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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, MAY 10th, 1893.

DEAR SIR, I see by the last issue of the Northwest Review that you have been invited by the directors of the journal to be its manager.

I remain, Yours all devoted in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 5.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We ask the special attention of our Canadian Catholic exchanges to the report of the action of the Presbyterian synod on the Manitoba School Case.

The Pope is a shrewd old man; so is Mr. Saffell. The average R. C. clergyman does his duty in humble submission to two such Italians.—resbyter.

"Thou art Peter, and upon this Rock will I build my Church."—Matt. 16.

"Obey your prelates, and be subject to them."—Heb. 13.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice."—Kings 1, 10.

And now Crispi calls to the Church to aid society against the Atheistic Masons he fostered in Italy; and to accentuate a new and Southern journey to "Canossa" his daughter has been married in the Catholic Church that he so foolishly attempted to overthrow!

The Casket says: That the case of Father Damien, the heroic leper priest of Molokai, was not an isolated case of personal heroism from which no conclusions regarding the clergy and zeal for souls of the respective churches could justly be drawn.

A leading feature in the Christmas issue of the Catholic World Magazine (December number) is a literary arrangement entitled, "Christmas in Cloudland" depicting a Vigil of the Nativity in the famous Hospice on Mont St. Bernard, with a number of appropriate Christmas stories.

Messrs. Alloway & Champion have been appointed executors of the estate of the late Major Jarvis.

A TRUE HERO.

In the Presbyterian Synod there is one honest man. For the second time has that gathering of canny trimmers heard the voice of the Reverend Mr. Farquharson protesting, in temperate but firm language, against the abolition of the separate schools.

BECOMING CIVILIZED.

It is amusing, and at the same time gratifying, to note the manner in which people on coming here from the east become if not Christianized, at least civilized, after a brief sojourn in Winnipeg.

MAD OR ILL OR BOTH?

We clip the following piece of sickly raving from the Free Press telegrams Fierce Fanaticism. St. Mary's, Ont., Nov. 27.—Madill, grand president of the P. P. A., addressed a meeting here last night.

This Madill bears a name that admirably suits his present condition. He is evidently, raving mad at the disastrous defeat by which the P. P. A. was snowed under in the recent London election.

Could he but realize how his ridiculous vapors amuse us, could he but suspect how damaging his "fierce fanaticism" is to the best interests of respectable Protestants, his madness and illness would increase tenfold.

Keep at it, Madill. Keep to the saddle. The Protestant horse will soon learn to bray with a donkey on top of him all the way.

"CHRISTIANIZING" CATHOLICS.

A number of Baptist preachers met in Detroit towards the end of last October and discussed the question of Christianizing Catholics.

This is a specimen of Baptist learning and logic! We do not contend that St. Peter was not married before "he left all to follow" the Saviour.

We are told by a priest who lost his faith in the Blessed Sacrament. Such may have been the case; but the jewel of faith is held in a frail casket, but one of the Baptist clergymen had the self-possession to say that the priest knew practically nothing of the New Testament.

The Catholic did not claim to be saved because he knew his Bible, and Dr. McLaurin put himself in opposition to the Holy Ghost because he did not.

This Baptist sect was one of the first offshoots of Luther's heresy. It originated under a fanatic named Nicholas Torch, in the year 1526, when he repudiated infant baptism.

As the seed sown hardly any doctrinal teaching, and as its moral discipline was not rigid, it attracted the ignorant. The sect and its offshoots have always shown the greatest malignity towards the Church of God.

WHAT NEXT?

Happening to glance over our file of the Regina Leader, we accidentally stumbled over an item giving a report of the laying of the corner stone of a new Anglican church in that western town.

erating into a mere tool of the worst kind of secularism.

It used to be the boast of that church that she was a branch of the church Catholic and possessed apostolic succession; that her bishops were the successors of the apostles and that her clergy were priests indeed.

The proceedings opened with a short service conducted by his Lordship the Bishop of Qu'Appelle. The Bishop explained the object of the meeting and thanked the Grand Lodge for having accepted the invitation of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Paul's parish to lay the corner stone of their new church.

A Bishop, with alleged apostolic succession, standing, hat in hand, thanking a country grocer, butcher, baker and dealer in salt bacon, alias, the grand Master of Masonry (who, we understand, is not even a member of the Anglican branch of the church "Catholic"), for his great condescension in accepting an invitation to lay the corner stone of a Christian temple!

The report goes on to tell us that "the grand chaplain then offered up a prayer, after which the grand treasurer etc." And who is this grand chaplain? Surely he must be an Archbishop, when he thus takes precedence of the Lord Bishop of the diocese?

When a country shop-keeper took the place of a bishop, it was in accord with the eternal fitness of things that a pedagogue should take the place of an Archbishop. After His Grace, the Most Rev. Father in God, D. J. Goggin, Esq. finished his prayer, the Leader goes on to tell us that—

"The hymn 'The Church's one Foundation' was then sung by the choir and the stone was let down into its place by three regular stops. After the stone had been properly tested the Grand Master said:—'This corner stone has been tested by proper implements of Masonry. I find that the craftsmen have skillfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our ancient craft. Let the elements of consecration be now presented.'"

The Grand Senior Warden then emptied the vessel of wine upon the stone, saying "I pour this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may the Great Architect of the Universe inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude."

The ceremony was concluded with the benediction by the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle, after which the procession reformed and marched back to the hall in the same order.

of this ceremony, and it is this; from first to last, neither the bishop, the grand Master Grocer, nor the Grand Chaplain Pedagogue, nor any of the other Grand fellows, once mentioned the holy name of Jesus. A Christian church is about to be raised to the service of—we presume—Jesus Christ, and yet the Holy and adorable Name of Jesus is never mentioned. They prate about "the great architect of the universe;" "the great ruler of the universe;" the great disposer of events; "and the All-bounteous Author of Nature;" but not one word of the Great Saviour of the world; not one word about the God-Man, who, by His precious and adorable blood, redeemed a fallen race.

THE PRESBYTERIANS IN "POLITICS AND RELIGION."

We often hear the enemies of the Catholic church say that the Hierarchy and clergy interfere in matters political. It is needless to say that these statements are almost always malicious or ignorant misrepresentations of the Canadian Catholic Bishops, or for that matter, of any of the Bishops of the Catholic church.

A LITTLE MARVEL.

Remarkable Progress! Made by an Indian Girl at Fort Qu'Appelle. The REVIEW is favored with a letter written by an Indian girl in the Industrial school at Fort Qu'Appelle, written by her to Rev. Father Favreau, who till recently had been engaged there.

Reverend Father Favreau, DEAR FATHER, We did not know that you went away for good, and we are sorry because you did not give us your benediction, and how I wish you so good to pray very much for me, and you may imagine how sorry and surprised we all were. But I hope I shall see you some time; but any way, rev. and dear Father, I shall never forget you for you, and we would like to write to you again, for I have only a little time this morning.

DEATH OF BISHOP NERAZ.

He Founded a Great College and a Fine Academy.

Right Rev. Jean Claude Neraz, D. D. Bishop of the San Antonio diocese of the Catholic church, died at San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 15th, aged 64.

Jean Claudy Neraz was born in Anse, department of the Rhone, France, in 1830. He took a classic course in the college of St. Godard, and then entered the seminary at Alix, and finished his theological studies in the Sulpician seminary of Lyons. He emigrated to the United States in 1852 and was ordained priest by Bishop Odin on February 19th, 1853.

His first missionary labors were at Nacogdoches, Texas, and his mission comprised the northeastern part of the state as far as the Red river. In 1864 he was removed to Southern Texas, and was pastor of Liberty county until 1866, when he was appointed assistant at San Antonio. He was transferred in 1868 to Laredo, where he built a convent and a church, and in 1873 he was again stationed in San Antonio and given charge of the church of San Fernando.