

**ALGEBRA FOR BEGINNERS.**

"Longmans' Elementary Algebra up to and including quadratic equations, by Wm. Geo. Constable, B. Sc., B.A., and Jas. Mills, B.A." This is a good manual for beginners. The exercises are clear and so well graduated that the examples shade into one another. The method of teaching is much more synthetic than that followed by algebras of the Todhunter class. Rules come first, then examples, a system which is pedagogically preferable to its opposite. The recapitulation papers will be found useful for examination purposes, as they are evidently framed so as to include examples on the work of all the preceding sections.

Here is one of the problems taken from the examination papers at the end of the work, a problem which has a flavor of actuality in these days of continual voting. "At a certain election A beats B by a majority of 160 votes; at the next election 1-20 of A's supporters vote for B and 15 of B's do not vote. B was then elected by a majority of 21. How many voted for A at the first election?"

There are 263 pages of text and 61 pages of answers, the whole clearly printed on excellent paper and neatly bound in cloth. The Copp, Clark Co., of Toronto, sell this Algebra 90 cents, which is cheaper than many other algebras of the same grade.

**BLESSING OF NEW CHURCH AT LORETTE.**

Last Wednesday the thriving hamlet of Lorette, sixteen miles southeast of Winnipeg, was invaded by a host of visitors from all parts of the province coming to witness the inaugural ceremonies of the beautiful new church. When His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by more than twenty priests and a large lay contingent, reached the S. E. R. station some two miles from the village, they were met by at least sixty sleighs under the able and devoted supervision of Mr. Jean Arpin, B.A., who was indefatigable, throughout the day, in his attention to the guests.

The liturgical blessing of the edifice by Mgr. Langevin, O.M.I., began at 10.45 and was followed immediately by Pontifical High Mass. His Grace was celebrant; Rev. Father Louis, Prior of the Trappists, assistant priest; Rev. Father Guillet, O.M.I., honorary deacon, and Rev. Father Cherrier, honorary subdeacon; Rev. Father Giroux, of La Broquerie, deacon; Rev. J. A. Magnan, O.M.I., subdeacon; Rev. Dr. Béliveau, master of ceremonies.

The Litany of the Saints was sung by Rev. Father Cloutier, Campeau and Fillion.

Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G., preached from Gen. 28, 17, "This is no other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven."

After Mass the Most Reverend Archbishop spoke from his throne, congratulating the pastor, Rev. Father Dufresne, and the parishioners on having erected so fine a church. He added a few words of praise to the painter, Mr. Monty, whose mural decorations so greatly enhance the beauty of the edifice.

This new church of Our Lady of Loretto is built of brick in the decorated Roman style, the interior being adorned with figures and symbols on the same general plan as the Church of the Immaculate Conception in this city. The building is complete except the Stations of the Cross, of which only one was finished on the 28th ult. Mr. Monty is now painting the others. The zealous pastor of Lorette, Rev. Father Dufresne, has managed the financial part of the undertaking so well that his new church is quite free from debt. All the visitors were impressed with its graceful proportions and pleasing appearance, the opinion being freely expressed that it is one of the finest churches in Manitoba.

At one o'clock the guests sat down to an excellent dinner, after which most of them drove to the train en route for home.

**OUR EXCHANGES.**

When Catholics are on the lookout for holiday gifts, let them not forget the suitability of Catholic books.—*Catholic Columbian.*

Two recent converts considerably talked about are Rev. Andrew L. Gunn and Miss Leila Campbell. Mr. Gunn had been a British army chaplain, and in that capacity accompanied the Gordon relief expedition to Khar-toum. He was received into the Church in New York, Dr. B. F. De

Costa acting as sponsor. Miss Campbell is the niece of the present Duke of Argyle, lately Marquis of Lorne. She was adopted as a daughter by the Princess Louise, after her father's death. She not only becomes a Catholic, but a Carmelite nun.—*The Casket.*

A Chinese banknote, issued during the Ming dynasty, about A.D. 1390, has been placed in the British Museum. The surface of the note is black with age, though the characters are quite discernible. This banknote antedates by 300 years the first European banknote, from Stockholm.—*Scientific American.*

If President Kruger could be persuaded to yield to England the city of Johannesburg and the surrounding district of the Rand, possibly the difficulty might be settled in that way. The mines are what England is after, and she might be willing to now leave the rest alone.—*Chicago New World.*

The *Free Press* having asserted that documentary proof of a political bargain between Premier Roblin and Archbishop Langevin exists, and Mr. Roblin having given a contemptuous and emphatic denial to the statement and dared the Misplaced Milestone to the proof, it is now the organ's turn to move. It need not fear the result. If it can prove, especially by documentary evidence, that Mr. Roblin has made a compact by which the national schools are to be sacrificed, it need have no apprehension as to what public opinion will be. It has, however, fallen into the practice of crying "Wolf, Wolf," to such an extent lately that no one takes it seriously. The public have come to regard it as suffering from mental derangement, with occasional outbreaks.—*Winnipeg Tribune*, Dec. 3.

France gave Kruger a very noisy welcome. French noise is getting very cheap; and as harmless as it is cheap.—*Western Watchman.*

When care is taken to banish God from the school, it will be hard to take precautions to keep the Devil from the fireside.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

**PERSONS AND FACTS.**

Rev. Father Lacombe, O.M.I., is now being lionized in Montreal, Ottawa and other eastern centres. "La Presse" has published three or four interviews with the venerable missionary, relating part of his European experiences in the interest of western colonization. We have already mentioned his private audiences with the Emperor of Austria and the Holy Father. On this latter occasion he reminded the Sovereign Pontiff that he had had the honor of a private audience twenty-one years ago.

Cardinal Vaughan has written a letter to the clergy of the diocese of Westminster upon the coming pilgrimage to Rome for the Solemn Homage. He explains how Leo XIII. will unite the centuries in a solemn act of homage to our Lord.

"Tony" Gingras lately killed a moose, and when its head was mounted by Mr. George Grieve, every one declared it was one of the finest specimens known.

Rev. Alfred Bélanger, C.S.V., late Superior of the Deaf & Dumb Institute for Boys at Mile End, Montreal, is now residing at the Archbishop's Palace, St. Boniface. He has kindly undertaken to teach Rev. Dr. Trudel the sign language and both these reverend gentlemen are now making regular visits to the Winnipeg Deaf & Dumb Institute, where there are some eighteen Catholic inmates. The Principal, Dr. McDiarmid, with his well-known urbanity, extends to them every facility for their ministrations to the members of their flock.

Dr. Lieber, the leader of the German Centre party, has just had a cordial audience with the Holy Father.

J. Zuchfield, of Dayton, O., fell from a railroad train on the river bridge while stealing a ride. The wheels passed over his rather bushy head of hair and cut it off as neatly as if any tonsorial artist had done the job. He was uninjured except for a bump on the head caused by the fall, and walked off considerably dazed and amazed.

The *Scientific American*, Dec. 1, relates how, when fire swept the forest surrounding the Mare Vista winery of

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The present English Cabinet contains twenty members, a number which is without precedent.

Before leaving for the east, the Hon. J. C. Patterson, whose collection of paintings is so justly celebrated, presented to Rev. Father Drummond a beautiful Madonna, a copy, painted by a Canadian artist, of a famous original in the Louvre, Paris.

Last Sunday at the Cathedral of St. Boniface His Grace the Archbishop preached a sermon which the hearers found more than usually eloquent even for him. The first part of it was a lucid exposition of the ethical aspects of Law; natural, divine, positive and negative. The second part was a series of vivid and timely applications.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., will preach next Sunday evening in St. Mary's Church.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

K.E.—Though combative he has not yet replied.

H. M. McC.—We do not know. Consult some good lawyer.

J. G. P.—You are mistaken. It was the elder Pitt, first Earl of Chatham, who spoke of "the atrocious crime of being a young man."

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