

MIXED MARRIAGES

"The chief conditions of a happy marriage are health, common intellectual interests and a religious belief held in common between husband and wife."

These are the words of that singularly sound and wholesome thinker, President Eliot of Harvard. They are sheer common sense, and the insistence on a community of interests and beliefs for a happy marriage is particularly welcome to Catholics who have always insisted on them and been taxed with tyranny and narrow-mindedness for so doing.

CHANGES IN ST. ALBERT DIOCESE

On Sunday the 24th of April Rev. Father L. J. Danis, O. M. I., of the Peigan Reserve, was at Calgary on his way to Blackfoot Crossing. The Reverend Father has been appointed Rector of the following important mission: Blackfoot Crossing, Gleichen, Medicine Hat and Maple Creek. Rev. Father L. Doucet, O. M. I., is now the Rector of the Peigan mission.

BRIEFLETS

The WORCESTER RECORDER, of Worcester, Mass., which came into being last Lady-Day, bids fair to be a bright, optimistic Catholic weekly.

The Very Rev. Father Filiatrault, Superior of the Jesuits in Canada arrived at St. Boniface College last evening, for his annual visitation, and will remain one week.

Recent advices from Rome announce that the Holy Father has signed the decree declaring Venerable the first superior-general of the Sisterhood of the Good Shepherd, Mother Mary of St. Euphrasia.

The exercises of the month of May at the Cathedral will consist of sermon and Benediction at 7.15 p.m.; at St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception the Devotions (sermon and Benediction) will begin at 7.30 p.m.

Bishop Joulain, O. M. I. of Jaffna, has arrived in Europe. After attending the Oblate Chapter for the election of a new General on May 19, he will visit the Eternal City and return home probably about November.

History will record the fact that the first shot in the Spanish-American war of 1898 was fired by Patrick Mullen, gunner of the Nashville, who fired at the Buena Ventura. Both Patrick and Mullen are pretty Irish, n'est-ce pas?

His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, their Lordships Bishops Grouard, of McKenzie River, and Legal, of St. Albert, with several priests of the order of Oblates, left Portland, Maine, on Thursday last, by steamer Vancouver, for Liverpool, on their way to France.

The Rev. B. W. Maturin, whose conversion caused such a stir in Anglican circles last year, was ordained priest by Cardinal Vaughan on April 12th in the Church of the Carmelite Nuns, North Kensington, London. He said his first mass the next day in the same church, and was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Rivington, who had also been a Cowley Father. The Maturins are an old Huguenot

family who settled in Ireland; seven of whom having, like Father Maturin, graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, hold benefices in the Church of England.

A brother of the ninth Earl of Denbigh, the Hon. and Rev. Basil Feilding was ordained priest on Easter Tuesday, at Newnham Paddox, by the Bishop of Birmingham. He said his first Mass the next day at Sheffield, where one of his sisters is a Sister of Charity.

Messire Labori, the distinguished Paris counsel who who bestowed on Zola efforts worthy of a better subject, is, says the "Twentieth Century," a son-in-law of Mr. William O'Key of Port Williams, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. P. C. Woodworth of Kentville, N. S.

This day, the Invention of the Holy Cross, is one of the greatest feasts in the Grey Nun calendar. There was High Mass at 8 this morning; at 4.15 this afternoon there will be vespers, sermon, veneration of a relic of the true Cross, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Mother House.

Mr. Dermody, late publisher of the NORTHWEST REVIEW and now editor of the Yorkton Enterprise, was in Winnipeg last week, and reported that several farmers from the United States were about to settle in that district, where spring farm work is already well advanced and the prospects for stock raising are excellent.

The Very Reverend Mother General Filiatrault left for Edmonton last Thursday. Sister Boulanger accompanied her as secretary. They will proceed as far as the Grey Nun convent at Lake La Biche, 200 miles north of Edmonton, and on their return will visit all the houses of the order in Alberta, Assiniboia and Manitoba.

Last Thursday was the twenty-fifth anniversary—silver jubilee—of the priestly ordination of Rev. Father Lacasse, O.M.I. He happened to be at St. Mary's Presbytery, Winnipeg, on that day and returned the same evening to Rat Portage. We congratulate the zealous and eloquent missionary on his quarter century of sacerdotal labors and hope that he will reach and pass far beyond the half-century anniversary of his priesthood.

The Paris "Figaro" says: The Queen of England has received Mgr. Chapon, Bishop of Nice, in private audience and thanked him for his attention to the English colony. Her Majesty also expressed her sympathy for Leo XIII., and spoke at considerable length of Father Bernard Vaughan, the English preacher at the Parish of St. Paul, and of his brother Cardinal Vaughan.

The interview with the Bishop of Nice lasted three quarters of an hour.

Next Friday evening, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Rev. Father Drummond will repeat his lecture on the Book of Daniel with especial reference to the Rev. Hugh Pedley's letter to the Free Press in defence of his view. Entrance, 25 cents; reserved seats, 50 cents.

When the German men-of-war Deutschland (with the Emperor's brother on board) and Gefion were at Colombo, Ceylon, in February last, the Catholic soldiers and sailors, under command of three officers, attended High Mass at St. Lucia's Cathedral and listened to a German sermon by the Rev. Father Gabriel, O. M. I.

The copies of "Mariolatry" ordered by the Winnipeg Stationery & Book Co, 364 Main St., are expected next Wednesday or Thursday. They ought to have been here last Thursday, but it seems the demand for this excellent book has been so great that the Ave Maria Press could not immediately supply all the copies called for. The price is: paper, 30 cents cloth, 50 cents.

The Norwich and Norfolk Protestant Defence Brigade have been greatly disturbed by the conversion to the Catholic Church of the Rev. James Spurgeon Green, who has been vicar of Brundall and Wilton, in Norfolk, for forty-four years. They have just been striving to stir up "a thoroughly Protestant feeling" in the district. We should not, therefore, be surprised to hear, as a result, of further conversions.—L'pool Cath. Times.

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