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"Would little Jesus, God divine,
Be glad to get this valentine?
To Him, on bed of straw so cold,
Will come no cards in red and gold."

The mother soothed, as mothers can,
With gentle kiss that face so wan,
Though grief was clutching at her throat,
She took the valentine and wrote:

"To little Jesus, meek and mild,
From Eddie—his fond loving child,
Who prays Him place this near His Heart,
And never let it from Him part."

The light of heaven his face o'erspread.
"Mamma, how glad He'll be!" he said.
She poured her sorrowed soul in prayer
To Mary's son, her child to spare.

A little grave on grassy knoll
Has o'er it carved on marble scroll—
"On Feast of Sainted Valentine,
You took a darling son of mine;
O Jesus, keep him near Your Heart
And to his mother grace impart."

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment at St. Boniface.

A musical and dramatic entertainment was given at the St. Boniface College, on Thursday last, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul society, in aid of the poor of the district. The music hall of the college had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was packed to its utmost capacity by an enthusiastic audience. The St. Boniface Independent band was in attendance, and rendered very efficient service, under the leadership of Professor Paul Sale. The St. Boniface branch of the C. O. F. and the pupils of the college also took part in the entertainment.

The programme commenced with an overture, "Les Danaides," by the St. Boniface Independent band; violin selection, H. Chevrier; chorus, "Charity," C. O. F.; lecture on Canada, Judge Prud'homme; waltz, "After the Ball," St. Boniface Independent band; song, Mr. L. J. A. L'Evêque; quartette, "Faro," C. O. F.; operetta, "A Clichy," by the pupils of the college. The cast of characters was: Hector Bagnolet, a poet, Anthony Gingras; Prosper Bagnolet, composer of music, J. Trudel; Ducormier, uncle to Hector and Prosper—a miser, A. Grenier. The characters were excellently sustained, and the performance evoked loud applause. The other pieces of the programme were: Chorus, "Les Montagnards," St. Boniface Independent band; march, "American Cadet," St. Boniface Independent band; "Vive la Canadienne," and "God Save the Queen." Professor Sale presided at the piano.

The various pieces rendered by the St. Boniface Independent band were played with great precision, and the band well sustained the reputation they obtained at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition. Professor Sale displayed much taste in his playing, and Mr. Chevrier was honored for his selection. The lecture by Judge Prud'homme was listened to with great interest. The lecturer reviewed briefly the different phases of the history of Canada, and pointed out that the French Canadians had always been faithful and true to their God and country. For 150 years the French-Canadians maintained the French flag in Canada, and after the secession on two memorable occasions they saved Canada to the British empire.

The other items of the programme were well received, and at the conclusion the Hon. Senator Bernier, the president of the St. Vincent de Paul society, returned the thanks of the society to the lecturer, and a similar compliment was paid to those who took part in the entertainment.

Silver Jubilee of Rev. Father McCarthy.

On Wednesday last the Rev. Joseph McCarthy, O.M.I., of St. Mary's Church, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained in St. Boniface Cathedral, by Archbishop Tache, on the 24th of January, in the eventful year, 1869.

At the celebration of this auspicious event the Rev. Father McCarthy received the blessing of His Grace the Archbishop, the same beloved prelate who ordained him twenty-five years before. There were also present, the Very Rev. Dr. Langevin, Superior of the Oblates; Rev. Father Cherrier, P.P., of Immaculate Conception; Rev. Father Messier, P.P., of St. Boniface Cathedral; Rev. Father Poitras, bursar of the Archbishopric; Rev. Father Lajiness, Chaplain to the Sisters of Charity; Rev. Father Cloutier, Chaplain to the Penitentiary; and Rev. Father Bourdeau, P.P., of Brandon, who kindly came to St. Mary's to join in the congratulations of the community to the quarter-century father.

In the community of St. Mary's on this occasion was noticed also the Rev. Brother Doyle, who came to this country in 1867, and who about the same time also completed his quarter century of religious life and of arduous labors in the service of God.

"Ad multos annos."

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FRANCISCANS IN THE HOLY LAND.

A report of an extremely interesting character has been presented to the Holy Father relative to the Franciscan guardianship of the Holy Land. For seven centuries the sons of St. Francis of Assisi have faithfully fulfilled the charge of keeping the venerable sanctuaries of Palestine, so intimately associated with the life of our Blessed Lord on this earth. The order excludes no nationality. Italians, French, Americans, English, Irish, Belgian, Dutch, Germans, Spanish, Portuguese, all may devote themselves to the pious work, which is nothing if not Catholic in the strict sense of the word. The guardianship extends to eight regions, Judea, Galilee, Phoenicia, Syria, Lesser Armenia, Thracia, Cyprus, and Lower Egypt, comprising 48 convents or hospices, 174 priests, 30 clerics, 155 laics, 57 tertiary, and 18 postulants. These 443 persons have the care of the churches, hospices, houses, gardens, schools, factories, etc., and it need scarcely be said that the number is insufficient for the work. The sanctuaries guarded by the monks are the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary, the Church of the Flagellation, the Column of Judgment, the Church of the Holy Saviour, the Grotto of the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Dominus flevit at Bethphage, the stable at Bethlehem, the house of St. Joseph, the well of David, the chapel of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the desert of St. John, and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. At Nazareth the holy places in charge are the Sanctuary of the Annunciation, the worship of St. Joseph, the table of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and outside Nazareth, the Chapel of St. Jerome, the Sanctuary of Naim, the Church of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the Sanctuary of Cana, the House of St. Bartholomew, Mount Thabor, and the Sanctuary of Tiberias. Other sanctuaries are the sepulchre of Our Lady, the spot of the Ascension, the Viri Galilee, the grotto of the Shepherds, the precipice and the sepulchre of Lazarus. One great object in establishing these Franciscan monasteries was originally to extend hospitality to the many thousand pilgrims who visited the Holy Land. For hundreds of years these have been received with open arms and succored by the monks. The time of stay is fixed by the Congregation of Propaganda. Last year as many as 9,149 pilgrims received hospitality, covering 24,354 days' board and lodging.

A "Rescued" Nun.

I was recently at Bournemouth (says Scrutator in the London Truth), and I found a discussion raging there about a Miss Golding, calling herself a "Rescued Nun," who is travelling about the country reciting her experiences in French convents, under the auspices of a Mr. Edward Littleton, who terms himself "Honorary Secretary of the North Sussex Protestant Parliamentary Council," whatever that association may be. The "Rescued Nun" had delivered a lecture at Bournemouth at a charge of one shilling entrance, and had there made most astounding charges against the French convents. This had led to investigation which showed that the woman had piled falsehood upon falsehood. According to the nun, she had joined the Order of La Sainte Union, and she had been in prison of their convents. They were prison nomes, and she could not escape. Scenes of the greatest immorality took place, and one of the penances inflicted on the inmates was to administer to them a poisonous decoction. This took place in every convent, and many died from the effects of the drug while she was in the convents. She had at last escaped, but the nuns had refused to give her money which belonged to her.

Naturally, the Roman Catholics took up these charges. Inquiries were made of the French authorities, and it turned out that Miss Golding had resided in nine of the convents that she had mentioned; that in eight of them there had been no deaths during her residence, and in one there had been two deaths—one from consumption and the other from a cancer. The order of La Sainte Union is not a strict one. Those living in their convents can go out whenever they please. The sister of the "Rescued Nun," being interviewed, said she had frequently visited her; that she had resided in the convent as a guest; that she had frequent conversations with her sister; that she went about the town with her, and that she had offered to take her home, but that the offer was declined. She could not imagine why her sister went about telling what she must know to be untrue, except that her brain was over-excited. As regards the money, it was very certain that she had paid for her board, and that she wanted the money to be returned to her. She had no more right to it than a guest at a hotel to have his board gratis. But it was offered to her as a gift, on condition that she would admit that her assertions against the convents were untrue. As for "immoralities," the "Rescued Nun" declined to enter into particulars. The Sainte Union convents are tenanted by nuns who devote their entire time to education. A person entering one of these convents has to serve a novitiate for one year; during the next five the vow is annual; after this she may make

a vow for five years, and only at the expiration of these eleven years can she take a vow of perpetual seclusion.

I am not a Catholic, but I see no reason why Catholics should be attacked in this fashion. Any one who knows France must be aware that in no country are there more people who would be delighted to bring a charge that holds water against conventual establishments.

For Christian Education.

The Protestant Conservatives in Germany have taken a resolution which redounds much to their honor, and will certainly win for them the approbation of all Catholics. It will be remembered that the famous Scholastic Law in favor of Christian education, presented by the Government, was violently opposed by the Liberals, and was withdrawn by command of the Emperor. The recent election having given the Conservatives a very largely increased majority, their organs call upon the Prussian Government to re-introduce the measure; otherwise the Conservatives will take the initiative themselves. As the candidates at the late election distinctly pledged themselves to support this proposed law, and people who voted for them have shown themselves undeniably in favor of it, and have pronounced with one accord for the legal establishment of religious education, hence it is imperative on the Conservatives, in supporting the Scholastic Law, to combat also the neutral or atheistic schools so dear to the Jews and Freemasons, and in doing so they may count on the support of all Catholics, who desire nothing so much as a sincere union of all believers in the work of arresting the spread of dangers which menace the Christian society of Germany.

What He Said.

Baron Dowse, the Irish judge, was once holding court where the accused could only understand Irish, and an interpreter was accordingly sworn. The prisoner some something to the interpreter, to which the latter replied.

"What does he say?" demanded the judge.

"Nothing, my lord."

"How dare you say that when we all heard him? Come, sir, what was it?"

"My lord," said the interpreter, beginning to tremble; "it had nothing to do with the case."

"If you don't answer I'll commit you, sir. Now, what did he say?"

"Well, my lord, you'll excuse me, but he said, 'Who's that old woman with the red head-urtain sitting up there?'"

"At which the court roared."

"And what did you say?" asked the baron, looking a little uncomfortable.

"I said, 'Whisht, ye spalpeen! That's the old boy that's going to hang ye!'"

The Grocer Did Not Advertise.

A few days ago a Pittsburg citizen cut into a pound of butter which he had purchased at a grocery whose proprietor does not advertise, and found there in a small tin box, which contained a piece of paper bearing the following, written in a neat feminine hand:

"I am a girl 18 years of age, good looking and an excellent housekeeper. Should this be found by some unmarried Christian gentleman, will he please write to the following address," etc.

The finder, being a bachelor, decided to unravel the affair, and succeeded, only to destroy the romance. The girl who had written the note had died many years ago, leaving an aged husband and a grown family.

"The Printers Devil."

The origin of the word has led to many surmises, says an exchange. Superstitious people used to think that in order to produce copies so rapidly a printer must have the assistance of the black art, and therefore his apprentice was called the devil. The story goes that when Aldus Manutius commenced printing in Venice he had in his service a negro boy who became famous all over the city as "the little black devil," and it was whispered he was the representative of his Satanic Majesty. This was very annoying to Aldus, so he publicly exhibited the boy and said:

"Be it known to Venice that I, Aldus Manutius, printer to the Holy Church and Doge, have this very day made public exposure of the printer's devil. All those who think he is not flesh and blood may come and pinch him."

A more probable origin of the phrase, however, is the following: The first apprentice William Caxton had was the son of a French gentleman named De Ville of Deville. So the word came into general use for the boys who did the printer's dirty work.

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