

Persons and Facts

A man named Abbot Parker, when walking in North Central Ave., Morristown, N.J., during the thunderstorm of August 5, was struck by lightning and carried to a hospital, where the doctors found on the lower part of his spine the perfect outline of a cross five inches long. So regular was this mark that the doctors, while working over him were in doubt whether it was caused by lightning or had been tattooed on purpose; but when Parker recovered consciousness he assured them that his back bore no mark till the bolt struck him. He was soon restored to his normal health.

In August "Vim," a physical culture magazine, Prof. Anthony Barker describes the extraordinary result of systematic exercise in the case of Warren Travis, of Brooklyn, N.Y. At the age of sixteen, when he was so weak and puny that he could not join other boys in any game requiring agility or strength, the doctor not allowing him any form of exercise, he applied to Prof. Barker, saying that it was his great ambition to be strong and then going off into a fit of hysterics. The professor hesitated at first, but finally consented to take him in hand. He put him to lifting very light weights where his whole body came into play. At the outset Travis could lift only two hundred pounds by pressing upward with his back against a platform supported by two trestles. Now, after four years' practice, at the age of twenty, he can lift in this way four thousand pounds or two American tons. A photo shows him in the act of lifting a score of men standing on a platform. In one year he increased his strength one thousand per cent. His health is now excellent. The trouble he used to have with his eyes and his stomach has completely disappeared. His measurements are: neck 17 1/2 inches; chest normal, 44, expanded, 47; waist 32; thigh, 25; calf, 15; biceps, 16; forearm, 13; wrist, 8; width of shoulders, 20; depth of chest, 9 1/2; height, 5 feet 8 inches; stretch, 79 inches; weight, 160 pounds.

The Dominion Exhibition, which closed last week, was a great success. The attendance was far greater than at our annual Industrial. Lodgings were found for all visitors, in spite of fears to the contrary. Strangers from afar were greatly impressed with the prospects of this country. Many who came for amusement determined to remain for good and all.

Attention is called to our new government advertisement announcing the first excursion of harvest hands from Ontario. There farmers will find how best to secure their full quota of men.

The pilgrimage to St. Anne des Chesnes this year was a large and fervent one. Rev. Father Dufresne sang the High Mass. Rev. Father Fillion preached a touching and edifying sermon. Rev. Father Giroux, the parish priest, publicly tendered his thanks to a Jesuit Father in Montreal who had sent a number of valuable gifts to the shrine.

Armagh Cathedral was reopened last week with great ceremony. Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli coming from Rome as Papal representative to the consecration. Under this extreme provocation the Orangemen rose in their wrath and dealt the Man of Sin a mighty blow, by tearing down the decorations of the city and breaking the windows of Catholic houses. The dispatches in the Sydney and Halifax dailies called it rioting, as though there were two parties in the fray, but the "Star" tells us that the disorder was the work of Orangemen alone, just as all who know anything of those most barbarous of the world's barbarians would naturally have expected. And these are the people on whose account a Catholic University is refused to Ireland.—The Casket, Aug. 3.

The Canadian Press learns that Col. Sir Percy Girouard will be invited to the Egyptian service. Lord Cromer is anxious that Col. Girouard should again, be re-associated with the Egyptian administration and a formal request to this effect is to be made to the war office. The war office has given Sir Edward six months' leave of absence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Vermette, of La Verandrye street, St. Boniface, mourn the loss of their infant daughter, Marie, aged nine months. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at St. Boniface churchyard. Mr. Vermette is employed in the Winnipeg Post Office.

Mr. N. D. Beck, K.C., of Edmonton, spent Thursday here on his way to Toronto.

Senator Vest, of the United States Senate, died on August 9, at Sweet Springs, Mo. He is on record as having, on more than one occasion, loudly proclaimed before the Upper American House the superior success of Catholic missionaries among the Indians. This honest Protestant gentleman's enthusiastic description of what he saw in the Jesuit Missions of Montana has often been quoted in Catholic papers. Father Paquin, S.J., whom he singles out for especial praise in regard to St. Ignatius' Mission, was later on, for some time rector of St. Boniface College and is now Superior of Holy Cross Indian mission on Manitoulin Island, Ont.

A. P. asks if the name of St. Roch's hospital should be pronounced "roach" as many people pronounce it in Winnipeg. He is an Englishman and he says Roch is always pronounced "rock" in the old country.—Answer: And so it ought to be pronounced here. In fact nobody in or around St. Roch's hospital pronounces the name in any other way. If you asked for St. Roach's hospital in St. Boniface, people would wonder what you meant.

The solitary ramshackle car is still pounding its lonely way from Norwood bridge to the Holy Names Convent. The track opposite the St. Boniface hospital is still three feet below the surface of the surrounding road, and will be a nice mess when winter comes.

Mr. Cherrier, father of the Rev. A. A. Cherrier, is dangerously ill and received the last sacraments on Wednesday. As he is in his 82nd year great fears are entertained and earnest prayers are being offered up for his recovery.

All students, past and present of St. Boniface College are invited to receive Holy Communion next Monday, feast of the Assumption, in the College chapel at 7 o'clock Mass. There will be, after breakfast, a meeting of the Alumni Association.

Rev. Brother Lewis has been transferred to the principalship of a large school in Brooklyn, N. Y. His many friends and admirers here will regret his departure just on the eve of the completion of the new and spacious St. Mary's school. His successor, Rev. Brother Ferdinand, arrived last Saturday.

Clerical News.

The end of last week witnessed two new arrivals at the Archbishop's palace: Rev. Father Polaska, a Pole, who in the course of a twelvemonth spent in the Montreal Grand Seminary, has acquired a remarkable fluency in both French and English, languages unknown to him a year ago; and Rev. Mr. Speeman, a German ecclesiastic who will study theology and teach in St. Boniface College.

Last Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, in the chapel of the Grey Nuns, on the occasion of the religious profession of Sister Lang-



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lois, one of his parishioners, Rev. Father Cherrier preached, while the Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas said the Low Mass and presided at the ceremony. Three sisters took the Grey habit, and one the black habit of the Auxiliaries.

Rev. Father de Corby, O. M. I., of Fort Pelley, spent a few days at St. Mary's, returning on Wednesday.

Rev. Father Bonald, O.M.I., from the far off mission of Cross Lake, arrived here on Monday to make his yearly purchases.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O.M.I., who arrived from Wild Rice, N.D., on Monday, will begin a retreat to the Franciscan Sisters of St. Laurent next week.

On the 16th inst. Rev. Father Dufresne, the parish priest of Lorette, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. There will be High Mass and a special sermon.

Rev. Father Paquay, C. S. S. R., who preached the clergy retreat and two retreats to the Grey Nuns, left on Monday for his home at St. Anne de Beaupre.

Rev. Father Chossegros, S. J., went last Saturday to Wild Rice, N.D., to preach the annual retreat to the Sisters of the Presentation. Thence he will go to Argyle, Minn. for another retreat.

Rev. Father McDonald, S.J., left on Tuesday for Bottineau, N. D., where he will supply for Rev. Father Turcotte during a fortnight.

Rev. Father Belanger, pastor of Selkirk, was here on Tuesday, making arrangements for a concert and lecture to be given in the Selkirk town hall on Thursday, Aug. 25, for the benefit of his Church. Father Drummond will deliver the lecture and Miss Fudge Barrett has consented to sing. Two students of St. Boniface College will also assist, Mr. James Walsh in a recitation, and Mr. Tremblay in a song.

The "Catholic Columbian" for Aug. 6, prints a long interview with His Lordship Augustine Dondenwill, O.M.I., which is so full of errors and padding that we should be ashamed to reproduce it. It is headed "A Far Northern Diocese," and we are told that the weather is severely cold in the northern part of British Columbia, but we are not told that the southern part, where the Bishop of New Westminster habitually resides, enjoys a far balmy climate than that of Columbus, Ohio, especially in winter. We are told that "Victoria on Vancouver Island, the Capital of British Columbia, is about twelve miles from New Westminster, which may be reached on the street car. The latter is in the archdiocese of Vancouver." The fact is, that Victoria, the cathedral town of the Vancouver archdiocese, is about

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