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Notes and Comment.

In this Canada of ours there probably never was a time of greater importance for the country in its history and its interests than the time we are living in at present. We are living in a time of transition, a time of building up, a time of new comers, a time of apparent clashing of interests between the civilization of the east and the west. It is, too, a time pregnant with the greatest possibilities for the Church of God in this land.

and apparently we are satisfied with this state of affairs. We have the teachers of falsehood and error rapping at our very doors and daring to strive to mislead even the children of the Church and all this with zeal and boldness worthy of a better cause. We have journals printed and scattered throughout the land propagating falsehood and slander (of the most impudent and startling kinds and where are our zealous defenders of the truth? Our men are few in number for the great tasks they have before them, and already cut out for them, in their respective spheres. Our Catholic Truth Societies of other days have come and gone and left only a memory of what they were behind them. Where are our defenders among the laymen? Even the secular press teams with vile stuff from day to day and week to week reflecting discreditably upon ourselves, our holy faith, its teachings and its practices, and yet we stand calmly by and take all this as a matter of course.

Only a few years ago there sprang up in our sister land to the south a new religious organization for the purpose of propagating the faith among the children of unbelief. This organization is commonly known as the Paulist Fathers' community, or the Order of St. Paul. Shortly after this society had appeared other religious congregations took upon themselves to carry out, as part of their programme, the same noble and apostolic work. Later even secular clergymen organized themselves into missionary bands with the same object in view.

But it is not supported. Many Catholic homes are to be found where the secular daily or weekly is plentifully on hand, but where a Catholic paper is unknown. These are the homes where the young men grow up imbued with great ideas about secular education and the glory of the public schools and an absolute distaste and even intolerance for the separate Catholic school. Often however, the Catholic press, whatever be the cause, is a poor excuse for the name it bears. There are, of course, noble exceptions, but it must be admitted that too many Catholic papers are sadly wanting in the militant spirit needed for our times, and give too much space to little local functions, social and otherwise, of their respective localities. We need a virile press, filled with apostolic courage, ready to combat falsehood, error and slander wherever such demons raise their heads. What is to become of the great West? Even here in the East men are scarce to minister to our wants at the altar of God. This is particularly so among the English-speaking people who are almost all Irish and Scotch. And what of the great West? Is it to be abandoned to heresy? In Toronto, this other day a man who makes his living in the publication of slander against the Catholic Church was elected by a very large majority to an important position in the gift of the people. It is, of course, true that Toronto is a peculiar city, nevertheless we believe, if we were alive to our own interest as we ought to be, such a shameful state of affairs could not exist even in Toronto. A paper published in Toronto boldly demands of the government of this country to exclude Catholic people from coming into the country. The organ of the Presbyterian Church in Canada glorifies the memory of the immoral apostate and disturber Chiquiy, and a Presbyterian Church in Toronto bestows the privilege of its pulpit on a self-styled fallen nun. When shall we have a purely Canadian Congregation of clergymen going abroad throughout the country and spreading the light of Christian truth to the poor benighted but often sincere Orangeman, like the American Paulists are doing in the United States? When shall we have a branch of the Catholic Truth Society in every city and town, and when shall we find our youth growing up inspired with enthusiasm for faith, its principles, its schools, and its ideals? To cure a disease it is necessary to make a thorough diagnosis of it. Let us try to realize our position at the beginning of the New Year, with the hope of awakening interest and directing the attention of capable minds to the great wants of our land. There is almost half of Canada's population Catholic, and with the consciousness of our strength, as the bulwark of truth, we should be able to make the Church in this land a glory to her children and a fast.

OUR MONTHLY CALENDAR

- 1 January, 1908.
The Circumcision of Our Lord.
St. Macarius, M.
St. Genevieve, F.
St. Titus, Bishop of St. Paul.
Octave of the Holy Innocents.
St. St. Telephorus, P. M.
St. Theophanus, P. M.
St. Lucian, M.
St. Severinus, Ab. C.
St. Julian and Basilissa, M. M.
St. Agatha, P. M.
St. Hyacinth, P. M.
Octave of the Epiphany.
St. St. Arcadius, M.
St. Veronika, M.
St. Hilary, B. C. D.
St. Paul, First Hermit.
St. St. Marcellus, P. M.
St. Anthony, Ab.
St. Prisca, V. M.
Second Sunday after the Epiphany.
St. Feast of the Holy Name.
St. SS. Fabian and Sebastian, M. M.
St. Agnes, V. M.
St. Vincent & Anastasia, M. M.
St. Epiphany of the B. V. Mary.
St. Timothy, P. M.
St. Convey of St. Paul.
Third Sunday after the Epiphany.
St. St. Polycarp, B. M.
St. John Chryssostom, B. D.
St. Margaret of Hungary.
St. Francis of Sales, B. D.
St. St. Martina, V. M.
St. Peter Nolasco, C.

compensation for the estrangements and apostasies that have taken place elsewhere. Here is an example of how the Egyptian darkness effects the publisher of the Orange organ of Toronto, as found in its issue of Dec. 12th. We quote as follows from that issue: "A Preplexed Presbyterian Lady"—A Huntsville lady, Mrs. D. G. Hoyer, writes: I notice in the Presbyterian catechism (of which I am a lover) this question: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath? The answer given is: "From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the Sabbath, and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath." Now, sir, I cannot find where God changed it. Would some Presbyterian minister or layman kindly enlighten this good Presbyterian lady? But this question was never answered either by the Orange organ or its Presbyterian clerical friends. That would be a dangerous nut for a Presbyterian missionary to crack. The Seventh Day Adventists would tell her that Rome did this. Sure enough, Rome, that is the Church of Christ, did it, but Presbyterians do not wish to hear such historic truth.

C.M.B.A. Branch Officers.

The regular monthly meeting of Branch No. 232 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Grand Council of Canada, took place on Friday evening in their hall, Inglis building, a large attendance being present for the installation of the officers for 1908. After the routine business had been disposed of, the impressive ceremonies of installation took place. Grand Deputy Bro. F. J. Sears was assisted by the following grand officers and deputies: Grand Trustee Bro. Dr. Alex. Germain, Chan. F. J. Curran, member committee on laws; Grand Deputies T. A. Lynch, J. Quinn, T. Kane, and Provincial Grand Deputy G. A. Carpenter. After the newly elected officers were installed, a pleasant hour was spent. The recent convention, which was held in August last, was one of the most successful ever held under the auspices of this association, and the interest and enthusiasm shown by the members of this city augurs well for a large increase in the local membership. The following officers will have charge during 1908 of the affairs of Branch 232:—Spiritual adviser, Rev. Canon Dauth; chancellor, Bro. D. A. Gillis; president, Bro. G. Grace; 1st Vice-President, Bro. P. J. Gordon; 2nd Vice-President, Bro. A. Gillis; recording secretary, Bro. J. D. Roe; financial secretary, Bro. T. E. Quinn; treasurer, Bro. W. E. Durak; marshal, Bro. J. Donahue; guard, Bro. M. Donahue; trustees, Bro. A. Gillis, J. A. Gillis, T. A. Lynch, J. DeL. Cherry, G. A. Carpenter; medical examiner, Dr. J. A. McDonald. This branch will hold an "At Home" in the King's Hall, March 2nd, 1908, and arrangements are now being perfected to make this successful.

Prince Albert Diocese.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface received on Tuesday from His Excellency Mgr. Sharette, paval delegate at Ottawa, two briefs. The first contained a communication by which the Vicariate of Saskatchewan is created a diocese. The name of the new diocese will be the Diocese of Prince Albert, having the same limits as the former vicariate. The second brief contains the appointment of His Lordship Albert Pascal, O.M.I., as first Bishop of Prince Albert. ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE. Report for week ending Sunday, Jan. 5th, 1908: Irish, 157; French, 46; English, 23; Scotch and other nationalities, 30. Total, 256. All had a night's lodgings and breakfast.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CHEAP EXCURSIONS. Ottawa and Return \$3.35 FROM MONTREAL. Good going Jan. 15th. Return until Jan. 15th. ALSO Good going Jan. 21st and 22nd. Return until Jan. 25th, 1908. OTTAWA TRAINS. LEAVE WINDSOR STATION. x18.45 a.m. x19.10 a.m. x24.00 p.m. xParlor and Cafe Cars. Meals a la carte. LEAVE PLACE VIGER. 18.20 a.m. 15.45 p.m. *Daily. 1Sunday only. 1Daily, except Sunday. TICKET OFFICE: 129 St. James Street Next: Post Office.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM REDUCED FARES TO OTTAWA & RETURN HOCKEY MATCH—JANUARY 11th. Tickets good going by all trains Jan. 11th. Return limit, Jan. 15th. EASTERN ONTARIO LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY SHOW, JAN. 20th to 24th. Tickets good going by all trains Jan. 21st and 22nd. Return limit, Jan. 25th, 1908. FARE FROM MONTREAL \$3.35. Trains leave Montreal, Bonaventure Station, for Ottawa as follows:—8.30 a.m. 13.40 a.m. 7.30 p.m. Returning leave Ottawa—7.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 4.45 p.m. *Daily. 1Week days. CITY TICKET OFFICES 137 St. James Street, Telephone Main 160 & 461, or Bonaventure Station.

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New Church for Lachine. The people of the town of Lachine have decided to spend \$80,000 on an extension of the Catholic Church there, the one existing at present being far too small to accommodate the fast increasing congregation. The parish contains about six thousand Catholics, while the seating capacity of the present church is only 850. At a meeting of the churchwardens, plans prepared by Rev. Father Savaria and the Fabrique of the parish were accepted. The plans include the building of two transepts and an extension of the sanctuary. This would double the seating capacity of the church, and would give accommodation for about 2500 people. The cost of the work will be about \$80,000, of which the Fabrique will assume the half, and it was asked of the proprietors to raise a loan for the remainder. It was proposed that the Fabrique and the cure be authorized to make application to the legislature in the shortest possible delay for the necessary authority to proceed with the carrying out of the proposed enlargements. The real estate of Catholic freeholders in the parish will be taxed to a sum not exceeding 20 cents in the \$100 for a period not to exceed thirty years. Father Savaria stated that the work would be begun in the early spring, and would likely take about eighteen months to complete.

A Word to Mother's. Baby's Own Tablets is the only medicine for children that gives the mother the guarantee of a Government analyst that it is absolutely free from opiates and poisonous soothing stuff. The Tablets cure all stomach and bowel troubles, destroy worms, break up colds and simple fevers, and bring teeth through painlessly. They give baby sound natural sleep because they remove the cause of crossness and sleeplessness. Mrs. Ralph Judd, Judd Haven, Ont., says: "Baby's Own Tablets have given me great satisfaction both for teething troubles and constipation." Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail by 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Monument to First Bishop of Quebec. On Sunday next collections will be taken up at every service in all the churches of the diocese for the fund being raised for the monument to Mr. Francois de Montmorency Laval, first Bishop of Quebec, as announced in a circular from Archbishop Bruchési. His Grace states that the monument, which will be inaugurated

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Carsley Shoe Store Big Reductions Here During January Sale 75 pairs Ladies' Black Dongola Kid Buttoned Boots, with turn and welt soles, plain and patent tips, in sizes 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2, 6, 6 1-2 and 7 only. Regular values were \$2.00 up to \$3.70. Sale Price \$1.79. 45 pairs Ladies' Black Dongola and Vici Kid Buttoned Boots, with turn and welt soles, in sizes 2 1-2, 3, and 6, only. Regular value \$3.75 to \$4.05. Sale price... \$2.49. 90 pairs Boys' Pinto Shield Waterproof Moccasins, in sizes 3, 4, and 5 only. Regular value \$1.50. Sale price... 95c. A Year's Supply of Shirts A Fine Chance for a Man to Get a Year's Supply at January Sale Prices. Thousands of Men's Colored Cambric Shirts for our January Clearing out prices. 75 dozen Men's Soft Front Negligee Shirts, worth nearly double the price. Our sale price... .49c. 80 dozen Men's Soft Front Shirts, neat patterns. Regular \$1.00. Our Sale price... .59c. Our Dollar White Shirts are offered during the January sale at... .79c.

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ed next summer, on the occasion of the tercentenary celebration of the foundation of Quebec, is the work of our own Canadian artist, Mr. Philippe Hebert, and will be a well-deserved tribute to the memory of a man who was the father of the church for the whole of North America. A Double Bereavement. Following close upon the death of her daughter, Miss Annie, Mrs. Michael Quinlan, widow of the late Mr. Michael Quinlan, who was for many years connected with the Road Department of this city, and mother of the late Mr. Thomas J. Quinlan, representative of the Queen Insurance Co., for over thirty years, died on Sunday afternoon after a brief illness at her residence, No. 8 Stantley street. Miss Annie Quinlan leaves on Saturday, Mrs. Quinlan leaves three daughters to mourn her death.—Miss Eliza Quinlan, Mrs. J. P. Kavanagh, and Sister Saint William, of St. Joseph's Convent, Brooklyn, N.Y., also one grandson, Frank J. McGoldrick, of Montreal. Of Ecclesiastical Origin. It is interesting to learn that the group of type names, such as pica, brevier, etc., had an ecclesiastical

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A recent number of the "Civitas" article which among the most important of them in the great J. It is not a long sixteen pages of a profound man who can be made to be of it; it is not veils any truth from thinkers—it, you recognize pages of it that you did not is not (at least special brilliant—in fact it leaves a good impression. It is called "Journalism," a pregnant sentence governed by pure journalism." who read newspapers to do their and, as the Civ puts it, "in putting no other criticism, which is coined journalism." In Catholic of the Church and more than hold man Catholics has such good purpose been able to for Party, to put a kamp, to send sa, to organize ly, socially, ecci Catholics," said Catholic Congru with them a gra as a harbinger firm and faithf and the substi fence of the sup people and of is the Catholic ful, aggressive, and quantity it it has become a life which canno ber of newspape lic has increas to nearly three and the subscri were not more thousand divide source of newspa increased to hu and millions." the public opini tholics is respect

In Belgium a has been in pov years without a little Belgium, t country in the we same time noted tholic spirit, orphan houses; P passed those of (not excepting Ge of science and lit ably nearly all the ters and the mos of science in Fr Catholics. And y with our own eye hideous outrages on the Catholic we have seen an jority of French the polls to vote religion, and we count for this de things. It is pay for it. Through breadth of France great Catholic nee the name: "La years ago the g borrowed 25,000 "Univers," the o paper on "the con per on death. He scribed 1000 francs funds of the paper, did pen to his ser friends to do the a while he was o "I could not get v, but nobody mone." Forty ye don, President Gen forences of St. V loving letter, who rible prophesy. "In my opinion ance of the press i understood by the thinking about b founding congrega asylums for the o poor—all of them