Bister Marie de la Providence was General Directress of the Classes and Division Mistress. All agree in saying that she was a perfect seather and a religious of great viene and of an exceptionally social lecharacter. Our dear, Rev. N. Sarius Pelletier, late parish priest little Mother La Nativite is resigned and of St. Leon, Manitoba. Born at St. Roch brave, although her sorrow is immense. You will have an idea of her strength of soul when I tell you that, after having, outside the burning monastery, called Mary's College, Montreal, continued out the names of all her community, and, them at St. Joseph's College, Memramafter seven names, having heard no answer save a crushing silence, she led the remainder more dead than alive, shivering with cold, to the parish Church to hear Mass and receive Holy Com- under the present name of St. Eustache. munion. After the thanksgiving came a new and sad separation: the 21 remaining sisters had to divide themselves among five different houses in the village where a kind hospitality was offered them. As I write, nine days after the event, the rums are still smouldering.

On Monday, the 18th, we shall take possession of the fine Du Tremblay Lotel which is lent to us tree of charge till the end of the school year. Mrs. Roy also lends us her house for the day school, for which there is no room in the hotel In a few weeks we shall begin to rebuild 1st.

We are receiving much sympathy and generous assistance. The convent will rise anew from its ruins with the help of God and a considerable expenditure of energy; but what can we do to replace those who have fallen victims of their devotedness! True, there will be recruits from the old Quebec monastery; but they will not be the dear lost ones who labored side by side with the survivors during so many years. However, our Father in Heaven knows better than we what is best. We have only to submit humbly and to kiss the hand that smites

ARCHBISHOP WALSH

IN ACCORD WITH HIS EPIS-COPAL BRETHREN ON THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

HIS GRACE IS NOT AN AD-HERENT OF THE LIB-ERAL POLICY.

The following letter has been published by the Irien Catholic, of Dublin Ireland:

To the Editor of the Irish Catholic.

Duan Sin,-A friend has called my at tention to an article in your paper of Dec. 5th, entitled "Liberalism in Canada," in which you say apropos of the Manitoba School Question :-

"The supporter of Mr. Laurier amongst the bishops is His Grace the Most Rev. bereaved relatives and friends. Dr. Waish, Archbistiop of Toronto, who ds bimself an adherent of the Liberal party, and who declined to join his brother prelates in signing the joint Pastoral letter which they issued to their flocks on the eve of the general e.ections. Even Dr. Walsh, however, has not broken silence in favor of the Government scheme, which, on the other hand, has been condemned in the strongest manner by the other members of the Hierarchy."

misstate ments, respecting my venerated Archbishop, I trust you will allow me to correct them in your columns.

Firstly, toen. The Archbishop of Toronto never was a supporter of Mr. Laur.er's school policy.

Secondly. He is not an adherent of the Liberal Party in the Dominion Parliament.

Thirdly. His Grace did not decline to join with his brother Prelates in signing the joint Pastoral Letter which they issued to their flocks on the eve of the General Elections, for the reason that neither he nor any other Archbenop or Bishop of Ontario was asked to join in the matter, de it was only the Bishaps of Lower or French Canada who is ned the Pantoral Letter in question.

Fourthly. The Archbishop of Toronto is in perfect accord with all the other Manitoba of Canada on the Manitoba buleat Question.

Respectfully yours, FRANK HYAN

St. Micheal's Cathedral, Toronto, Can. December 14th, 1896.

NOTICE.

We have mailed to all subscribers who are behindhand with their subscription, a circular urging immediate payment of arrears.

REV. NAZARIUS PELLETIER.

On the 19th inst., his fiftieth birthday, died at the Hotel Deu of Montreal the des Aulnais in the province of Quebec, Nazarins Pelletier, after working on a farm till the age of twenty-one, began his studies for the priesthood at St. cook, and was ordained in St. Boniface Cathedral on the 16th of October 1879. Then he was sent as assistant priest to Baie St. Paul, ere the church was transierred to the other side of the Assiniboine Afterwards he took charge of the then new parish of St. Joseph, Letellier, where he built the church and greatly encouraged settlement in those parts. Some years ago he was transferred to St. Leon and there sgain erected a new and commodious church building, endearing himself everywhere to his parishioners by his frank and kindly ways and his zeal

for God's interests. About eighteen months ago he was attacked with a functional derangement of the digestive organs, due no doubt to his reckless expenditure of energy backed by injudicious reliance on his strong constitution. The best medical attendance and careful nursing at St. Boniface Hospital failed and classes will be resumed on February to check the fell disease, till finally he went to Montreal, some two months since, in the bope that a change of air and scene might restore his shattered health. There he soon realized that his only hope for cure was beyong the grave, and he had the great consolation of being assisted in his dying moments by his beloved Archbishop.

The remains reached here last Sunday and were immediately taken processionally to St. Boniface, where a "Libera" was sung by all the resident clergy. On Monday morning the Very Reverend Administrator of the Archdiocese, Father Allard, O. M. I., who had come in from Selkirk the previous day, sang the Requiem Mass. Father Jubinville, a former parishioner and pupil of the deceased acted as deacon and Father Rocan as subdeacon. Were present in the chancel Monsignor Ritchet, V. G., Rev. Father Messier, Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Chartier, S. J., Rev. Father Louis (Superior of the Trappists), Rev. Father Bourassa, of Pullman, Ill., Rev. Father Tourangeau, S. J., Rey, Father, Drummond, S. J., Rev. Father Blais, O. M. I., Rev. Father Dorais, O. M. I., Rev. Father Heynen and Brothers Antoine (Trappist) and Boisrame, O. M. I. Mgr. Ritchot gave the absolution. Afterthe Very Rev. Administrator, the next day, sang the Funeral Mass and conducted the final obsequies.

Father l'elletier's death is a great loss to the diocese, though the memory of his edifying life will be a comfort to his

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EPISCOPALIAN MINISTER.

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Its true and final greatness will consist of the aggregate of small thingsof small estates, of small enterprises, of small fortunes, Progress toward this end is already well begun. It must go on until the last great estate is dismembered and the last alien serf is returned to the Orient. Upon the ruins of the old system a better civilization will arise. It will be the glory of the common people, to whose labor and genius it will owe its existence, Its outreaching and beneficent influence will be felt throughout the world.

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