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CURRENT COMMENT

Having had occasion quite
recently to direct attention to a
very excellent article in *Le Ma-
nitoba*, we naturally feel please
to see so ably edited a journal
entering upon its twenty-eighth
year. It is, by long odds, the
oldest newspaper in the Cana-
dian Northwest, and it has, back
of it at the present moment
more brains and better principles
than all the secular papers of
the country put together.

L'Echo de Manitoba, after the
fashion of those who have no
arguments, hires an anonymous
blackguard to insult the editor
of this paper and then pats that
blackguard on the back, and ac-
cuses us of meddling in politics
because we condemned seditious
folly. We deny—not for the
benefit of *L'Echo*, for which fal-
shood is as daily bread, but for
the sake of the few honest men
that may happen to read that
sheet—that Father Cherier or
anyone else connected with this
paper either inspired or, still
less, wrote the Telegram's arti-
cle denouncing the "Rebel
Rag."

In his interesting letter Rev.
Brother Mulvihill forgets to
mention that it was he who
collected most of the money
needed for the new buildings at
St. Laurent. His Grace was
greatly pleased with the hearty
and really enthusiastic welcome
he received from the halfbreed
as well as from the white popu-
lation on the shores of Lake Ma-
nitoba. Mr. Hermas Chartrand,
an influential Justice of the peace,
made it a point to drive His
Grace about and make him wel-
come everywhere.

Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Catho-
lic Bishop of Christchurch,
New Zealand, is thus referred
to by the Winnipeg Tribune of
last Friday: "Bishop Grimes, one
of the bishops in charge of the
diocese of the colony of New
Zealand, who has been visiting
the Archbishop of Rupert's
Land, left for his home last even-

ing." The genial New Zealand
prelate will enjoy this as a good
joke, if he ever hears of it. Fancy
his being a guest of the Anglican
Archbishop. But, after all, the
mistake is a natural one. Grimes
is "so English, you know," and
who would ever think that Christ
Church could be the name of a
Catholic diocese. This is the sort
of reasoning the average Pro-
testant would bring to bear on
these two names. However the
blunder is unhistorical, for
"Christ Church" is a title that
antedates the Reformation, and
as to the name Grimes, the Catho-
lic Bishop of Salford, Dr. Bills-
borrow lately pointed to the fact
that the names of the present
Catholic Bishops of England are
far more English, far more Saxon
than those of the Bishops of the
Established Church in England.
His Lordship Bishop Grimes
was born and bred a Catholic
almost within the sound of Bow
Bells.

In our issue of November
22nd, we commented on an al-
leged Papal decree as to the
burial of Freemasons who were
once Catholics. We advised our
readers to wait for the text of
this decree which had been an-
nounced by the telegraph. Al-
most four weeks have now gone
by since this decree was first
mentioned in cablegrams and
nothing more has been heard of
it. The Ave Maria of the 10th
inst. says positively no such
decree has been issued. So this is
one more anti-Catholic fakedes-
patch, like the encyclical, invent-
ed some two years ago, to the
Chilian hierarchy and then turned
into a weapon against the
Church. Meanwhile several
irresponsible Catholic editors
have been making egregious as-
ses of themselves by accepting
this imaginary decree as a tole-
ration of Freemasonry. Our Pro-
testant friends should be warned
that the mere fact of calling it-
self a Catholic paper does not
make such a paper an authori-
ty in doctrinal matters. Most
Catholic papers, as the Ave Ma-
ria observes, are individual en-
terprises, for which the Church
is in no wise responsible. In
each case one must examine
what weight the editor's name
carries with it.

In the Tribune's report of
Father Drummond's sermon on
the Real Presence last Thursday,
the well known definition of
Himself by God to Moses "I am
Who am" so puzzled the report-
er that he inserted the word "I"
and so the text as reported in
the Tribune reads "I am who I
am," which is very difficult to
understand, if indeed it means
anything. The Catholic transla-
tion "I am who am" is clearly
the best rendering, for it implies
that God is BEING itself, eternal,
self-existent, independent, infi-
nite. The Protestant Authorized
Version of Exodus, 3.14, reads
"I am that I am," which the
Revised Version preserves, add-
ing in the margin "I am be-
cause I am," or "I am Who am",
or "I will be that I will be."

DEMOCRATIC MISRULE.

"A Pyrrhic Victory," from the
Catholic Standard and Times, of
Philadelphia, deserves careful
perusal. United States Catholic
journals are not at all inclined
to minimize the virtues of Uncle
Sam; quite the contrary; they

too often sacrifice facts to jin-
goism. Hence the greater value
of this witness. He draws a
lurid picture, every line of which
is a reality, of unparalleled offi-
cial blundering which kills ten
times as many men as did the
Mauser rifles.

The worst of the sad matter
is that this murderous bungling
seems inseparable from demo-
cracy. It was the plaint of De-
mosthenes, his eternal grievance
against the Athenians; it would
have defeated George Washing-
ton had not the French come to
his rescue; it made the Crimean
commissariat stink in the nostrils
of the British press; it made the
criminal waste of human life
appalling throughout the Amer-
ican Civil War; it rent the vitals
of France and drained her heart's
blood after Sedan.

There never was successful
warfare on a large scale expect
just so far as democratic methods
were abandoned. The reason
why the American and British
navies are so efficient is precise-
ly because the elective system
and its consequent abuses have
no part therein. The navy is the
home of prompt, absolute, unques-
tioning obedience, and that is
why it is supremely blest. Would
Kitchener have carried out with
such wonderful success his two
years' campaign in the torrid
zone, had he been hampered
by Parliament?

In all this lies a practical les-
son for us all. Our cities, towns
and villages are ruined by the
elective system. The only well
ruled city in America is Wash-
ington, where not one elected
officer has anything to do with
municipal affairs, where every-
thing is administered by salaried
officials named by the Federal
Government. Why not try some
similar method here? One born
ruler of men is worth a hundred
elected slaves of the noisiest
bullies among the electors.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.**

The Morning Telegram of Dec.
9th had the following:—

All the masses at St. Mary's
church were well attended and
never before has the church been
so thronged as it was in the
evening. The choir sang solemn
vespers and a sermon was preach-
ed by Rev. Father Drummond,
S. J., on "The Real Presence."
In the course of his lengthy and
learned deliverance Father
Drummond replied line by line
to a sermon on the subject recent-
ly delivered by the Ven. Arch-
deacon Fortin and in addition
thoroughly explained the Catho-
lic doctrine, going exhaustively
into the proofs. It was a brilliant
and scholarly discourse and evi-
dently deeply impressed the
congregation. At the close of the
sermon the service was conclud-
ed with the benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament.

The Winnipeg Tribune's great
musical critic, M. Chas. H.
Wheeler, has this to say in refer-
ence to the music and decora-
tions:—

It is not the writer's intention
to offer any sort of criticism on
the religious observances of last
Thursday night in St. Mary's
church, only to record a few im-
pressions made upon a mind
already attuned for the reception
of sweet sounds when in alliance
with the ornate rites of the Ro-
man Catholic church.

It was never made so clear that
music, when fitly interpreted,
is rightly the handmaid of reli-
gion. With the richly sculptur-
ed altar plain in view, the
brilliantly lit chancel, the numer-
ous candles and other lights,
clouds of sweet smelling incense,
priests, and choristers in their
robes of white, and over the
whole, chancel, nave and aisles,
there breathed a spirit of rever-
ential awe that sufficed to keep
the most turbulent heart in
order, giving to the most trou-
bled mind a restful peace.

Mr. Louis Bouche, the choir-
master, had evidently taken the
greatest pains in preparing his
choir for the service, and the
composition is very difficult in
many portions.

It will not be out of place,
therefore, to highly compliment
this gentleman upon the skill,
and musical ability he brought
to bear upon the training of
those who assisted him in a
service of so high a calibre as
the Vespers by Moderati.

But the writer confesses to a
feeling of relief when the simple
Gregorian-like strains swelled
forth in full unison from the
choir gallery, to be answered
antiphonally by the boys in the
chancel. Any one who has
heard the effect in a Parisian
church will bear it in mind
forever afterwards.

Brother Doyle is responsible
for the beautiful altar decora-
tions. His work was exquisitely
done.

**SODALITY RECEPTION AT ST.
BONIFACE COLLEGE.**

On Thursday, the 8th Decem-
ber, at 4.30 p.m. there was a so-
lemn reception of new members
into the two sodalities of the
Immaculate Conception and Our
Lady of the Angels. The cere-
mony took place in the college
chapel in the presence of a num-
ber of prominent ladies and gen-
tlemen, most of the latter being
former students.

His Grace delivered an elo-
quent sermon full of practical
hints of the greatest value to
boys and young men. He insis-
ted particularly on devotion to
the Mother of God.

The Sodality of the Immacu-
late Conception comprises the
best students of the college
course. The director is Rev. Fath-
er Grenier, S. J. President, J.
Lajoie; 1st Assistant, H. Hogue;
2nd Assistant, A. Bellavance;
Secretary, J. Arpin; Councillors,
A. Sabourin, Alf. Bernier. The
new sodalists received on this
day are: J. Magnan, N. Bella-
vance, J. Plante.

The Sodality of our Lady of
the Angels comprises the best
students among the younger
boys. The director is Rev. Fath-
er Lebel, S. J. President, Alb.
Laurendeau; 1st Assistant, J.
Mondor; 2nd Assistant, A. Bé-
liveau; Sec.-Treas., Aldoph
Prieur; 1st sacristan, Alex. Beau-
pré; 2nd sacristan, Felix Gentes;
Doorkeeper, Nepveu Prieur. The
new sodalists admitted on this
occasion are George Guertin,
Francis Dupen, Alphonse Le-
may, Edmond L'Evêque, Elzéar
Noël, J. B. Ranger.

The ceremony of reception,
with its solemn consecration to
the service of Our Lady, its
promises of fidelity to grace and
avoidance of all secret societies,
was very impressive.

Mgr. Langevin, O. M. I., gave
the Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament, Father Lebel acting
as deacon and Father Lalonde
as subdeacon. The singing of
Father Vandandaigne's choir
was, as usual, excellent.

**RECEPTION OF PIOUS SODALISTS
AT THE HOSPICE TACHE.**

Last Thursday evening at 7.15
an interesting ceremony took
place at the Hospice Taché. The
three days of retreat for the en-
tire household, closing on the
morning of the Feast of the Im-
maculate Conception, were fit-
tingly crowned by the admission
of new members into the various
sodalities.

Rev. Father Béliveau began
by saying a few words about the
special blessings attached to these
pious associations. Then thirteen
little girls between the ages of
six and ten were enrolled among
the Children of Jesus, each receiv-
ing a medal with an appropri-
ate inscription. Next came the re-
ception of four Guardian Angels,
girls from ten to fourteen years
of age; their names are Angéline
Lafortune, Nellie Tregilgas, Ber-
nadette Guichon and Gérardine
Gérardin. Finally the six follow-
ing more advanced girls were ad-
mitted to the ranks of Children
of Mary: Agnes Lachance, Albina
L'Evêque, S. Jane Dimond, Marie
Louise Lafortune, Alméria Cour-
chène, Christina Almon.

The ceremonies ended with
Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-
ment.

Last Saturday at 4 p.m. the elec-
tions took place for the three sode-
lities of the Hospice Taché, under
the direction of Rev. Father Bé-
liveau. The result is as follows:—
Children of Mary, President,
Adèle Larocque; Assistant,
Emma Tregilgas; Secretary,
S. Jane Dimond. Guardian An-
gels, President, Louisa Grenon;
Assistant, Angéline Lafortune;
Secretary, Nellie Tregilgas.
Children of Jesus, President,
Malvina Grenon.

THE ST. BONIFACE HOCKEY MATCH.

The present season promises
well for the manly game of hoc-
key. The St. Boniface College
boys won last Thursday a brilliant
victory over a St. Boniface City
club named "Le Manitoba". Four-
teen goals to three was the final
result of the game; and the en-
thusiasm of the players was e-
qualed only by that of the nu-
merous spectators who had the
pleasure of witnessing the match.

Roméo Chénier and Joseph
L'Evêque, "centre-forwards",
distinguished themselves on the
College side by their great dex-

A New Departure.

Dr. Marschand, the celebrated French
physician, has at last opened his magnif-
icently equipped laboratory in Windsor,
Ont. There is a large staff of chemists
and physicians at his command, and the
men and women of Canada may now pro-
cure the advice of this famous specialist
free of charge.

Dr. Marschand has a world-wide reputa-
tion for successfully treating all nervous
diseases of men and women, and you have
but to write the doctor to be convinced
that your answer, when received, is from
a man who is entitled to the high position
he holds in the medical fraternity.

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secure the advice of this eminent physician
free of charge.

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tial and names are held as sacred. An-
swers to correspondents are mailed in
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pens that a patient has expended over 50
cents to one dollar before he or she be-
comes a firm friend and admirer of the
doctor.

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