why our great and venerable archbishop has never despaired. In the days of the old Roman Republic a general might be defeated by the enemy, but as long as he continued to hope, as long as he was faithful to the Roman eagle, he was received as a conqueror by the citizens and people of Rome. Why? Because he never despaired! Our great Archbishopshould be compared to the Roman general of old: he has never despaired of the Catholic cause. Here is the principle of his life. We Catholics are no strangers; we are not of to day or yesterday, in the land of this great Dominion. Our missionaries were the first to plant the cross of Christ in the prairie wilds of western Canada they were in the van of advance of Christianity and civilization, as both came across the trackless plains of Manitoba and the Northwest. The first settlers were our own people. There is yet room for all in this Dominion, there is yet a home for Catholics in the Northwest. Here we have our homes by right, and here we will insist on the right of partaking in the liberties of our country, and in her institutions. We, the Catholics of this Dominion, are one in the essence of unity—we are one, being of the same God, the same sacraments, the same baptism. To-day's display, my dear Catholic friends of St. Mary's, the Im-maculate Conception, and St. Boniface, to-day's display fills the heart of our beloved archbishop with joy. To-day's display shows him that we, his faithful children, are one—one grand people, strong in our unity, unconquerable in our combined strength. It shows him that we Catholics have not yet abandoned and will never abandon our just claims to our rights—not privileges; that we are here to stay, that we are here to insist upon the enjoyment of the religious and political liberty which is ours by inheritance. This display is indeed a grand one, especially in the year of the silver jubilee of St. Mary's parish. Praise be to those good, good fathers, who from time to time have been the pastors of St. Mary's. Praise be to you, our beloved Father Praise be to you, our beloved Father McCarthy, one of the most solid foundation stones upon which is terected our temple. To you, Father Lacombe, Father Baudin, Father Oullette, and Father Fox all praise and honor from me. My dear, dear people, you please us when you mention those names. I am but a child, I am al stranger in your midst, an infant in the service of our Divine Master, when in the service of our Divine Master of the little ones were charming dependent on their time service of all was am a stranger in your midst, an intant in the service of our Divine Master, when compared with the hoary heads of those who surround me. To you, Father Antoine, I take this opportunity of paying a deep homage and tribute of love. Nor must I conclude without thanking in all the sincerity of my heart you, my goodfriend Eather Cherrier for the noble

co-operation you have given in this demonstration. To you, my beloved people, I give all congratulation and thanks." Thus was brought to a close the most memorable event in St. Mary's history, an event which will be talked of for ages an event which will be talked of for ages an event which will be talked of for ages to come, one which we will look back to with pleasure and joy, and which the younger generation will speak of in the younger generation will speak of in the after years of their life. The Oblate after years of their life. The Oblate after years are proud, and justly so, no greater tribute of honor and praise and greater tribute of honor and greater tribute of younger generation will speak of the years of their life. The Oblate Fathers are proud, and justly so, no greater tribute of honor and praise and love could be paid them, than that which the Catholics of Winnipeg and St. Boniface offered to the Very Rev. Father and the Catholics of the Order of the Orde Soullier, Superior General of the Order. We cannot ere we close, conclude without alluding to the music of the services on Sunday evening, April 29. Father Soullier can no more forget this part than he can what he had witnessed during the day. Miss Barrett's Ave Maria was something to be remembered. Not even excepting Easter Day, the solo sung by her on that evening was the best effort she has made in St. Mary's: we will not mar its effect by criticism or comment. It speaks too loudly for itself. Words fail to describe it. It was a most beautiful production, one which throws unbounded credit on the singer and on the church choir of which she is a member.

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ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

Pupils Pay a Tribute to the Superior General of the Oblates.

(Contributed for the Northwest Raview.) The pupils of St. Mary's Academy Notre Dame street east, were determinand presentation to Archbishop Tache, bers of the Catholic community in the many demonstrations of welcome which are being extended to our distinguished guest, Very Rev. Father Soulier, Superior General of the Oblates. Well too did they green and Fether Scaling is the occasion being the annual feast day of His Grace. It was intended that the pupils of St. Mary's Academy should also attend, but they were prevented from doing so by the wet and stormy weather. By kind invitation, I had the pleasure of being present, and I must state that I considered myself amply redid they succeed, and Father Soulier paid by the surprising treat which was must be highly impressed with the in store.

high order of talent displayed. On Monday evening, April 30th, in the spacious music hall of the convent, the young ladies repeated their concert which a few weeks since was mentioned in this paper. As I then gave a length y criticism of the individual efforts, I am now at a loss what to say. The repetition was as good, yes better perhaps than the original performance, and this says much. The hall was well filled: admission was by invitation only and confined to the distinguished guest, clerics, friends and parents of pupils, No previous notice of the affair was given in the daily papers, for had there been, the hall would not have been adequate to the emergency of containing the throngs, which would have attended. I noticed a great improvement in the arrangements of the seats. On the first night's performance more than half of the audience were unable to see the stage, owing to those in front standing side of him were placed the many up at frequent and too oft repeated inup at frequent and too oft repeated in-tervals. A suggestion was made as to a change, and the good Sisters acting upon it succeeded admirably in over-coming the difficulty. Commencing about the centre of the room, a gradual incline of the seats was effected, thus enabling those in the back part to take in all equally well with those in front.

The programme with some few exceptions

The French operetta was sung and acted better than on the first nights. A few of the juvenile singers were suffering from hoarseness, but even this did not mar the pleasing effects of the whole. You will pardon me for indulging in praise of those whom I favorably criticised. In doing so. I am not at all discredition. will pardon me for indulging in praise of those whom I favorably criticised. In doing so. I am not at all discrediting the effects of the others. You know all cantaged in the control of the others. You know all cantaged in the control of the pupils held in her hand a floral bouquet—an offering intended for His Grace.

Immediately on entering, His Grace in the control of the pupils held in her hand a floral bouquet—an offering intended for His Grace. not be "stars". In the operetta, Miss M.
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voung lady is possessed of wonderful confidence and self possession, and a rather pleasing voice. She acted her part very well. Miss W. Cummings as Michel was as delightful as ever. She suffered considerably from a huskiness in her voice, but even this did not spoil her productions. Evidently she pleased her productions. Evidently she pleased everyone. It could not be otherwise. I must not pass over the artistic piano accompaniment of Miss A. Doyle; much of the operatic success is due to her skilful rendition of the catchy music. The pleasing, especially the mandolin, guitar and violin rendition. A juvenile greeting and presentation was an enjoyable adjunct. The little ones were charming several tuneful selectons were highly I am told that she had but two days to prepare, therefore I am unstinted in praise to her. In some little details she was not up to the original, but how could she be? It takes longer than two day to study such a difficult role as that which Mariz fills. I do say however that judging from her appearance on the evening of the concert, she should with practice become one of the hest if with practice become one of the best, if not the best of the entire caste. Dame who appeared on behalf of the dear denote the best of the entire caste. Briot-Miss L. Chevrier has continued in the preservation of her senile aspect, and true to nature, has not grown younger. She was laughable in the extreme. Mme. Lagolais—Miss L. Chalmers—(let me quote from the Norwester) it were better not to comment upon her merita fearing lest praise. tion of her costume any more charming than she herself was in her rendition of her part. The stage setting was elegant. After the drama the ever pleasing duet "What are the wild waves saying" was skillfully sang by Miss N. Burley and Miss W. Cummings. The gypsy chorus of some forty voices was quite operatic. Miss T. Dubuc read a French address, to which Father Soullier replied. The tableau of "The Last Supper" was repeated, and thus a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Once evening was brought to a close. Once such success in his archdiocesan institutions. The long years of his missionary praise to the pupils of St. Mary's Acalism must now seem as nought to him, demy, and also to their good perceptors, the sisters. No greater argument could be produced in favor of the high stand-multos annos" to enjoy the repetition of ing of our Catholic schools.

RECEPTION TO HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP TACHE.

By the Pupils of St. Boniface Academy.

On Wednesday last, May 2nd, the Feast of St. Alexander, the pupils of St. Boniface Academy tendered a reception the occasion being the annual feast day

The two large parlors of the convent together with a third adjoining room were thrown into one, and the pupils were arranged in gradual ascent, commencing with the little teta act against the little mencing with the little tots not over four years old, and ending with the young ladies of the Institution, away in the apparently distant background. All were attired in snow-white costume, decorated, too, with the medals and ribbons of the societies to which they belong. Never before have I witnessed such a well-finished perspective as that which was formed by the 250 pupils. Nothing was visible save the smiling faces; a row of them abreast extended all the way down the centre, and at either side of this columns of three converged, till the whole reminded me of one of Dore's productions—the one in which he pictures God's eternal throne, surrounded on all sides by the angelic choir. His Grace the Archbishop sat at the end of the large parlor: at each There were present: His Grace Arch-bishop Tache, Very Rev. Fatner Soullier, Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Rev. Father Antoine, ex-Provincial; Rev. Fathers Langevin, Cherrier, Hudon, Drummond, Poitras, Accorsini, Kavanagh, Gauthier, Lajeunesse, and Rocan; Messrs. Brindamour, Zerbuck, and Noret, seminarians; Bro.

Anita, and once again did she endear herself to the hearts of the audience. The mesnil, J. Couture). This was followed

heard at the far end. Thus excitement and expectation were kept on a tip-toe. The many cute sayings, too, were a pleasing feature. Each ene told what her own individual efforts were towards making the presentation a success. This scene was so full of realism that it never tion was the speech of the little child parted ones—"not lost, but gone before." This was indeed a tender thought.

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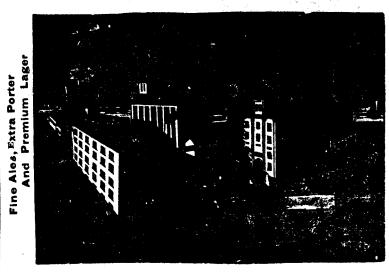
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