.—Catholic Times.

Mr. John Redmond went to Belgium on Friday, July 29, to be present at the reception of his niece, Miss Dora Howard, into the Irish Benedictine Convent at Ypres.

Sir William Butler, when the jingo war fever was at its highest, was prevented from taking command of the troops on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to Bristol, but at Swansea in the last week of July there was no one with the exception of their majesties who was so lustily cheered through the streets as the man who would not allow Lord Milnor either to bend or break him. The General rode in the Royal saloon to the docks, and as he left the King was heard to remark to the Queen, "what a charming fellow Butler is."

A correspondent of the "Freeman's Journal" calls attention to the fact that the 31st of next December will be the centenary of the birth of Francis Sylvester Mahony, better known as "Father Prout." It was on the Feast of St. Sylvester (December 31st) of the year 1804 that the author of the "Bells of Shannon" first saw the light in Cork. He entered Clongowes Wood College on February 23rd, 1815, and studied there for four years, to which college he returned in July 1825, as a Jesuit novice. In September, 1827, after giving up the notion of being a Jesuit, he entered the Irish College in Rome, and he was ordained a secular priest for his native diocese in 1832, at Lucca. From 1832 to the autumn of 1833 he was chaplain to the Cholera Hospital in Cork, and he then went to London, where he became associated with "Fraser's Magazine."

Next Thursday at 8 p.m. in the town hall of Selkirk there will be a Lecture and Concert in aid of the local Catholic Church. Father Drummond will lecture on "Irish Orators;" Miss Madge Barrett has kindly consented to sing. Train leaves Winnipeg daily at 5.15 p.m.

Clerical News.

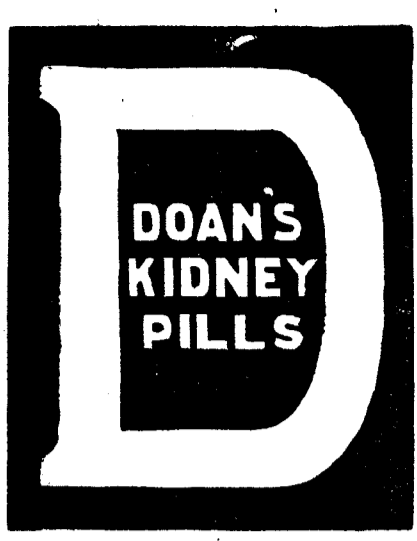
In the death of Rev. Father Brennan, which occurred recently at St. Michael's College, the Catholic community of Toronto suffered the loss of one of the most pious, energetic and highly esteemed priests in the diocese. From his relatives in Ireland he had on two or three occasions inherited considerable sums of money. These he expended for the benefit of the poor of his parish, and from the time he came to Toronto until his death he lived within the yearly income permitted by the Order of St. Basil.

The venerable convert, Father B. F. de Costa, whose life was in danger about the time of his ordination last year in Rome, is now in New York and celebrated recently his 74th birthday at St. Vincent's hospital, where he received the congratulations of many clerical and lay friends. His health has greatly improved.

M. Combes, the French Premier, on Saturday submitted to President Loubet for signature a decree suppressing the Congregation of the Sulpicians. As the Sulpicians are not in any sense a religious order, but only a community of secular priests, this move is one further step in the march of Church persecution.

Rev. Father Gandos, professor of theology in the Trappist Monastery of St. Norbert, was run over last week by a wagon containing five persons which passed over his abdomen, causing a temporary paralysis of the lower part of the body. He is now in St. Boniface hospital, recovering slowly.

The Holy Father received Mgr. Le Nordez, Bishop of Dijon, very affably. The bishop, who showed great emotion, presented his defence to his Holiness. The Holy Father then exhorted him to rely on the justice of the Holy Office, and expressed his regret at the publicity given to the disciplinary measures adopted by the Holy See. His Holiness added: "Reason is on our side, and we are confident that God will assist His Church in the mad struggle which sectaries have begun against her."—Liverpool Catholic Times, Aug 5.



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The Franciscan province of the Sacred Heart, which recently celebrated its silver jubilee at St. Louis, consists of nine monasteries, three colleges, and twenty-eight residences, with a total membership of 480 friars, of whom 201 are priests, 92 clerics and 187 lay brothers. The sphere of activity of the province has been vastly extended in the past 25 years.

After the final interview between Cardinal Merry del Val and M. de Courcel, French Charge d'Affaires at the Vatican, the Holy Father summoned Cardinal Merry del Val in order to receive his report of what had taken place. His Holiness dined as usual with the Prelates, who are his intimates, and gave no sign of concern at the turn which events had taken. There is absolute calm in official circles at the Vatican.—Ibid.

The celebration of the 89th anniversary of the birth of his Grace Archbishop Murphy, of Hobart, Tasmania, was fittingly celebrated on Saturday, June 18, at Hobart. A large gathering, which included the State Premier, other legislators, priests, leading Catholic laymen and representatives of the Hibernian and other societies assembled at the Palace and tendered their hearty felicitations to the aged Prelate, which his Grace acknowledged in an eloquent speech. His Grace was born on the day upon which the battle of Waterloo was fought, June 15, 1815. His native place is Belmont, Crookstown, Kilmurphy parish, County Cork, Ireland. He was consecrated Vicar-Apostolic of Hyderabad in 1846. During Bishop, Murphy's stay in Rome he performed the obsequies connected with the death of Daniel O'Connell. Dr. Murphy was in India throughout the Mutiny, and had many extraordinary experiences. Meeting Dr. Willson, Bishop of Hobart, in Rome, Dr. Murphy's thoughts were turned to Hobart, and he was appointed to the See in 1866.

Rev. D. Plante, S.J., went to Rainy River for last Sunday service.

Rev. Father Polaska went last week to Dauphin to visit the Catholic Slavs in that district.

Rev. Father Blain, S.J., was operated for appendicitis on the 12th inst., and is now steadily improving in St. Boniface hospital.

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