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**CURRENT COMMENT**

The famous biograph pictures of Leo XIII's home life in the Vatican delighted the Archbishop of Montreal last Wednesday. His Grace says they are startlingly real. Why cannot the managers of this truly moral show be persuaded to come to Winnipeg?

The speech of Mr. Paré, our local member for LaVérandrye, will be found worth reading from beginning to end. There is not in it one word of padding nor one word that is not called for by the circumstances of time and place. Ours is the only correct and complete report.

The attitude taken in the Local Legislature by Mr. Paré, the member for LaVérandrye and Mr. Lauzon, the member for St. Boniface, and endorsed by Mr. Marion, on the school question and the French language is a noble one, worthy of commendation on the part of all those who have any respect for right and justice.

On Wednesday morning last the cable announced that the Pope was dangerously ill. On Wednesday, the evening of the very same day, the same veracious authority informed us that the Pope received in audience, that day, the bishops of Duluth and Winona. Wonderful Leo, who can be at the point of death in the morning and attend to most important business in the afternoon! Or is the cable man having a lark?

In its issue of April 1st the *Catholic Record* of London, Ont., printed a rather good imitation of Poe's "Bells," applied to Easter Bells. Unfortunately this graceful poem was marred by the use of "thy" instead of "your" in reference to several bells, and by the evident mispronunciation of one word. The line, "Farther, thou, thy joyful tidings, o'er all climes and realms fling," cannot be scanned unless "realms" is pronounced as a dissyllable. Now, albeit many first class teachers in Ontario do insert a distinct vowel

between the "l" and the "m" in this word, still we venture to think it not at all likely that "rell-ums" will ever be accepted in genuine English poetry.

We counted no fewer than ten special correspondences from Provincial points in the *Morning Telegram* of Friday last. There was abundance of local news—in one case more than a column—from Brandon, Rosser, Souris, Manitou, Virden, Lundyville, Roland, Norman, Foxwarren, and Moosomin. This is as it should be. It brings country people into touch with city folks and does them both good. Our other dailies do not seem to realize the importance of provincial items. Yet these items are the life of the local provincial press. To them, in a measure, do the *Western Sun* and the *Regina Leader* owe their comparative prosperity in spite of the weakness of their editorial departments. For journals that are primarily newspapers, the more local, the more homelike the news is, the better it takes. Catholics residing in a village or town where there is a known correspondent of the Winnipeg papers would do well to supply him with Catholic items.

We reproduce elsewhere the short but telling remarks made in the senate by the hon. senator Bernier on the Manitoba school question. Without wishing to impugn the motives of some of the honorable ministers of the Federal Cabinet in "trying, as it were, to force upon the people the belief that the school question is settled," we protest with the hon. senator Bernier, against such misrepresentation, which cannot but prove very injurious to the Catholic minority of Manitoba. We have heartily entered into the policy of conciliation laid down for us Catholics by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., but we cannot close our eyes to facts. And the fact is that if, by dint of sacrifices of rights and privileges enjoyed prior to 1890, we have succeeded in obtaining the government grant for many of our country schools, yet the state of affairs is just as sad as ever in cities, towns and other places where Catholics and Protestants have to live together. The Pope's Encyclical tells us not to cease to claim our just rights, therefore we still demand justice and we will continue to do so until our rights and privileges are restored to us in their entirety.

**EASTER RESTITUTIONS.**

The Montreal "Star," chronicling, on the 6th inst., the restoration of \$101.60 to the Montreal Street Railway Company by a priest who had received the money from repentant sinners, says "this is the season of conscience-money, and many of the large corporations are receiving sums which in most cases are entirely unlooked for." But our Montreal contemporary forgets to say why this is the season of conscience-money. Of course Catholics know the reason. This is the time when even the most negligent sinners go to confession and are there exhorted to restore their ill-gotten gains. For those who don't go to confession there is no such season; they never, or hardly ever, restore. It is gratifying to read that in this

particular case, when the priest said that the sums paid back were not quite a full restoration, the company generously remitted any balance that might be due.

**A TIMELY TOPIC.**

One of our morning contemporaries announced yesterday that the Rev. Hugh Pedley gave, the day before, "a very able and somewhat novel discourse on the reasons for believing that Christ rose from the dead." We are glad to see Mr. Pedley taking up so important a subject. The rerurrection of Christ is the pivot on which Christianity turns. Moreover this, being Eastertide, is just the season for such a sermon. Mr. Pedley, by realizing this fact, shows that he is not, like most dissenters, utterly out of touch with those alternations of feasts and fasts which are the outward manifestation of the life that throbs in the true Church. Dead religions take no note of times and seasons.

No doubt it is somewhat funny to find a newspaper reporter calling such a subject "novel." It has been most ably handled all over the world-wide Catholic Church for the past nineteen centuries. Even in this very city of Winnipeg the proofs of Christ's resurrection have been repeatedly set forth in Catholic pulpits with a cogency and power to which Mr. Pedley is a perfect stranger. But after all perhaps the reporter was right in styling the discourse a "novel" one. In our days of sensational preaching, nothing is so novel as the oldest truth. The older it is, the newer it looks, because it has been forgotten.

**A MANIFEST CANARD.**

London, April 10—The Mail publishes the following dispatch from Shanghai "An American Protestant missionary at Hankow, Yang-tse-Kiang, makes sensational allegations against the Roman Catholics, stating that they are burning Protestant chapels and torturing Protestants. He gives the names of one of the priests concerned and pictures a reign of terror in certain districts."

The foregoing cablegram, which appeared in yesterday's morning papers, is, like the recent "sensational allegations" of W. C. S. in the *Free Press*, the work of an anonymous liar who reveals neither his own name nor that of the priests he atrociously slanders. When we get at the facts, as we must before long, it will be found that the "American Protestant missionary" is as much a perverter of the truth as W. C. S. was proved to be.

The bigoted fellow who heralded this cablegram in one of our morning contemporaries with the sub-heading, "Roman Catholics in the Yang-tse valley turn toward the Holy Inquisition," has yet to learn what even enlightened Protestant historians now admit, that the "Holy Inquisition" was the most humane tribunal of its time, infinitely more humane than the persecuting courts of "good Queen Bess."

**"PROTUBERANT" IS SPLENDID.**

"Political organs" are never "successful financially or indeed otherwise. A striking example was given in the case of the *Empire*, in Toronto, es-

tablished for the sole purpose "of tooting the horn of a political party, and instances are not unknown in the province of Manitoba."

If we made the above extract the subject of a prize guessing contest, we venture to say that the *Free Press* of this city would be the last paper hit upon by any guesser as the source of the axiom. But so it is, nevertheless. Certainly "instances are not unknown in the province of Manitoba," and there is no instance so protuberant as the *Free Press* itself, an organ which exists, incidentally, for "tooting the horn" of the political party, which may be in power, but primarily to further the interests of a corporation which are frequently diametrically opposed to those of the public. The organ could not, we believe, live a week as a commercial enterprise. We hope the corporation and the political machine are satisfied with the value they get for their money.—"Winnipeg Tribune."

**LETTER OF THANKS FROM MR. W. F. LUXTON,**

The Business Manager of the St. Paul "Globe."

St. Paul, April 2, 1899.

Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Editor-in-Chief, N. W. REVIEW, St. Boniface.

DEAR AND REV. FATHER,

A copy of the latest N. W. REVIEW has come under my eye; and this note is addressed to you to feebly suggest.—I cannot express—my deep sense of gratitude for and appreciation of the generous "send-off" given me in the editorial columns of that paper. I am very much touched by that article.

Please accept my very best thanks for the very high tribute you have paid me.

Yours truly,  
W. F. LUXTON.

**AN ORPHAN'S HOME.**

A Charitable Institution to be Established in the City by the Catholics.

"Free Press," April 7.

A meeting of the gentlemen of the parishes of St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception was held last evening for the purpose of hearing from His Grace Archbishop Langevin, a scheme for establishing an orphan's home for boys for the province. Mr. Dan Smith acted as chairman, and Mr. Coyle as secretary.

His Grace explained that already there existed an orphanage for girls in St. Boniface, where, at the present time, 76 little boys found a home with the Grey Nuns, and if this institution were large enough he felt certain that there could easily be another 76 girls to occupy it. Of course it must not be understood that the boys had been altogether neglected. Father Dorais had 20 boys under his care at the industrial school, while others had been received into the homes of private families; yet notwithstanding this he knew that at least they were losing 50 boys every year through not having an orphanage home for them. The Grey Nuns were now prepared to take charge of the proposed orphanage, and he hoped it would be opened immediately. As citizens they all contributed their share to the support of the public institutions of the province, and felt certain that the government would not refuse them a contribution.

Mr. D. Smith told of the great success of the St. Patrick's Orphan's Home at Ottawa, which was first established by four gentlemen.

Mr. E. Cass also spoke of the urgent necessity for such an institution in the city of Winnipeg.

Mr. J. J. Golden moved, seconded by Mr. Russell, that this meeting take the necessary steps to establish a St. Joseph's orphan's home in Winnipeg.

Mr. Thos. Deegan thought there would be no difficulty in establishing such a home if the Catholics of Winnipeg went about it in a business-like way.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The following committee was appointed to put into effect the motion: The parish priests of St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception, ex-officio; and Messrs. Wynne, Deegan, Cass, Russell, McManus, Bawlf and Genest, who will report to a meeting to be held next Thursday evening.

Mr. William Jordan was elected treasurer, and a subscription was then opened, when the sum of \$946 was subscribed in a short time.

**CHAPLAINS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Fire Commissioner Scannell of New York has appointed two chaplains as members of the fire department. One is the Rev. Father Smith of the Order of Mercy on West Twenty-fourth street; the other is a protestant minister connected with Grace Church. The chaplains will not have any salary. They will be expected to go to all large fires where there is a probability of firemen or other people being injured, so as to give religious consolation to those desiring it. They will wear a uniform according to their rank, and will have a fire alarm in their residences, so that they may promptly go to big fires.

Father Smith received his appointment through and with the approval of Archbishop Corrigan and the Very Rev. Superior Aigueperse, provincial of the Fathers of Mercy.

The department never had chaplains before. This office was created in consequences of the large number of firemen injured at the Windsor fire "Providence Visitor."

**CATHOLICITY IN ENGLAND.**

The Right Rev. Monsignor Bourne, Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, when laying the foundation stone of a new church, dedicated to St. Agatha, at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, said that although many of the monasteries of old Catholic times had been swept away, many of the old parish churches stood to the present day as witnesses of the missionary spirit which filled the church from the times of the apostles. The Catholic Church had ever the same spirit of universality, and now, in proportion to their means, and amid many difficulties, after being cast out from the churches which were their own, they were trying little by little to do the same work over again. The first object in building a new church was to give their own people means of practicing their religion. Catholics were found in small numbers here and there all over the country, and faith grew faint if there were no churches for them. The second object was one which the Catholic Church had ever had since the time of Augustine—to make known outside what the Catholic Church really was. After 300 years of misrepresentation there was left in men's minds not only vagueness, but numberless errors, and even educated men had extraordinary misconceptions as to what the Church really taught. There were numbers of men and women of good will who only disregarded the Church because they knew not what her teaching really was.

Rev. Father Morin brought 10 55 French Canadian immigrants from Quebec on Friday morning. They will settle in Alberta, and went forward the same day.