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ARCHBISHOP Taché is the first of French Canadian pulpit orators and Father Langevin is the second." Little did the one who spoke these words, little did Father Langevin himself at that time dream that the two names would one day be written in the same order in the annals of the Church of Manitoba. "Archbishop Taché was the first Archbishop of St. Boniface and Father Langevin the second." But the Patriarch of the North-West thought of it and from the first day on which he met his young brother religious seems to have had him in view as his successor. "I have been wanting you these ten years," said the great Archbishop when in 1893 Father Langevin went to St. Boniface. And it was just ten years since they had met for the first time. In this case Archbishop Taché displayed a foresight and judgment similar to that which made Sir John Macdonald so famous. "They have been wondering where they would find my successor," said the old chieftain shortly after Judge Thompson had become Minister of Justice, "Well, he is found." "Who? Sir John," asked the member of Parliament with whom he was speaking so confidentially. "Young Thompson," was the quiet answer, astonishing those who thought him scarcely great enough for the Attorney-Generalship. No doubt Archbishop Taché's choice was also a source of astonishment to many, as Father Langevin, like the late Premier, was not a man to

obtrude himself on public notice. Moreover, even in a greater degree than Sir John Thompson, he might be charged with "the atrocious crime of being a young man." He will certainly be the youngest Archbishop in America and he may be the youngest in the world. And yet it was the coming of this modest young man that caused Archbishop Taché to utter his "nunc dimittis."

Louis Philippe Adelard Langevin, is a native of the Province of Quebec, having been born at St. Isidore, County Laprairie, on the 24th of August, 1855. His parents, Francois Theophile Langevin and Mary Pamela Racicot, both belong to good families and are possessed of fine natural abilities cultivated by an excellent education. They have lived to see the best beloved of their eight children receive the pallium—best beloved, because to the Catholic father and mother no child is so dear as the one whom they give to the service of God at His altar. Canon Racicot, member of the Cathedral Chapter of Montreal, and treasurer of the archdiocese is an uncle of the Archbishop elect and Sir Hector is also a kinsman.

After having received his elementary education at home, young Adelard Langevin entered Montreal College at the early age of eleven. There the germ of his clerical vocation was gradually developed under the careful direction of that grand body of teachers, the Sulpicians, and at the same time his progress in profane learning was so rapid and thorough that before he had reached his twentieth year, he was thought worthy to take a junior