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**NOTICE.**

We have sent out circulars and bills to our subscribers requesting prompt payment of dues. If any who have already paid should receive a bill for arrears, we beg of them to attribute the mistake to some accident resulting from the recent change in our business management. In such cases the best defence is satisfactory proof of payment in the form of a receipt.

Those of our subscribers who have paid up will kindly excuse a momentary delay in the receipt of their premiums. There has been such a rush for these premiums that our stock was exhausted for a moment. It has since been replenished and the premiums will be forwarded as soon as possible.

**CURRENT COMMENT**

Quite in keeping with Lord Aberdeen's parting suggestion that our cabinet ministers should be better paid (although, in the aggregate, they receive almost twice as much as the heads of departments at Washington) was the motherly advice Lady Aberdeen once gave in Winnipeg to ladies in general, adding that her advice applied only to ladies that kept at least five servants, not half a dozen such ladies being present. It is easy to be generous with other people's money when you have sixty thousand pounds a year apart from your salary and perquisites and, being thoroughly fond of Scottish thrift, give away as little as you possibly can.

"The University of Ottawa Review" for October came to hand since our last issue. It is, as the editor himself says, an ecclesiastical number; nor is any apology needed therefor, since the elevation of Mgr. Lorrain to the hierarchy and the consecration of Mgr. Gauthier occurred recently in the neighborhood of the Dominion Capital. The frontispiece is a lifelike portrait of the

new Archbishop of Kingston from a photograph taken for the U. of O. Review. There are also good likenesses of Archbishops Duhamel and O'Brien, of Bishops O'Connor and Gabriels. The portrait of the Bishop of Pembroke is somewhat marred by that bugbear of the Canadian photographer, too much light obliterating the forehead completely. In the group of clergy at the Pembroke celebration we can easily make out Very Rev. Fr. Allard, O. M. I. and Rev. Father Lacombe, O. M. I. It was a good idea to insert a photograph of that University Band which immortalized itself by visiting Kingston and playing there during the consecration fêtes. Kingston people highly appreciated this delicate compliment and voted the Ottawa University Band the best that had visited the "Limestone City" for many years.

"A Significant Victory" is an able defence of college athletics. After manfully confessing the two severe defeats suffered by the University football team at the hands (and feet) of the Granites and Montrealers, the writer shows how the victory of Oct. 22nd over the Granites not only retrieved the traditional glory of Ottawa College but witnessed to the development of that "will-power which makes men of character." The more recent victory of Ottawa College over the Montrealers on the 12th inst., which occurred since the October number appeared, confirms the conclusions of the U. of O. Review.

A grim comment on the Hon. Clifford Sifton's triumphant rhapsody at the Hardy banquet over the pretended settlement of the school question is the fact that the Catholic school properties in Winnipeg, yea, even the playgrounds, from which (buildings and playgrounds) no sort of revenue is derived by anyone and by which an incalculable boon is conferred on the citizens of Winnipeg, who, without these schools, would not know what to do with our seven hundred Catholic school children, ARE TAXED THIS YEAR MORE HEAVILY THAN THEY WERE EVER TAXED BEFORE.

With reference to this taxing of educational institutions, the Montreal Star, a business paper which has no special leanings toward Catholicism, says in its issue of the 15th inst.: "To tax religion, or education, or charity, is only to put a double tax upon the best people and the best instincts in the community—it is to make the way of the aspiring young more difficult, and to dry up the streams of charity."

"The Welfare of Children" is the General Intention for December. The associates of the Apostleship of Prayer are called upon to pray for those who are the hope of the future. The spirit of the age makes for training of the young. Systems of pedagogy run riot all over the world. Everything is done for children except what they need most, care of their immortal souls, attended to properly only among Catholics. "If we consider the self-sacrifice required for this work," says the American Messenger, "the needs of the children and the lasting and far-reaching results of all

that is done for them, no work of charity can be more noble, urgent or meritorious."

The "Annales de la Bonne Sainte Anne de Beaupré" show a marked improvement since the Redemptorist Fathers have taken them in hand. The November number relates how devout Champlain was to good St. Ann, how the earliest Jesuit missionaries in Canada propagated this devotion and taught it to the Indians. Hurons and Micmacs vied with one another in invoking the intercession of her who trained the Mother of God.

It is more than a trifle amusing to witness the self-complacency with which Anglicans in Quebec speak and write of "the Church" and "the head of the Church" in that province, when they do not mean the real Church nor its consecrated Bishops who have rule from God over six sevenths of the population in that province but that faction-ridden fraction of the remaining seventh which is ruled by colonial imitations of the English ecclesiastical branch of the civil service.

"The Fordham Monthly," published by the students of St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y., is always edited with that tact and well-bred tone which distinguishes the better class of New Yorkers. The October number is full of promise and fulfilment. By "promise" we mean, not merely that the articles by young students are a pledge of future and greater excellence, but that we are promised, for the next issue, a series of thrilling war articles by Fordham alumni, and one in particular by Lieut. E. H. Martin, B. S., '92, who took part in the attack on Santiago. By "fulfilment" we refer to the many factful correspondences and College items, of such deep interest to old students and professors, and especially to Dr. Austin O'Malley's splendid defence of Catholic colleges, from which there will be much to quote at some future day. We note with pleasure, among the book reviews, a description of a most valuable practical manual on "Qualitative Analytical Chemistry of Inorganic Substances," by the Rev. J. W. Fox, S. J., one of the Fordham professors.

**THE MESSENGER.**

The "American Messenger of the Sacred Heart" for December reached us on the 17th inst. Its principal contributors are E. Mc. Auliffe, "A Winter Excursion" around Arezzo, Cortona and Orvieto; Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., who writes a soldierly account of "A month in Porto Rico," as chaplain of the invading army; Rev. Francis Goldie, S. J., author of a remarkable life of St. John Berchmans, who describes "A Pilgrimage to the Sainte Baume," the place in fair Provence where St. Mary Magdalen spent her life of penance; Fathers Urios and Llovera, S. J., who give, in letters to their Superior, "A glimpse of Mission Life in the Philippines"; Rev. Thomas Hughes, S. J., who writes entertainingly of "Quebec and the

French Canadians." Among the editorial paragraphs which, as usual, are pregnant and suggestive, we find this much needed reminder: "The Most Rev. Archbishop of Chicago has the happy gift of saying the last word, and we trust that his address at the reception given to Rev. Edward Kelly, of the Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, will be duly heeded. 'The time has passed,' he said, 'for Catholics to have to proclaim their patriotism, as if it were open to suspicion. An end has come to this apologizing which has been going on for the last one hundred years; for the Catholics, both priests and laymen, have shown themselves as devoted to their country and as ready to make all necessary sacrifices in its behalf, as any people who dwell beneath the starry folds of the flag.' Yes, we sincerely hope this will make a certain noisy school understand what Shakespeare says about people who protest so much that they draw down suspicion on themselves.

**A NEW PAPAL DECREE.**

The non-Catholic papers have, through sheer ignorance no doubt, been making a sad mess of some new decree from Rome as to the burial of Freemasons who were once Catholics. Our people, at least those of them who are blessed with common sense, will wait patiently till they can read the text of this decree, and meanwhile they will beware of hasty conclusions drawn by newspaper men who are ingorant of Catholic doctrine and practice. This, much, however, can even now be disentangled from the journalistic snarl. A Catholic, who has become a Freemason through self-interest, expresses his desire to be reconciled to the Church but unfortunately dies before the priest can reach him. Rome very properly decides that such a man, not being an impenitent Mason, can be buried in consecrated ground. There is absolutely nothing new in this decision; it simply confirms the teaching and practice of moral theology, viz., that a dying man receives the benefit of his good intentions. Nor does this decision remove, in the slightest degree, the Church's ban against Freemasons, Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias and other condemned secret societies. The only excuse for the man's burial in consecrated ground is that he wished to sever his connection with a condemned order. How this can be construed as an approval of secret societies is more than a logical mind can understand.

**A VERY GRATIFYING LETTER.**

Our suggestion as to the "Great Lakes" accepted by the Dominion Statistician.

Our readers will remember our contention that the sweeping designation "The Great Lakes" was a misnomer, because Great Bear, Great Slave and Winnipeg lakes are much larger than two of the five so-called Great Lakes. We suggested that the chain of St. Lawrence River Lakes be called "The Great Laurentian Lakes." It is very gratifying to find our suggestion accepted as "a very good idea" by an official expert of the highest au-

thority. As to those three outside lakes that excel in size Erie and Ontario, they hardly need a collective name, since they do not form a chain of lakes; but, if a general appellation be required, they might be called "The Great Lakes of the Northwest."

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Nov. 9th, 1898.

Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Editor-in-Chief, NORTHWEST REVIEW, St. Boniface, Man.

Dear Sir:—

In the issue of the "Northwest Review" of Oct. 18th, you refer to the lakes of Canada and quote the "Statistical Year Book" to show what the areas of Great Bear, Great Slave and some other lakes are. You then go on say "The importance of these figures, however, does not seem to be realized by Mr. Johnson, the Government Statistician," in as much as I refer to the Great Lakes as only meaning the St. Lawrence lakes. I think that your criticism is a good one, and your suggestion of calling them the "Great Laurentian Lakes" is a very good idea. I will recollect this in the next issue.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE JOHNSON,  
Statistician.

**AN APPRECIATIVE SUBSCRIBER.**

The following letter, in response to our circular offering premiums to those who pay their subscription in advance, deserves the grateful acknowledgment of publicity.

Port Arthur, Nov. 11th, '98.  
Editor Northwest Review.  
Sir,

Enclosed please find P. O. Order for two dollars for one year's subscription for the Northwest Review.

Your Pin I do not require, and as for your beautiful prayer Book, I hope my prayers will be as acceptable to God from my Old one as from one taken from the legitimate earnings of a paper advocating His cause. I also hope all who can afford to pay promptly will do so and enable you to fight the battle with more vigor. This is the wish of yours truly.

D. DWYER.

**FIVE PROVINCIALS IN PARIS.**

Entertainment at St. Boniface College.

A nice, dainty, rustic bit of comedy, as unlike Molière's plays as it resembles latter end of the eighteenth century comedies, was presented last Thursday evening in the St. Boniface College hall under the French name of "La Cagnotte." The cast was particularly good and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the play. Space forbids reference to every character, but special mention must be made of Messrs. Beaubien, Hogue and Magnan, three of the worthy burghers of Ferté-sur-Jouarre visiting Paris.

The four acts of the comedy were interspersed with choruses by the college choir and recitations in English. Mozart's "Jesu dulcis memoria" was rendered with beautiful effect without any instrumental accompaniment. Mr. Arsenaux recited "The Bridge-Keeper" with no little dramatic power. Mr. J. Clarke showed in "The Orange and the Green" that he has great capabilities in the way of grace-