

**BRIEFLETS**

Rev. Father Kulawy, O. M. I., went to Minnedosa last Friday and returned yesterday.

Rev. Father Lavigne, of Neche, N. D., was a guest of the Jesuit Fathers at the College last week.

Rev. Sister Quinn, Superior of the Industrial School, was suddenly called to Montreal last week.

Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., pastor of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, returned home from the east last Sunday.

Rev. Father Audemard, O. M. I., continues to act as curate to Rev. Father Messier, parish priest of the Cathedral.

Dr. Dame has kindly consented to take up his residence in St. Boniface Hospital and to be the house surgeon there.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface went to St. Léon last Friday, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Father Béliveau.

Rev. Father Giraud, the Armenian priest, has returned from Edmonton and Brandon, and is now a guest at the Archbishop's palace.

Rev. Father Turcotte and Rev. Father Jubinville have changed places; the former takes charge of the parish of St. Adolphe, and the latter of St. Felix.

We regret to hear that Rev. Sister Dugas, Superior of St. Boniface Hospital, is once more quite unwell. Rev. Sister Parent is also on the sick list.

Rev. Sister Ste. Mathilde lost one of her brothers, and Rev. Sister Owens two of hers at St. Anne's lately, where they both went to visit their dying relatives.

The Fathers of St. Boniface College acknowledge with thanks the receipt of two electric battery cells, charged for a year, from Mr. Jenkins of the C. P. R. Telegraph department, for the use of the Commercial Course attached to the College.

Of the 31 embassies and legations now at Washington 19 are Catholics, the representatives of Catholic rulers and Catholic countries. This includes three of the embassies, Italy, France, and Mexico, all the representatives of the South and Central American republics, also of Austria, Portugal, Belgium and Hayti.—Donahoe's Magazine.

A Frenchman, being asked what was his religion, said, "I was brought up a Catholic, but I have lost the faith." His Protestant questioner then added "What Protestant church have you joined?" "Oh!" hotly replied the Frenchman, "if I have lost my faith, I have at least not lost my intellect."

Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A. held a very successful meeting in their new hall, at the corner of Main and Lombard streets, on Wednesday evening. It was the first gathering in the new quarters, and the members were delighted with the change. President H. A. Russell was in the chair and the attendance was the largest for some time past. Seven-

ral applications for membership were voted on and at the close of the routine business congratulatory speeches were made by Messrs. E. Cass, N. Bawlf, R. Driscoll, Fournier, F. W. Russell and others. The branch starts the new year with a determination to add a large number to its roll of membership and to extend as far as possible the benefit of the organisation amongst those eligible.

**LETTERS FROM MGR. CLUT.**

We have been allowed by His Grace and Mr. Arthur Bleau to translate the following extracts from letters lately written to them by the venerable Bishop of Arindèle, Mgr. Clut, O. M. I. Both letters were despatched from St. Bernard's Mission, Little Slave Lake, where His Lordship has been living for some years in comparative retirement, though, as appears from the letters, that retirement is a very hard-working life.

December 14, 1898.

My dear Lord Archbishop, I have not written to you for a long time. During the whole summer I was absorbed in manual labor, and oftener had the spade and the axe in hand than the pen, so that my correspondents may have a right to complain. It is true also that we have few occasions to send letters to civilized regions, and we have just spent more than three months without receiving any mail.

I am happy to inform Your Grace that all is well in my district. Yours, Brothers, Sisters, all vie with one another in zeal and devotion. I went to open the convent of the Sisters of Providence at St. Augustine's Mission on the Peace River, and I also visited St. Charles' Mission at Dunvegan.

In the autumn we received a visit from little Father Henri Giroux, and we loaded him with gifts to help him start his important mission of St. Martin at Lake Waboska.

On the 19th of this month I will go with Father Falher to visit and confirm our Catholics all around our "little" Lake, 70 or 80 miles long. On the 20th I shall celebrate the 41st anniversary of my priesthood in a poor hut on the lake shore, where I am to spend the night.

You will be glad to learn that in spite of a very severe frost on June 13th, which levelled to the ground all our vegetables and cereals, thanks to timely rain followed by great heat, we have fine and abundant harvests. Our brothers have also been very successful in their autumn fisheries, taking 16,500 fine white fish. We have killed seven horned cattle, two calves and five pigs. Thus you see we have enough to feed our eighty free boarders (school children) and all the inmates of our two establishments, the Mission and the Convent, 93 persons in all, and all have good appetites, especially the children, who dispose of 102 fishes a day when they have fish at three meals.

(Extract of letter to Mr. A. Bleau)

Jan. 4th, 1899.

My health keeps up very well, although I still work hard and travel. Last winter I went to Sturgeon Lake, 100 miles west of St. Bernard's Mission, and this winter, from the 19th to the 28th of December, I went as far as the eastern extremity of our Lake, 80 miles from here. My object was to administer confirmation. No Bishop had as yet confirmed in these two places. During last summer I cleared two acres of the forest, in order to enlarge the Sisters' field, and when the hard frosts stopped my work of clearing, I took up my axe and chopped sixty ox-loads of firewood. Though these two jobs were not exactly episcopal, they proved very useful to the Mission.

Pray for me that I may labor till death for the salvation of the souls of our immense Vicariate Apostolic.

† ISIDORE CLUT, O. M. I.  
Bp. of Arindèle.

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