

Clerical News.

His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by Very Rev. Vicar General Dugas, left on Wednesday for Montreal to assist at the consecration, next Wednesday, of Monseigneur Racicot, coadjutor-elect of Montreal, who is uncle to Mgr. Langevin.

Father Dandurand is very much alive here in spite of the inexplicable rumor that he was dead. This rumor was so fully credited in Ottawa that Mgr. Routhier, the Vicar General, was making ready for a solemn Requiem Mass for the lamented Father Dandurand, sometime Vicar General and Administrator of the diocese of Ottawa, when he received a letter from the venerable Father himself, assuring him that he had not been at all unwell. Nevertheless, although our own Father Dandurand is undoubtedly the priest who has been longest ordained in Canada and the United States, we beg to inform him that he must lift his biretta to Father James Crickard, parish priest of Loughinisland, County Down, Ireland, who lately celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday and the seventieth year of his priesthood, whereas Father Dandurand lately celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday and has not yet completed the sixty-fourth of his priesthood. Father Crickard, with one assistant, continues to administer the affairs of his parish with great ability. Every Sunday he celebrates Mass, and every alternate Sunday he preaches the sermon, which is always full of instruction and often eloquent, his voice reaching every member of the congregation.

The latest news from Rome about the health of the General of the Jesuits is not at all encouraging. At first the X-ray treatment Father Luis Martin was undergoing at Pisa seemed very promising; it seemed as if the tumor was being slowly but surely killed by the powerful rays. On March 30, however, Dr. Capello, the great Roman surgeon, called to Pisa, had little hope of the treatment. On April 1, a new tumor, the fourth since January, was discovered higher up the arm near the shoulder. On April 4 all human hope seemed lost. Nothing but a miracle will now save the saintly patient. The Fathers of St. Boniface began, on the 26th inst. a triduum of devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to obtain the cure of their Superior General.

At the same time news comes that the Superior of all the Canadian Jesuits, Father Edouard Lecompte, is suffering from a second attack of appendicitis—the first one occurred last autumn and was relieved by treatment—and will probably have to submit to the knife. Father Lecompte was forty-nine last February. Later news points to recovery without operation.

Curiously enough, another Superior General of a religious order, modelled, to a great extent, on the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus, bore the same family name as the General of the latter. Father Antoine Martin, for the past twenty years Superior General of the Marists, or Society of Mary, died recently at the age of eighty-three. He took an active part in the remarkable development of his Society in France, Ireland, England, Canada, New Zealand and Oceania, after the congregation had been approved by Rome in the brief "Omnium Gentium Salus." in April, 1836. "The Society of Mary," says a French writer, "owes, to a large extent, its expansion in English speaking countries to Father Martin, and it is to be hoped that this expansion will enable it to weather present storms, and to continue to furnish its contingent of missionaries to Oceania."

Rev. Father Garaix, S.J., who returned from Oakwood, N.D., last Monday, says that Father Lee's new church is rapidly going up. The parishioners have been very generous in their contributions.

Rev. Fathers Kistorz and Yunker were here this week.

On Easter Sunday Rev. Father McDonald, S.J., preached at the Immaculate Conception Church during High Mass. In the evening Rev. Lewis Drummond, S.J., preached the closing sermon of his mission at St. Mary's church and imparted the Papal blessing and plenary indulgence.

Since writing a note on the health of the General of the Jesuits we learn, from the Catholic Times of April 14,

that his right arm has really been amputated. The Montreal Star of the 20th inst. adds that latest advices from Rome represent the sacrifice as probably fruitless. Father Martin cannot live many weeks.

Persons and Facts.

Monsignor Count Vay de Vaya, who is travelling in the west, visiting Hungarian settlements, writes that he hopes to be back in Winnipeg in time to deliver his promised lecture on Thursday evening next, the 4th of May. The Catholic Club, under the leadership of their energetic President, tried to secure the Y.M.C.A. auditorium, but found that date already engaged. Arrangements are being made to have the lecture in St. Mary's School hall, with admission free and collection to be taken up. Those who can be present will be sure of a very special treat. The Australian papers gave long and laudatory reports of the many lectures the noble Monsignor delivered all over Australia to very large audiences; on one occasion an immense hall was packed with five thousand people. Some idea may be formed of the value of Mgr. Vay de Vaya's experiences, as related by himself, from the fact that the manager of Pearson's Magazine paid him the highest price ever given in England for his two articles—one hundred pounds each—which appeared in April and May, 1904.

Last Saturday Chevalier Alfred Larocque died in Montreal in his sixtieth year. After graduating from St. Mary's College, he was one of the first to join the noble army of the Pontifical Zouaves and was seriously wounded at the battle of Mentana in 1867. In those days he was the chosen hero of Canadian Catholic youth. After the unjust seizure of Rome by the Italian usurpers he returned to Canada and went to the front in the rebellion of 1885, for which he received the Northwest medal. He was decorated with the Cross of Mentana, was made a commander of the Order of Pius IX., and received from the Holy Father the 'Bene Merenti' medal. Chevalier Larocque likewise did good journalistic work on the Franc-Parleur and Opinion Publique, and was closely connected with the great St. Jean Baptiste celebration in 1874. He leaves a son and two daughters, Capt. Larocque, C.E., and the Misses Minnie and Therese Larocque.

On the 20th inst, Mr. Alexandre D. de St. Ours, the last one to bear the name of the oldest noble family in Canada, died suddenly at the Manor House of the village of St. Ours, aged three and thirty. He had been ailing for some days but the attending physician foresaw no danger, especially as the patient had a strong constitution and a very athletic frame. But he passed away in his sleep. On January 14 he had been elected Mayor of his native village, but the election was contested and annulled, and another election, in which he again presented himself, was going on when he died. The historic name of St. Ours really ceased with the death, some years ago of his aunt, Miss Hermine de St. Ours, but Mr. Alexandre Dorion, whose mother was nee Amelie de St. Ours, obtained by act of Parliament the permission to add "de St. Ours" to his father's name. This was eminently fitting, as Mr. Dorion lived in the manorial grounds which his mother's ancestors had occupied for 240 years. As he was not married, the title again remains in abeyance. Mr. A. D. de St. Ours was a whole-souled, hearty man, ever loyal to his friends. He had received Holy Communion on the 19th of March.

In spite of Foster's forecast that we were to have all sorts of weather in April—a very obvious forecast by the way, where April, the proverbially changeable month, is concerned—we have had only one kind of weather and that very fine. Most of the month has been bright and cool, splendid weather for the University examinations just completed; but early this week the temperature began to rise, and on Tuesday the mercury reached 80 degrees in the shade. Of course, the longer the fine weather lasts, the more likely it is to change soon. Hence Foster may very well be right in expecting what he calls "radical features" between April 29 and May 5. He could not always blunder even if he tried.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, who has lately been received by the Pope, informed His Holiness that the Irish Bishops and the Irish National



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The beautiful new Cathedral which has been erected by Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, New Zealand, at the cost of £50,000 was solemnly opened on Sunday, February, 12, when the sermon in the morning was preached by Archbishop Kelly, Coadjutor of Sidney, and in the evening by Archbishop Carr, of Melbourne. The Architect was Mr. F. W. Petre, whose father was the second son of the Right Hon. Lord Petre, of Thorndon Hall. Bishop Grimes, it may be stated, is a native of the archdiocese of Westminster, and he was for a time a Professor at the Marist College, Dundalk.

A concert will be held on the 9th of May, in St. Mary's school the proceeds to be devoted to the purchasing of a new piano for the school.

This concert is under the auspices of the young men of the Parish.

The following have very kindly volunteered their services: Misses Madge Barrett, M. Dubuc, A. Doyle, Rhea White, Edna Landers and C. Couture, E. Madigan, S. Barre, A. Donnelly. There can be no doubt with such talented people on the programme the concert will be an artistic success.

Regina Notes.

Holy Week Services were most impressively carried out in St. Mary's Church. At all the services there were very large congregations, in fact many could not gain admittance. On Good Friday evening Rev. Father Suffa delivered a good sermon on the crucifixion. Easter Sunday was an ideal day. The little church most certainly looked its best. Our church in Regina is small, 'tis true, now far too small for our congregation, but it certainly is a dear little spot. Kneeling there on Saturday evening in the twilight one seemed transported to that heavenly home to which has gone that true servant of God who took such pride in this church and who with his own hands performed so much of the labor of erecting it. To enter the sacred edifice was enough to impress one with the grandeur of the Feast about to be celebrated, little wonder this spot is so dear to many of us. In it we have been participants of functions of joy and of deepest sorrow, here our little ones have received the Sacrament of Baptism, here we have witnessed many of our young friends join hands in the rest of life's journey. And here too we have knelt beside the bier of many of our dear ones, yes, "the dear little church round the corner" will long hold a place particularly its own in the hearts of Regina's pioneers. At early Communion services a great many were present. At half past nine high Mass and a sermon in German and at eleven high Mass was celebrated and an excellent sermon given on the Gospel of the day. Rev. Father Suffa conducted all the services throughout. The Altar was most tastefully arrayed. Beautiful potted plants had been sent by Madame Forget from Government House, Easter lilies were beside the tabernacle, in fact the altar was one bank of flowers interspersed with a

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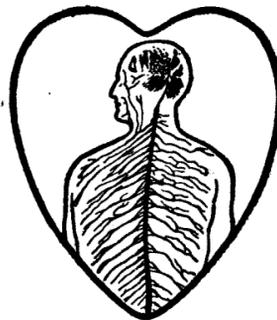
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great number of lights. The choir sang the Mass very well indeed. Madame Keenan was assisted by a number of children, Miss Lyons sang also but was not heard in a solo as was previously announced. Children have very sweet voices and a mass sung by well trained children's voices is certainly good, but in Regina among the Catholics there are excellent singers.

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