

Desrosiers, last year, are now putting the finishing touches to a fine new presbytery and church, which will cost nearly \$4,000. A bazaar, under the direction of Mrs. Noe Clement, to help defray this great outlay made by the 32 Catholic families of the parish, will be held on the 23rd inst. Father Desrosiers, who is now absent in Montreal, will return on the 17th.

There are about 75 automobiles in Winnipeg. The city license inspector, Mr. Polson, is about to open a register, describing each machine and inscribing the name of each owner or chauffeur. A number, at least four inches high, must be painted on the back of each auto.

St. Patrick's Day is a long way off yet, but the Irish in London are already planning for a suitable celebration of that festival. Preparations are already being discussed for a great Irish service in Westminster Cathedral, at which a sermon in Irish will be preached, most likely by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. His Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, has announced his intention of presiding, and another Irish prelate, the Most Rev. Dr. Fenton, Bishop of Amycla, will be the celebrant. So far as the rubrics will permit, the hymns will be in Irish, and it is stated that in addition to the members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who will attend in full force, a number of Irish gentlemen, headed by the Hon. William Gibson, son of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, will wear ancient Irish costume. Notable Irishmen from abroad have already signified their intention of being present.

In this year of the golden jubilee of the Immaculate Conception it is pleasing to recall that the first chapel erected to God in the British American provinces (before the Declaration of Independence), St. Mary's of Philadelphia, was dedicated to the Immaculate Conception (almost a hundred years before it was dogmatically defined) and that when Father Marquette built the first chapel in this Western country, at Kaskaskia, Ill., it was also dedicated to Mary Immaculate.—The Review, St. Louis.

"On the eve of the election, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's favorite nephew, Romuald Laurier, whose father is the member of Parliament for l'Assomption, has left the world and entered the Dominican monastery at St. Hyacinthe. He was only 24 years old, a brilliant student in medicine at Laval University, and possessed of a fine baritone voice. What caused his decision is unknown." So far one of our Catholic exchanges. We are better informed, we happen to know the cause. The Holy Ghost made nephew Romuald realize vividly the words of the Master, "If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell what thou hast, . . . and come, follow Me."

A news agency under the direction of a prominent prelate has been formed at Rome (according to cable reports) to furnish Vatican news to the press throughout the world. Circulars are being sent to all the papers of the world inviting subscriptions to the new agency, which it is designed to make a reliable source of information.

All Rome is singing the praises of J. Pierpont Morgan, who has returned to the Cathedral at Ascoli-Piceno, the cope of Pope Nicholas IV., which was stolen some time ago and which the American financier had bought in London.

The thieves who stole it from the Cathedral have been arrested and have confessed.

The arrest was effected by clever work of the people of Ascoli. Some years ago the cope was officially photographed, and postal cards with prints of this photograph were sold for the benefit of the Cathedral. Some time after the theft the chief of police at Ascoli discovered that other postal cards, with the photo of the cope somewhat differently arranged, were being sold. Investigation showed that these postals were made and sold by a local photographer, who, though formerly in moderate circumstances, had suddenly come to wealth and had made several trips to London and Paris.

He was arrested and confessed that he and the sacristan of the church stole the cope, which was sold in London to Mr. Morgan, who only bought it after having been given the signa-

ture and photograph of the man who sold it.

At the first meeting of the Campion Literary Society of St. Boniface College, held on the 9th inst., with Rev. John McDonald, S.J., as moderator, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, James Walsh; vice-president, Joseph Plante; secretary, Albert Baribeau; counselors, Leo Fretz, Harold Conway, John Tremblay, Joseph Picard.

The ceremony of blessing the new St. Mary's school, which had been announced for Sunday afternoon last, is indefinitely postponed, owing to His Grace having been misinformed as to the hour of the departure of the C.P.R. train for the east. Mgr. Langevin had first been told that the train would leave at 8 p.m., and this would have left ample time for the blessing of the school at 3 p.m., but he was informed later that the train would start at 3 p.m., and as this was the last train he could take to reach his destination, the ceremony at St. Mary's School had to be put off till his return. However, the school was duly opened on Monday morning with a full attendance of pupils.

Arrangements are being made by old-time pupils of St. Mary's School to celebrate by a banquet the 25th anniversary or silver jubilee of the arrival of the Brothers of Mary, who assumed the management of St. Mary's School in 1879. On the 9th inst. an alumni association of former pupils was organized. Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., who was the first principal of the old school, from 1876 to 1878, was elected honorary president by acclamation, and an executive was also chosen, which included the following officers: Thomas Coyle, chairman; F. F. Smith, Rev. Father Rocan, Alfred Harrison, Moosomin; Walter W. Walsh, Vancouver; Thomas Dewitt, Frank and Harry Brownrigg, Edward Hughes, Nolan Cauchon and R. S. Grant. The banquet will be held on Nov. 9th in the assembly hall of St. Mary's School. The Reverend Brothers, who have so nobly carried on their successful teaching in spite of great hardships, will be the guests of honor.

The Orthodox Greek priest, who calls himself Archbishop Seraphim and Metropolitan of all the Orthodox churches in America, saw his wretched chapel of scrap iron and old junk at the corner of Selkirk and King Streets demolished last Sunday by a large gang of boys. Lately all the ignorant fellows he had pretended to ordain priests turned against him, and now the very rabble of the streets have laid his "tabernacle" low.

Clerical News.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface left on the 9th inst. for Three Rivers, Que., to attend a meeting of the episcopate in which questions to be debated in the proposed Plenary Council of Canadian Bishops will be prepared for discussion. Mgr. Langevin will also officiate at the crowning of a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary at the shrine of the Oblate Fathers at Cap de la Madeleine. His Grace was accompanied by Rev. Dr. Trudel.

Rev. Father Lacombe, O.M.I., arrived from the east last Sunday morning and continued his westward journey on Monday.

Rev. Fathers Latulipe and Ledue, of the Pembroke diocese, returned from their western trip last Sunday morning, were present at the ordination in the Cathedral, and left for home in the afternoon.

Rev. Father Munro left last Tuesday for Wolseley, where he will assist Rev. Father Garon.

Archbishop Orth, of Victoria, who spent a couple of days in the city, left at the beginning of the week to attend the Bishops' Conference at Three Rivers, at which His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti will preside.

Rev. Father Prud'homme said his first Mass in the Cathedral on Monday at 7.30, and gave Holy Communion to his father, mother, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, and many other relatives and friends. He said his second Mass on Tuesday at 8 a.m. in St. Boniface College, of which he is a



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distinguished alumnus. On Tuesday afternoon he left for Montreal and thence for New York, whence on Saturday he sails by the steamship Hohenzollern direct for Naples, on his way to Rome, where he will add two years more of theology to the three he recently completed at the Grand Seminary in Montreal.

A German Catholic paper is authority for the news that the Rev. John Carroll, S.J., has been appointed Bishop of Helena.

Rev. Father Nadeau left for St. Anne, Man., on Monday.

Two newly ordained Oblate priests from the House of Studies in Ottawa, accompanied Father Lacombe on Monday last: Father Clainch, who is destined for St. Albert; and Father Hetin, who goes to Edmonton.

The Right Rev. Dom Grea, founder and Superior General of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, who has been spending a few weeks with his brethren in Alberta and Southwestern Manitoba, and was present last Sunday at the ordination of two of his subdeacons, returned on Tuesday with them and their local superior, Very Rev. Dom Paul Benoit, to Notre Dame de Lourdes, Man. In spite of his 77 years and an attack of gout in the right arm, Dom Grea is full of energy. He preached in the Cathedral last Sunday before the ordination service. He will come back in a few days and sail for Italy, where he has established his headquarters since the expulsion of his Order from France.

The Right Rev. Abbot Engel, O.S.B., of St. John's Abbey and College, Collegeville, Minn., accompanied by Rev. Dom Meinrad, O.S.B., was here Thursday on his way to the Benedictine colony of Muenster, Sask., the prior of the monastery there, Rev. Father Alfred, having come in to meet his superior.

On Sunday last, at the ordination service in the Cathedral, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface conferred subdiaconship on two Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, Dom Leon Ruty and Dom Paul Benoit, a nephew of the Superior at Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Rev. Father Beigert, S.J., preached in Polish last Sunday at the Holy Ghost Church, earnestly warning his hearers against the sin of schism, and reminding them that in their own country, Poland, no one ever dreamt

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