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CURRENT COMMENT.

"Hello, Your Holiness!" The Tribune of last Thursday had an excellent report of His Grace's reception and especially of his interview with the reporters. Our genial Archbishop told the newspaper men that the day before he himself had an audience with the Holy Father, the latter received a party of American pilgrims, some of whom, in the excitement of the moment, greeted the august Pontiff with "Hello, Your Holiness!" and all were delighted with the affable way he received them and, talked of America.

The Church A Unit. Our contemporary goes on to quote His Grace as saying: "The views of the Holy See on the general principles of primary education are well known, having been dwelt upon from time to time in encyclicals. 'One thing is quite sure,' the Archbishop added, 'and that is that we do not want godless schools.' Proceeding, he said that the Church was a unit on this. The decision of the Baltimore council and the views of Cardinal Sattoli and Archbishop Ireland were the same as those of that council. Concluding, His Grace said he would be the most pleased man in Manitoba when the case was satisfactorily settled, and when all could unitedly and harmoniously work for the development of this country from which they expect such great things in Europe."

A Drop Of Oil. "As the reporters were taking their leave he asked them to put in a good word to advance this happy day, and added jocularly, 'You, Mr. Tribune, put in a drop of oil. You know a little oil make the machine run easier. I hear very good reports of Mr. Richardson since he went to Ottawa, and the people there speak well of him.'" Let us devoutly hope the Tribune will lay that flattering unction to its soul and that the fierce fanaticism of the Bannatyne street organ will be a memory of the past.

Inconsistent. We read in the N. Y. Freeman's Journal:

"The Independent, complaining of the action of some of the South American republics in reference to Protestant missionaries, says:

"No ecclesiastic in this country believes that the State has a right to confiscate religious books and burn them."

And yet, when the Mexican Government confiscated all the church property in Mexico, and when the Italian Government confiscated churches, monasteries and libraries, and sold the books and manuscripts of the latter as waste paper, the Protestant press of America had no word of condemnation. It hailed these confiscations as a happy evidence of advance in progress. It also applauded the Iron Chancellor for his persecuting May laws."

This is one of the many inconsistencies of Protestantism. If it could ever become logical, it would cease to protest against the truth.

Dr. Bryce In France. In a recent letter to the Free Press of this city the Rev. Dr. Bryce says: "No traveller coming from north to south through France, as I lately did, could fail to see its great resources and admire the industry and thrift of the people." The learned Doctor had just been extolling Calvin as a Frenchman, adding that "the world owes much to France." Oddly enough, France does not seem to recognize that she owes much to Calvin, except the bloody wars of religion, considering that the followers of the murderer of Servetus in that great country now number but a few hundred thousand and even they have repudiated most of Calvin's distinctive tenets. Dr. Bryce remarks: "The subject of education is of great moment in France just now as well as in England and Canada. The French have established secular schools, and no priest, I am told, is allowed to enter one. I presume the case would be the same with a Protestant minister. The priests are in open hostility to all government schools." So are most of the laity, Doctor, through you do not seem to have noticed the fact. "They are trying under great difficulties to maintain private schools. Of course, the two sets of schools are in deadly hostility to one another. While I was going through the Trianon palace at Versailles the other day, a large government school with its lady teachers was also passing through. The guide pointed his finger toward them and remarked to me, 'Sans Dieu'—as much as to say 'godless schools.' I was told that the name is given by the church"—was your guide a churchman, Doctor?—"even to a government school of agriculture, whose students are required to go to church service every Sunday. The French people as a whole are very set on their system of government schools being maintained." Are they, indeed? Then how comes it that even the government guides at Versailles sneer at government schools as godless? Surely, the antagonism to such schools must be very widespread if the subordinate officials who are of the people and reflect the sentiments of the people share in that contemptuous aversion. In point of fact, those who have spent their lives in France, and not merely a week as Dr. Bryce has, and the vast majority of Frenchmen despise and detest "les écoles sans Dieu."

Our Insignificance. The Reverend Doctor concludes with a very pertinent reflection which shows how his travels are teaching him humility. After noticing that his French friends are proud of the fact that Mr. Laurier, a French Canadian, is now premier of Canada, he adds: "Other than the merest generalities of our affairs in Canada do not, however, occupy the people either of France, or I am sorry to say, of Great Britain, very much. The world seems so much larger here than it does in Canada that I suppose we shall have to become a much larger people before we influence it very much." To be sure, he swallows his medicine with a wry face, but he takes it like a man. The cynosure of every eye in Manitoba feels himself somewhat infinitesimal among the many-sided, broad-minded people of the Old World.

AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

On Thursday afternoon a special reception was tendered to our beloved Archbishop by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy. His Grace, accompanied by large numbers of the clergy, many of whom were to begin their annual retreat that evening, entered the beautifully decorated hall of the convent at three in the afternoon. The young ladies in the freshness of their white uniform looked their best and treated the audience to sweet music, vocal and instrumental. A bevy of dainty little damsels went very creditably through

a dialogue of welcome, adding flower-gifts to the quaint salutations of their innocent little hearts. A fitting close to this charming entertainment was the spoken address of Miss Mary Marrin, who, standing in front of the serried ranks of her white-robed schoolmates, expressed, in the name of mistresses and pupils, with perfect naturalness and ease of manner, the joy that beamed on the bright faces grouped behind her as they looked upon their dear Father in God.

His Grace replied with even more than his usual cordiality: for were not these his own children, and was he not just come from the august presence of him who is the Holy Father of us all? After dwelling with fond insistence upon his audience with the Grand Old Man of the Vatican, the Archbishop imparted to the inmates of St. Mary's Academy the blessing which the Pope himself had charged him to transmit.

MATTERS POLITICAL.

Another test vote has been taken in the House of Commons, this time on a motion made by the Hon. G. E. Foster to condemn the Government for not announcing their trade policy, and the ministry have again been sustained. Their majority in this case was 37, but when the absent members are considered it is found that the actual Government majority in a full house would have been 34.

Three French translators found guilty by the debates committee of partisan conduct during the recent election campaign and so reported to the House were ordered to be dismissed. This having been done the appointment of successors came before the committee. Various names were presented, several of the Quebec members making efforts to have their own ritual friends and supporters appointed, and so much determination was shown that a deadlock resulted which it was evident could only be overcome by the re-appointment of those who had just been dismissed. This action was accordingly taken, but the public will watch for further developments as the end of this matter has not yet been reached.

The rumored offer of the British Columbia judgeship to Mr. Joseph Martin has naturally raised a good deal of feeling in the Pacific Province, and we doubt if the Government will be able, in face of such strong opposition, to shelve Winnipeg's ex-representative in this way. Mr. Martin is a very live issue just now and one of the most troublesome which the Government have to deal with. Some of his Winnipeg friends still profess to believe that he will yet be the minister of the interior, but to an impartial observer this seems to be out of the question altogether.

It is currently reported that Dalton McCarthy is to enter the cabinet at an early date as minister of justice. Although there are several circumstances which seem to lend weight to this rumor, including the fact that he is dispensing the patronage for his constituency, we can hardly believe there is any real foundation for it. In our opinion Mr. Dalton McCarthy is quite as improbable as Mr. Martin and perhaps more so. We do not believe that he would be acceptable to a majority of the cabinet, and we are quite sure he would not strengthen the ministry.

Ottawa correspondents state that Hon. Mr. Tarte will visit this province immediately after the close of the session, and the air is full of rumors, more or less improbable, as to his object in coming here. To us it seems reasonable that he should seek as early as possible to make himself acquainted with his officials in this country, and this in itself would sufficiently account to us for his western trip. The Nor-Wester holds that there is another and more important motive behind the trip, namely to consult with the newly formed French Liberal association and to "work up enthusiasm among his adherents to cast off the shackles of religious domination and to be free men," that is to accept any modified measure of redress of our school grievances which Mr. Greenway may offer. We have already put ourselves on record as refusing to believe that our French Liberal friends are contemplating such an act of treachery, but we are aware that the public generally do not know them as well as we do and we think that in view of the frequent repetition of this rumor it would be well for their own sakes as well as for several other reasons if they would publicly

give the report a straight and unqualified denial. Failure to do this leaves them, for a time at least, in what we are certain is a false position before the public, and we must confess we cannot understand their continued silence when a word from them would settle the matter.

Immigration matters occupied the attention of the House for several hours last week. We all remember how the policy of the late government was ridiculed and attacked in and out of season by the opposition and we shall await with interest the announcement of what the Liberal party intend to do. Hon. Hugh John Macdonald advocated the early construction of the Hudson's Bay Railway as one of the necessities of the country and as one of the means of making the Northwest a better place to farm in. With the Hudson's Bay Railway completed and the school question settled we believe immigrants would commence to pour into the country and our vacant lands would soon be settled, but until these two great necessities are accomplished we do not look for much of an increase in the number of arrivals.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cherrier Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Their Marriage.

Imposing Religious Ceremonies. Presentation of Address and Gifts. Biographical Sketch.

The Immaculate Conception Church was thronged on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the hour set for the commencement of the religious services connected with the fiftieth anniversary of the



marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cherrier, parents of the Pastor of the Parish. The parishioners were well represented and in addition there were present most of the prominent Catholics of Winnipeg and St. Boniface and many others, whilst in the sanctuary we noticed:—



His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Monseigneur Langevin; His Lordship Bishop Grandin of St. Albert; Father Ritchot, Vicar General of St. Boniface; Father Lacombe, Vicar General of St. Albert; Father Camper, O. M. I., of Lake Manitoba; Father Guillet, O. M. I., of St. Mary's, Winnipeg; Father Chartier, S. J., Rector of St. Boniface College; Father Drummond, S. J.; Father Grenier, S. J.; Father La Rue, S. J.; Father Lebel, S. J.; Father R. Giroux, of St. Anne; Father Messier, of the Cathedral, St. Boniface; Father Gendron, of the college of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q.; Father Joseph, of the Trappists; Father Joly, of Otterburne; Father P. Magnan, O. M. I., of Qu'Appelle; Father Poitras, of the Palace, St. Boniface; Father Dufresne, of Lorette; Father Cahill, O. M. I., of Rat Portage; Father Cloutier, of St. Boniface; Father A. Giroux, of La Broquerie; Father Jubinville, of Brandon; Father Bourret, of St. Agathe; Father Zerbach, of Regina; Fathers Defoy, Gravelle, Woodcutter, Haynan, of the Palace, St. Boniface; Abbe Maillard, of the Immaculate Conception. The service was of a most impressive and touching nature. Precisely at the hour named above the wedding party entered the church by the main door and proceeded up the aisle to the sanctuary. Mr. Cherrier was supported by His Honour Judge Dubuc and Mrs. Cherrier by Dr. Dame. Following them came the bridesmaid

and best man, namely, Mrs. Jacob Picard, daughter of the old couple, and her husband, and behind them the other members of the family as follows:—Mr. Alphonse Picard, grandson, and his wife; Arthur, Zephirin and Jean Marie Picard, grandsons; Joseph and Yvone Picard, great-grand-children. As the procession moved up the aisle the wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Alice Doyle. All being in their places His Grace the Archbishop rose and delivered a short address in English in the course of which he spoke of the sanctity of the marriage tie eloquently referring to the history of the church to show how she had always maintained the invariability of the matrimonial union. He then spoke of the Christian home and pointed to the aged couple before him as a shining example of what their Holy Religion taught them regarding the married state. In conclusion he made a touching reference to the unity which existed in the family of those whose golden jubilee they were celebrating and having paid a glowing tribute to the worth of the son as a distinguished and holy priest he closed by invoking on Mr. and Mrs. Cherrier, their children, grand children and great-grand-children the blessing of Heaven.

His Lordship Bishop Grandin then spoke in French, after which came a most impressive ceremony namely the renewal of the matrimonial promises and the blessing of the new ring. His Grace the Archbishop presiding over this portion of the service. The choir then sang the 127th Psalm "Blest are they that fear the Lord and that walk in His ways;" which was followed by the special prayers of the ritual for such occasions. These completed, Grand High mass was celebrated, with the son of the jubilarians, Rev. Father Cherrier, as celebrant; Rev. Father Bourdeau, of Chicago, their nephew, as deacon; and the Archbishop's secretary, Rev. Father Beliveau, as sub-deacon. The mass was that for St. Michael's feast, and the choir rendered the "Kyrie," "Sanctus" and "Agnus Dei" of Mercadente's mass; the "Gloria" of Hayden's mass No. 2; and the "Credo" of Leonard's mass; the offertory piece being Lambillotte's "Quid retribuam." Miss Doyle officiated at the organ throughout, Mrs. George Germain, conducting the choir. As the wedding party left the church at the conclusion of mass Mr. Arthur Picard played a wedding march. The whole congregation then assembled in the garden of the church and the old couple having been brought to the verandah of Father Cherrier's residence the following address was read and presented to them by Mr. F. W. Russell:—

The Immaculate Conception Parish, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 29th September, 1896.

TO MR. AND MRS. LEON CHERRIER.

The parishioners of the Immaculate Conception feel that they cannot allow this occasion to pass without asking you to accept their most hearty and sincere congratulations. The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of the parents of our dear Pastor is an event which appeals to us with more than passing interest, and we can assure you it has been with great joy that we have participated in the religious celebration of this morning. We wish, too, to take advantage of the occasion to give expression to feelings with which we have for many years been animated. As parishioners of the Immaculate Conception we have long recognized how much we owe you both for the self-sacrificing way in which you are devoting yourselves to good works connected with our parish Assembly as we do week after week in our beautiful and well-kept church, we are well aware that we owe our comfort and happiness in this respect very largely to your ever-ready and earnest cooperation and self-denying labors in all things pertaining to the maintenance of the Church and its surroundings. We know this is for you a labor of love, but none the less we realize that we have good reason to feel grateful to you. We desire, therefore, only to congratulate you, but to assure you that we shall earnestly pray you may both be spared for many years yet, and to ask you to accept the accompanying present which although not of great intrinsic value is offered you by the parishioners and some of their friends as an evidence of the esteem in which you are held, and of the good wishes and cordial regard of all.

THE PARISHIONERS
of the Immaculate Conception.

The present referred to in the address proved to be a very valuable one and consisted of a large number of five dollar gold pieces piled up high on a handsome gold tray. The presentation was made by Mr. J. A. McInnis.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cherrier were visibly affected at this high mark of esteem and the former in broken tones heartily thanked all his friends and asked his son, Father Cherrier, to say a few words for him.

Father Cherrier stepped to the front of the verandah and in touching language expressed the heartfelt gratitude to all those who had been so kind to his father and mother that day. Turning to his parents he made an eloquent acknowledgement of his indebtedness to their tender care of and self-sacrificing devotion to their children. Father Cherrier's address was one of the most affecting we have ever listened to, and there were few dry eyes in the audience when he concluded by once more thanking them and asking them to continue their prayers for his beloved parents.

This interesting incident concluded, most of the congregation pressed forward to personally congratulate the venerable