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Calendar for Next Week.

APRIL.

- 3.—Easter Sunday. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4.—Monday. Easter Monday. First class feast.
- 5.—Tuesday. Easter Tuesday. First class feast.
- 6.—Wednesday in Easter week.
- 7.—Thursday in Easter week.
- 8.—Friday in Easter week.
- 9.—Saturday in Easter week.

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN'S RE- PLIES TO THE ADDRESSES AT ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE

On March 21, at the close of the entertainment tendered to him in St. Boniface College, His Grace replied to the French address as follows. We translate from the French:

"You will allow me to sum up my appreciation of this entertainment in the saying of a celebrated Jesuit to his brother whenever they, as young men of the world, went into society—'Soyons distingués—Let us be gentlemanly.' Indeed, these boys are very distinguished, not only by their graceful demeanor and their correct speech in English and French, but especially by the high sentiments and beautiful thoughts which they have so well expressed under the direction of their learned masters.

"I cannot adequately express how touched I am, how charmed, how proud I am to see your teachers bringing out all the resources of the pupils' minds and hearts. In saying this much I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of the audience, for the way in which every happy hit was underlined by applause shows that an electric current was set up between the boys and the hearers. I sincerely thank the masters and pupils for all they have done. This entertainment shows what serious and high thoughts as well as practical thoughts these masters and boys feed upon, especially these masters in teaching, the Fathers of the Society of Jesus.

"Two years ago, accompanied by Father Beliveau, Judge Prud'homme, and one of the Fathers of the College, a real savant, Father Blain, besides a venerable Oblate missionary who represents quite a special order of things, Father Beaudin, founder of the Winnipeg, Brandon, Rat Portage and Selkirk congregations, and Father Gendreau, so well known in the Yukon, I went on what Judge Prud'homme called a pilgrimage to the tomb of a saintly pioneer missionary, an historic source of the missionary spirit. We discovered the spot and the tomb itself was found the following year. We also found the ruins of a famous old French fort. In spite of my numerous occupations as archbishop I did not think I was wrong in devoting several days to this trip, because in discovering the remains or monuments of our discoverers, in praying over the vestiges of the heroic death of a Jesuit missionary, I considered that I was accomplishing a mission, that I was linking the present with the past. The names of these missionaries will ever be glorious throughout the whole of Canada. This evening I could not help connecting this past with the present, as I heard the boys speaking of Father Auneault and his martyrdom. This is the way to inspire children with noble ideas, to make them the finest kind of Christians, and perhaps Apostles. This is the mission of our race. When children are under such guides one has reason to trust in the future.

"Young men, you understand the lessons imparted to you in this house. May you never forget them. Not long ago I received an interesting leaflet on the organization of youth in Canada and after reading it I said to myself that the next time I had reason to address any young men in an educational institution I would speak to them on this subject, on the necessity of understanding how valuable are the noble thoughts of our forefathers. Our young men should be bulwarks of the true Church. They are here trained to defend truth in the social order so that the Church may count upon them in times of conflict. They should gather round the flag of Carillon, which embodies an idea, nay which is a world of ideas, grasping within its folds 300 years of glory, the flag of Carillon, watered with the blood of our fathers and now enhanced by the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What finer emblem could there be than this of Carillon? What better sign of the great mission of our race? Group yourselves around the flag, it belongs to us, especially here in the west where we are freed from unnecessary trammels. It is our duty to say openly what we think. Be not only Christians convinced in your own hearts, but show your convictions in society in order that the Church may be able to count upon you in an emergency. Whether you become honest merchants (and we need such), or conscientious doctors, lawyers who shall be an honor to their race, or priests, remember always this fine college of St. Boniface, and when your heart is bruised by sorrow in later life, when you grow old under trials, you will repeat with joy the refrain of the song we have heard to-night, 'My dear College, Sweet is Your Memory, and I Think of You Whene'er I Wish to Feel Young Again.'"

Passing from the French to the English language his grace continued: "I have listened with pleasure to your beautiful address, and as I listened to my friend Jim reading, with his noble, eloquent voice, I said to myself these young men understand that it is something to read an address, that it is not a mere ceremony; it is a programme. The resume of this address is the word progress, it reports great, nay, wonderful progress. Progress is essential in the Church and to the work of the Church. The Church is passionately fond of progress, she does not understand what it is to stand still. She is passionately fond of learning. Dear young men, having as your guides those men whose name is synonymous with learning and knowledge, you should be glad to see the number of English-speaking students increase for the classical as well as for the commercial course. There is no better country in the world than this. We have a wonderful country. Those who come here from Europe think a great deal of their fatherland, they are right; but they have reached the zenith of their progress. We have not yet achieved so much, but the way is open for us. Everyone has numberless opportunities open to him. And when we have an organization like the Catholic Church, when we have such great truths to feed our souls upon, it seems to me every young Catholic's bosom should swell with honest joy at living in a country where there is no obstacle to shackle his genius. It is not enough to know that this country is the granary of the world, a Catholic should remember that people of his own faith built up this country.

"When I saw these lads—'kids' let me call them—acting so naturally and expressing such noble thoughts, I felt that this promised well for their future as grown men. Young men, you are destined to play an important part in this country. You must consider it your duty to prepare yourselves to be loving children of the Church. The more loyal you will be to the church the more will you love this country. I cannot understand how a man can fail to realize his duty in this country. I speak not from ambition but because it is the will of God that we Catholics should take a prominent part, no back stairs influence, no secondary part in the affairs of this country. We are essentially the sons of a progressive Church.

"Quite lately across the river it was publicly said by a man who ought to have studied history that the Church encourages ignorance. Over against this ridiculous assertion let me set the fact that there is not in Germany or the British Isles one ancient seat of learning that has not been established by the Holy Catholic Church. We remember that when the most famous university in 'Bonnie Scotland' celebrated a few years ago its 400th anniversary its governing body wrote to Leo XIII. reminding him that the University of Aberdeen was founded by a pope of Rome. Oxford and Cambridge are the results of the Church's passion for knowledge. Is there any branch of learning where you cannot find as one of the leading exponents the name of a Catholic, a priest, and very often a Jesuit Father? Therefore we say to our slanderers, Go back to



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