

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 Archbishop should 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 today 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 Immaculate 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—our 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 McCarthey, one of the most solid foundation stones upon which is erected 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 a stranger in your midst, an infant in the service of our Divine Master, when compared with the holy 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 good friend, Father Chervier, for the noble co-operation you have given in this demonstration. To you, my beloved people, I give all congratulation and thanks.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

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

(Contributed for the NORTHWEST REVIEW.) The pupils of St. Mary's Academy Notre Dame street east, were determined in joining hands with the older members 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. We cannot ever close, conclude without alluding to the music of the services on Sunday evening, April 29. Father Soulier 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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young 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 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 skillful rendition of the catchy music. The several tuneful selections were highly pleasing, especially the mandolin, guitar and violin rendition. A juvenile greeting and presentation was an enjoyable adjunct. The little ones were charming in their simplicity. Miss Edna Hooper the littlest of all was a wonder in herself, not a sign of worry or anxiety marred the sweetness of her smiling baby face. The English drama was creditable and reflects great praise on the entire cast. Miss L. Beecher was substituted in Miss O'Brien's place to impersonate Maria. I am told that she had but two days to prepare, therefore I am unqualified 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 days to study such a difficult role as that which Maria fills. I do say however that judging from her appearance on the evening of the concert, she should with practice become one of the best, if not the best of the entire cast. Dame Briot—Miss L. Chevrier has continued in the preservation of her gentle aspect, and true to nature, has not grown younger. She was laughable in the extreme. Mme. Lagolas—Miss L. Chalmer—(let me quote from the Northwest) it were better not to comment upon her merits fearing lest praise might spoil the effect. Her acting in the prison scene was fit for any company. "Hortense"—Miss G. Moffat displayed no common taste in the selection 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 Soulier replied. The tableau of "The Last Supper" was repeated, and thus a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Once more I must give words of well-merited praise to the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, and also to their good preceptors, the sisters. No greater argument could be produced in favor of the high standing 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 and presentation to Archbishop Tache, 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 repaid by the surprising treat which was in store. 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 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 costumes, 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 down the centre, and all the way down the centre, and on either side of this column 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 side of him were placed the many priests of St. Boniface and Winnipeg. There were present: Very Rev. Father Soulier, Superior-General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Rev. Father Antoine, ex-Provincial; Rev. Fathers Langevin, Chervier, Hudon, Drummond, Potras, Accorsini, Kavanagh, Gauthier, Lajeunesse, and Rocan; Messrs. Brindamour, Zerback, and Noret, seminarians; Bro. George, O.M.I.; and Messrs. Soucy, Gaudaur, and Dr. Lambert. The parlors were artistically decorated with flags and bunting; on the archways were the inscriptions, "Love—Honor—Respect—Happiness" and "Suffer little ones to come unto Me." Each of the pupils held in her hand a floral bouquet—an offering intended for His Grace. Immediately on entering, His Grace was greeted with an overture, entitled "Coutonne a diamant" (Misses A. Kitson, E. Cyr, R. Badard, E. Branchand, A. Dumestrie, J. Couture). This was followed

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