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CURRENT COMMENT

Having had occasion quite recently to direct attention to a very excellent article in *Le Manitoba*, 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 Canadian 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 accuses us of meddling in politics because we condemned seditious folly. We deny—not for the benefit of *L'Echo*, for which falsehood 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 article 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 population on the shores of Lake Manitoba. Mr. Hermas Chartrand, an influential Justice of the peace, made it a point to drive His Grace about and make him welcome everywhere.

Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Catholic 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 Protestant 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 Catholic Bishop of Salford, Dr. Billsborrow 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 alleged 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 announced by the telegraph. Almost 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 fakedespatch, like the encyclical, invented 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 asses of themselves by accepting this imaginary decree as a toleration of Freemasonry. Our Protestant friends should be warned that the mere fact of calling itself a Catholic paper does not make such a paper an authority in doctrinal matters. Most Catholic papers, as the Ave Maria observes, are individual enterprises, 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 reporter 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 translation "I am who am" is clearly the best rendering, for it implies that God is BEING itself, eternal, self-existent, independent, infinite. The Protestant Authorized Version of Exodus, 3:14, reads "I am that I am," which the Revised Version preserves, adding in the margin "I am because 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 jingoism. Hence the greater value of this witness. He draws a lurid picture, every line of which is a reality, of unparalleled official 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 democracy. It was the plaint of Demosthenes, his eternal grievance against the Athenians; it would have defeated George Washington 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 American 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 except just so far as democratic methods were abandoned. The reason why the American and British navies are so efficient is precisely because the elective system and its consequent abuses have no part therein. The navy is the home of prompt, absolute, unquestioning 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 lesson for us all. Our cities, towns and villages are ruined by the elective system. The only well ruled city in America is Washington, where not one elected officer has anything to do with municipal affairs, where everything 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 preached 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 recently delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin and in addition thoroughly explained the Catholic doctrine, going exhaustively into the proofs. It was a brilliant and scholarly discourse and evidently deeply impressed the congregation. At the close of the sermon the service was concluded with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Winnipeg Tribune's great musical critic, M. Chas. H. Wheeler, has this to say in reference to the music and decorations:—

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 impressions made upon a mind already attuned for the reception of sweet sounds when in alliance with the ornate rites of the Roman Catholic church.

It was never made so clear that music, when fitly interpreted, is rightly the handmaid of religion. With the richly sculptured altar plain in view, the brilliantly lit chancel, the numerous 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 reverential awe that sufficed to keep the most turbulent heart in order, giving to the most troubled 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 decorations. His work was exquisitely done.

SODALITY RECEPTION AT ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE.

On Thursday, the 8th December, at 4.30 p.m. there was a solemn reception of new members into the two sodalities of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of the Angels. The ceremony took place in the college chapel in the presence of a number of prominent ladies and gentlemen, most of the latter being former students.

His Grace delivered an eloquent sermon full of practical hints of the greatest value to boys and young men. He insisted particularly on devotion to the Mother of God.

The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception comprises the best students of the college course. The director is Rev. Father 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. Bellavance, J. Plante.

The Sodality of our Lady of the Angels comprises the best students among the younger boys. The director is Rev. Father Lebel, S. J. President, Alb. Laurendeau; 1st Assistant, J. Mondor; 2nd Assistant, A. Béliveau; Sec.-Treas., Aldoph Prieur; 1st sacristan, Alex. Beaupré; 2nd sacristan, Felix Gentes; Doorkeeper, Nepveu Prieur. The new sodalists admitted on this occasion are George Guertin, Francis Dupen, Alphonse Lemay, Edmond L'Évêque, 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 Vandandaigue's choir was, as usual, excellent.

RECEPTION OF PIOUS SODALISTS AT THE HOSPICE TACHÉ.

Last Thursday evening at 7.15 an interesting ceremony took place at the Hospice Taché. The three days of retreat for the entire household, closing on the morning of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, were fittingly 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 receiving a medal with an appropriate inscription. Next came the reception of four Guardian Angels, girls from ten to fourteen years of age; their names are Angéline Lafortune, Nellie Tregilgas, Bernadette Guichon and Gérardine Gérardin. Finally the six following more advanced girls were admitted to the ranks of Children of Mary: Agnes Lachance, Albina L'Évêque, S. Jane Dimond, Marie Louise Lafortune, Alméria Courchène, Christina Almon.

The ceremonies ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Last Saturday at 4 p.m. the elections took place for the three sodalities of the Hospice Taché, under the direction of Rev. Father Béliveau. The result is as follows:—Children of Mary, President, Adèle Larocque; Assistant, Emma Tregilgas; Secretary, S. Jane Dimond. Guardian Angels, 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 hockey. The St. Boniface College boys won last Thursday a brilliant victory over a St. Boniface City club named "Le Manitoba". Fourteen goals to three was the final result of the game; and the enthusiasm of the players was equalled only by that of the numerous spectators who had the pleasure of witnessing the match.

Roméo Chénier and Joseph L'Évêque, "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 magnificently 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 procure the advice of this famous specialist free of charge.

Dr. Marschand has a world-wide reputation 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.

Why suffer in silence when you can secure the advice of this eminent physician free of charge.

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