

NOTICE.

AS THE YEAR is drawing to a close, now is the time to settle your account with the **NORTHWEST REVIEW**. Many of you gentlemen, who so generously subscribe to this paper, should remember that your generosity ought not to be content with a promise to pay. If times are hard for you, they are not particularly easy for us.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

DECEMBER.

- 27 Sunday—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
- 28 Monday—The Holy Innocents.
- 29 Tuesday—St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr.
- 30 Wednesday—Office of the Sunday within the octave of Christmas.
- 31 Thursday—St. Sylvester, Pope.

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JANUARY.

- 1 Friday—The Circumcision. New Year's Day. Feast of obligation.
- 2 Saturday—Octave of St. Stephen.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

Rev. Father Grenier, S. J., goes to Rat Portage to-day for the Christmas ministration.

Miss A. Killeen met with an accident a few days ago severely cutting her hand. She is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

Mr. Vindome arrived home from his extended trip in Europe a few days ago. He has purchased the stationary business of Mr. Pacand opposite the Manitoba Hotel, on Main street.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, who, accompanied by Father George, reached Montreal last Wednesday, has since officiated at the anniversary mass for his departed mother and has been to Ste Anne de la Pociere for the funeral of Monsignor Poirer, formerly (in 1838) a missionary in Manitoba. Monseigneur Langevin has had several interviews with the dying Archbishop of Montreal.

The Rev. Father Cherrier has been appointed Grand Deputy of the C. M. B. A. in this part of the Territory. The Reverend Father is an enthusiastic member of the organization, and the honor conferred upon him is not only well deserved, but is in accordance with the wishes of the whole membership in the West.

Christmas will be ushered in at both the city churches with grand mass, which will commence sharp at 12 o'clock on Thursday night, the eve of the feast. Special music has been prepared by the choir, and as in past years special efforts will be made to ensure the services being in keeping with the solemnity of the occasion. To insure proper decorum the admission will be by tickets, for which no charge will be made, but which can be obtained free on application at the Presbyteries.

The Review very much regrets having to record the death of Mr. Theo. Tessier, the well-known and highly esteemed proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, the result of a heavy cold caught whilst driving. Deceased was only 44 years of age, and he was a member both of the C. M. B. A. and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He leaves a widow and one son, both of whom have the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances in their bereavement. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the body being first taken to St. Mary's church and then to Fort Rouge cemetery. The members of the two Catholic societies attended in a body, marching in procession ahead of the hearse. The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. J. Golden, P. Shea, M. Conway, J. D. McDonald, D. F. Allman and George Germain, and there was a long line of carriages. The church was crowded, and the short service was of a most touching description. Miss Barrett sang a very affecting solo, "Some Sweet Day," after which the Parish Priest, Rev. Father Gilet, O. M. I., recited the prayers, and the choir chanted the Libera. A large number accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

LETTELLER.

On Sunday, the 6th, His Grace Archbishop Langevin visited this parish, arriving from St. Jean Baptiste in time for vespers. Before his Grace's sermon he was presented with an address from the congregation, expressing their fidelity and confidence. The sermon on the school question was attentively followed by all. It is seldom that we have the pleasure of listening to such an able discourse. Next morning His Grace officiated at St. Joseph, four miles from Letteller. A voluntary separate school has been established here and was opened yesterday.

There is a great deal of snow all over the country, but a quiet rain for several hours last Saturday morning caused some of it to diminish, and the

rest to harden. The last few days have been delightfully mild. We hope that this sort of weather will continue for awhile.

THE TRUTH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the members of the Catholic Truth Society was held in St. Mary's school room on Monday evening, when there was a very fair attendance, and a good deal of important business was transacted, amongst it being the election unanimously of the following officers for the ensuing year:

- President—Brother Lewis.
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Treasurer—G. Gladnich. Librarian—W. F. Jones. Marshal—W. Sullivan. Guard—William O'Brien. For the future meetings of the society will be held every Monday evening in St. Mary's school room, and the newly elected officers hope there will be a good attendance. There is much good work for this organization to accomplish in this city, and with the assistance of the members the officers intend to do it.

PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAYS AND DISPUTATIONS AT ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE.

On the evening of the 30th ult., the feast of St. Andrew, the St. Boniface class of Mental and Moral Science gave a most interesting philosophical entertainment. His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface presided, with the Rector of the College, Rev. Father Chartier, S. J., on his right hand and Hon. Senator Bernier on his left. There were present as invited guests, besides the members of the Faculty and the Previous and Preliminary classes, Mr. John S. Ewart, Q. C.; Rev. Fathers George, O. M. I.; Dorais, O. M. I.; Cloutier, Gravel and Heynes, Doctors Lambert and Royal, Messrs. S. A. D. Bertrand, Theophane Bertrand, Joseph Dubuc, Joseph Bernier, Henri Royal, Roger Goulet, Edmund Buron, Adrien LaBievre, Joseph Rocan and Lucien Dubuc.

Mr. Ernest Golden opened the ball by reading a thoughtful essay in English on the Prolegomena of Ethics and the scholastic method of handling ethical questions. Mr. Raoul Tasse followed with a brilliant defence, in French, of the Schoolmen. Then Mr. Marius Cinq-Mars read his learned Latin dissertation on the Natural Law, differentiating it from positive legislation, explaining its characteristics and dwelling on the nature and origin of moral obligation. Mr. Noel Bernier read another excellent dissertation on the sanction of the natural law. These written essays were immediately followed by an oral disputation, in Latin, on five theses described in the syllabus with which the guests were provided. These theses bore on the whole question of Duty in relation to natural justice and were ably defended by Mr. Marius Cinq-Mars against the specious objections of Messrs. Bernier, Golden and Tasse. Afterwards, Mr. Noel Bernier took the chair against Messrs. Cinq-Mars, Golden and Tasse, who did their best to refute his arguments in favor of the five theses on the Sanction of the Natural Law which he bravely maintained against all comers.

A Latin Nota Bene at the end of the syllabus—for the programme was all in Latin and yet intelligible to all the audience—announced that any of the guests were at liberty to propound difficulties either in the scholastic form rigidly observed by the students themselves or "extra formam." Rev. Father George availed himself of this invitation to take up the cudgels in favor of Kant's autonomy of reason. He did so with technical ability and great power, though he himself admitted that his objections were sophistical.

His Grace then rose, thanked the philosophy class for their painstaking efforts and then launched forth into one of the most eloquent panegyrics of Catholic philosophy that we have ever heard, revealing by the way his thorough mastery of the subject. On sitting down amid prolonged applause, the Archbishop requested Hon. Senator Bernier to speak. The latter dilated admirably on the peerless genius of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angel of the Schools. Finally, Mr. Ewart, having been invited to address the assembly, spoke charmingly of the surprise with which he listened to young men not out of their teens discoursing on the deepest subjects in three languages. What a splendid answer this was, he said, to the current slanders about the inefficiency of Catholic schools! At the close of this intellectual treat a few minutes were spent in general conversation and mutual congratulations, the

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