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Current Comment

Winnipeg survived last Sunday, when electric street cars were operated here on the first day of the week for the first time. The cars, moreover, were patronized by far more than the number that voted in favor of Sunday cars at the recent municipal by-law elections. A large number of the citizens rode out to the cool retreats in the suburbs and refreshed themselves amid nature that God created beautiful. But not ungratefully. For the returns of the street railway company show that travel was very light in the morning, when church services were being held. The exact figures are not yet compiled, but travel on the cars was apparently heaviest during the afternoon. The "moral tone" of the city did not slump perceptibly on Sunday.

The universality of the work being accomplished by the Church is not always fully appreciated by the layman. Such expressions as the following serve to renew his confidence and pride in its steady and sure progress in securing the salvation of souls. The sentiment quoted below is that of The Conservator, of Chicago, one of the most widely circulated organs of the negro race. Apropos the report that the Church is about to establish a Negro Bureau in the United States similar to the Indian Bureau, for the furtherance of Catholic mission work among the coloured people, The Conservator says:

We do not know the nature of the work this proposed bureau contemplates doing, as we are not familiar with the sort of work these Christian people are doing for the Indians through a like bureau; but our confidence in the leaders of that great Church and its lifelong attitude toward mankind generally, is such as to impress us that it means an effort at the betterment of the Negro without robbing him of his manhood rights and curtailing his privileges and opportunities as a race.

The Catholics, who too many ignorant, unlettered preachers teach the Negro masses are not truly Christian people, have always proved themselves among the best friends of the Negro South—whether in the North or in the South—and in our humble opinion this Church actually demonstrates and practises more real Christianity and brotherly love toward all men everywhere than all the big Protestant denominations put together.

The average Negro, in these trying times of blind unreasonable race prejudice, should know more of the great heart of these unselfish, devoted Christian people. To know them, and their relations to the Negro generally, would be but to love and respect them.

An incident with a fine moral is going the rounds of the American press just now.

Governor Folk of Missouri was present at a banquet attended by a number of prominent business men. After the repast was over the band played "America," and the audience stood and sang the simple words, "My country, tis of thee." As the last strains of the song died away one of the men present turned to Mr. Folk, and with tears trickling down his cheeks, said: "O that I could die for my country!" Just three weeks after that, that man was humbly kneeling at the bar of justice, confessing that that he was a briber. "He was willing to die for his country," says Mr. Folk, "but he was not willing to live for it."

The lesson in patriotism has already been taught, but can we not turn this to the aid of religion also. Who does not know of some noisome, boasting, loose-living fellow who considers his mission in life to be the defence of "his" Church, of the Catholic Church. He delights in wars of words with non-Catholics, but his subtlest arguments will never enlighten or convert while his daily life serves always to stultify himself. Let us have less orations on the Nation and the Church and more steadfast and practical patriotism and religion.

The extraordinary majority which the Liberal party won at the last winter's elections in the United Kingdom has not



When you plan your meals you never think of bread, yet you always have it, and if it is left off the table it is the first thing that is missed.

You can live without bread, but you can live without any other food with less hardship—think along these lines and the absolute necessity of bread comes home to you.

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rendered the Irish party so unimportant as had been expected. It still possesses weight enough to tip the parliamentary see-saw, according to the latest story flashed by the cable. That most debatable clause of the Education Bill—clause 4—has been passed after the severest fight of the session, up to the present. So fierce had been the contest, that the Liberal majority of 400 was cut down to 277 when the House was divided. The Nonconformists exerted every strategy to turn the scales but the steadfast Irish wing proved to be an impregnable bulwark to the Government. The contested clause provides that special religious instruction may be given in any transferred voluntary school on requisition by four-fifths of the parents of the children attending such school, and an amendment proposed by Mr. Birrell and adopted, further provides that the parents shall be balloted on the question.

YOU MELANCHOLY WOMEN!

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Persons and Facts

Work of construction has been commenced on the \$50,000 Polish orphanage to be erected by seven Polish parishes of Milwaukee. It is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy by the first of the year. The home is intended primarily for orphan children, but truant children, whose parents are unable to properly care for them, will also be accommodated.

On June 30 Cardinal Gibbons observed the forty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and the twentieth anniversary of his elevation to the cardinalate.

At least three of the State Universities of the Republic to the south listened to commencement addresses from Catholic divines this year. Archbishop Keane spoke at the University of Iowa, Bishop Carroll at the University of Montana, and Rev. Dr. Stafford at the Ohio State University.

Rev. Father Krussek, of Ripon, Wis., has received word that Archbishop Weber, of Poland, has been transferred to America, where he will have supervision of the entire Polish Catholic Church in America. This, Father Krussek says, is a practical concession to the request of the Polish church. Archbishop Weber is expected to arrive in this country about Christmas and will reside in Chicago.

The Right Honorable Charles Owen O'Connor Don, known as "The O'Connor Don," Lord Lieutenant of County Roscommon and for twenty-three years a member of Parliament (Liberal) for Roscommon, is dead. He was born in 1838. "The O'Connor Don" had not been conspicuous in Irish affairs since the early '80s but previous to that time he had been a leader among the Irish Liberals in Parliament. He was the eldest son of Denis O'Connor Don, the "Don" being a title claimed in virtue of being an "ancient knight" and having rested in the family for several generations. It is somewhat similar to the use of "The" as a title given to some distinguished Irishmen, as "The O'Grady," "The O'Clery," where the definite article signifies that the person so addressed is the acknowledged head of the family of that name.

A committee appointed by the British Parliament to investigate the tramp problem reports that there are never less than 40,000 tramps in England. Hard times double that number.

The pupils of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Detroit, have decided to forego the usual awards of premiums this year and devote the money which would be thus expended to the San Francisco relief fund.

Mayor Moore, of Omaha, Neb., who died recently, became a Catholic on his deathbed. He had governed Omaha for nine years.

The most pretentious building to be erected in Dawson, Yukon Territory, this year, is the new St. Mary's hospital, now looming up over the edge of the hill at the north end of the city. It will cost \$40,000, and be the finest hospital north of Vancouver.

A pleasing bit of news in connection with the Spanish royal wedding was that no low-cut gowns were allowed to be worn. We always regretted that Queen Victoria of England did not use her influence to put an end to a style of dress, or rather of undress, which is both silly and improper. Silly, because nothing can look more ridiculous than the sight of a woman rickling on the floor, yards of valuable fabric which should be upon her shoulders; improper, for if women could hear the remarks passed upon their costumes by the men for whose admiration they dress in this fashion, their ears would tingle. The same way be said of certain shirtwaists now very much in vogue.—The Casket.

In a series of brief though most interesting sketches of "The Contadino of Italy: His Manners and Life," Signor Felice Agostino is depicting in the columns of the Pall Mall Gazette the Italian peasant as he is, untouched by the blight of Socialism. Writing of the inhabitants, mostly agricultural laborers, of the Marches, and along the Adriatic coast, Signor Agostino, after paying the highest tributes to their industry, morality and true manliness, has something to say of their spiritual condition. He tells that the "Marchegiano's" religion is sincere and unaffected. Before the image of the Madonna, framed in a living oak, is placed the first fruit of his toil, a bunch of grapes, an ear of maize, or a handful of wheat. Never does a member of the family cross his threshold in the morning without making the sign of the cross. At the "Ave Maria" every night the whole family ceases to recite the rosary. Here we have a delightful picture of what a Catholic home should be; the completion of the day's toil—and very hard it is amongst these honest Italians—by earnest family prayers.

Does Your FOOD Digest Well?

When the food is imperfectly digested the full benefit is not derived from it by the body and the purpose of eating is defeated; no matter how good the food or how carefully adapted to the wants of the body it may be. Thus the dyspeptic often becomes thin, weak and debilitated, energy is lacking, brightness, snap and vim are lost, and in their place come dullness, lost appetite, depression and languor. It takes no great knowledge to know when one has indigestion, some of the following symptoms generally exist, viz.: constipation, sour stomach, variable appetite, headache, heartburn, gas in the stomach, etc.

The great point is to cure it, to get back bounding health and vigor.

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Justice White, of Buffalo, N. Y., in the Supreme Court July 3, rendered a decision of far-reaching importance to the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, of the United States. The judge holds that the advance in rates adopted by the supreme council at the 1903 convention held in Pittsburgh, was illegal on the grounds that a certificate of insurance is a contract and the rates named in the certificate cannot be raised. The judge also issues an order directing the C.M.B.A. to pay to the plaintiff in the action, who is Michael Dowall, all the money paid by into the treasury of the organization him excess of the rate paid previous to the increase. It is said that the decision will be appealed.

The estate of the lately deceased Rev. Aloysius Murray, of Rome, N. Y. is valued at about \$40,000. Ten thousand dollars is bequeathed to St. Aloysius Academy of Rome. To a brother in Ireland Father Murphy bequeathed, \$1,000; to another brother, also in Ireland, \$500, and to each of two housekeepers he gives \$1,000, the remainder of the estate going to the Catholic University at Washington.

Pope Pius having agreed to mediate between Columbia and Peru in the dispute over the Putumayo territory, has received a promise from both countries that pending arbitration both countries will withdraw their troops from the district.

By order of the Government, the French railways have this year refused the usual reduction allowed to bodies of sick pilgrims travelling to Lourdes.

The custom of presenting graduates with their diplomas at the altar rail, inaugurated three years ago by Rev. James T. Lawrence, O. S. A., of Lawrence, Mass., is spreading in the States. In order to impress upon the minds both of the pupils and of the public in general the inseparable connection that the Catholic Church maintains must exist between the church and school he introduced this innovation in the conferring of graduation honors by having the graduates assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and there in the atmosphere of that religion which they had been taught throughout their entire course, perform the last act in their school life.

At the recent examinations for admission to the Altoona (Pa.) Public High School the entire class of fourteen presented by St. John's Parochial School passed, whilst fifty per cent. of those from other schools in the city failed.

Calendar for Next Week.

- 15—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer.
- 16—Monday—Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- 17—Tuesday—The Humility of the Blessed Virgin.
- 18—Wednesday—St. Camillus de Lellis, Confessor.
- 19—Thursday—St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor.
- 20—Friday—St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor.
- 21—Saturday—St. Alexius, Confessor (transferred from the 17th inst.)

Calgary Notes

A very pleasing entertainment took place at the Sacred Heart Convent on the night of June 28th on the occasion of the closing of the school and the distribution of the prizes. The friends of the pupils turned out in great numbers and standing room was at a premium as several had to turn back for want of room.

A very interesting programme was gone through before the distribution of the prizes in which several talented pupils took part showing the high rank which this educational establishment holds in the province of Alberta. The prizes were numerous and valuable, many being the gifts of Rev. Father Lemarchand and were much esteemed as usual by the lucky winners, a list of whom would occupy too much space.

At the conclusion of the distribution Rev. Father Lemarchand, Dr. Rouleau and J. W. Costello addressed the pupils and their friends and thus terminated one of the most successful years of the school. The average attendance must be now about 200.

Another very enjoyable smoker was given in St. Mary's hall by branch 126 of the C.M.B.A. of Canada.

J. C. McDonald acted as chairman, while responses to the toasts, "P. E. Island," "Quebec" and "Ontario" were delivered by P. O'Brien, C. B. Reilly and J. Monohan, respectively. J. J. McHugh responded to the toast "Manitoba," and Dr. Costello in a short but bright speech spoke for the medical profession, while C. B. Reilly in an able manner dealt with the legal profession, at the conclusion of which Messrs. McCormick and Eshe extolled the glories of British Columbia. As may be inferred, it was a very representative gathering, but the toast most interesting, "Alberta," was responded to by J. C. McDonald in a very instructive, patriotic through brief address.

At intervals throughout the evening solos were rendered by Messrs. Harrison, Hynde and G. Forbes, each number being followed by an encore.

The most interesting event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. McCaffrey of a valuable suit case with fittings, by Mr. O'Brien. This was the gift of the first vice-president of the Calgary branch of the C.M.B.A., Mr. McCormick, to Mr. McCaffrey in consideration of his valuable assistance rendered to the society during the year 1905.

Mr. McCaffrey, although taken by surprise, expressed his gratitude in a few well chosen words, and hoped that the present lively interest would continue in the interests of the C.M.B.A. in Calgary.

J. R. Miquelon, as grand president of the C.M.B.A. in Alberta, spoke at length of the society's substantial growth in Canada. In these days when insurance frauds and scandals were coming to light with some of the Canadian and American companies, it was gratifying to know this society was run with low running expenses. He referred to the low salaries of the officers connected with the society. He strongly advised young men to join this society and showed by figures that it was as low or lower than other corporations from an insurance standpoint, to say nothing of the benefits derived therefrom.

The management of St. Mary's club purpose holding these smokers frequently, as it is an excellent means of bringing the young men together.