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## Persons and Facts

The Right Rev. Monsignor Dugas, Vicar General, is authority for the statement that, before the work of building the new cathedral was begun this spring, a sum of thirty thousand dollars due to the savings of the cathedral clergy, his own in particular, and to the contributions of the laity, during the past five or six years, had already been laid by.

Famine is devastating Japan. Father Ferrand, who has been nearly twenty years a missionary there and who loves the Japanese, says that the rich rather enjoy the famine because it will diminish the number of those annoying people, the poor. And this in Japan, the land of smiles and flowers. Yes, but it is also the empire of Satan, as all heathen countries are. Their show of kindness is only skin deep; it is not charity nor mercy, nor Christian pity, it is merely a convenient way of oiling the wheels of pleasant intercourse.

The Mayor of Saint-Genest, near Saint-Etienne, France, lent his aid to the agent of the Government when his parish church was broken into for the purposes of the inventory. In the midst of the sacrilegious operations the president of the council of the church fabric put under his eyes a silver heart given by the Mayor himself as an "ex-voto" in gratitude for a miraculous cure in a serious illness. The Mayor was asked if he would like to take back his offering. Looking greatly ashamed of himself, he took the first opportunity to escape the ridicule of those present.

From circumstances mentioned in a Guelph paper it seems probable that William Sherring, the hero of Marathon, is a Catholic.

Within the past week two persons intimately connected with the unfortunate Louis Riel, at one time head of the Provisional Government of the Red River and 15 years later executed for rebellion, have passed away. Gabriel Dumont, Riel's trusty lieutenant, who was really the brains of the 1885 campaign, died suddenly at Batoche, Sask., on Monday. Riel's mother passed away on last Saturday evening at her residence in St. Vital, near St. Boniface. Julie Riel, nee Lagimodiere, was a daughter of the first white woman who came to live in the Canadian Northwest. She was born 86 years ago in the place where she lived and died. In 1842 she married Louis Riel and reared ten children, one of whom was the famous Louis David Riel, and three of whom survive her, Alexander and Joseph Riel and Madame Gladu, all residents of Manitoba. She was a quiet, thoroughly Christian woman, with no interests except her family and her religion, to which she was devotedly attached. The Free Press truly said of her last Monday:

A faithful wife and a most devoted mother, she leaves behind her a memory of devotion and grief such as seldom falls to the lot of woman to bear. In the silence of the grave she will hear no word of blame for the son she loved better, perhaps, for his misfortunes, as mothers will love. Henceforth her griefs and tears are done, for she has surely found after life's stormy sea the "peace which passeth all understanding."

A week ago Mrs. Riel, whose gentle boast it was that she had never had occasion to call a physician, and who had always cheerfully done her house work with unremitting care and toil, was taken ill with the sinking of old age. Monsignor Dugas hastened to her bedside and administered to this faithful friend the last rites of Holy Church. On Tuesday at ten o'clock in the morning the Requiem High Mass for the repose of her soul was sung, in the presence of a large concourse of mourners in the Cathedral, by Rev. Father Deshaies, and Riel's mother was laid beside the brown granite shaft in St. Boniface churchyard which marks the

last resting place of her gifted but misguided son.

Thursday of last week was Rector's day at St. Boniface College. On the eve the students of two classes in the classical course gave, to an appreciative audience from St. Boniface and Winnipeg an interesting specimen of their methods of concertation. It was a series of class matches between rival students, with all the zest of a well contested game, on Latin, Greek, French and English grammar, and geography. Two addresses one French, the other English, were read to Rev. Jacques Dugas, the Rector, who made a brief and graceful reply. The various matches were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, an English recitation and a scene from Moliere. Thursday was, of course, a holiday, and at noon that day the Rector and the Fathers dined with the students and welcomed as their guests a large number of the secular and regular clergy, with Monsignor Dugas next to his first cousin, the host of the day, and many leading laymen, such as Chief Justice Dubuc, Judge Prud'homme, Dr. Lambert and prominent graduates of the college,

Hamilton, Ont., May 20—(Special)—The Pope cabled a special blessing to Bishop Dowling and the priests, and people of the Hamilton diocese on the celebration of the golden jubilee of the diocese to-day. The ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30 by Mgr. Sbarretti was a feature. In reply to the address Mgr. Sbarretti said the Catholic Church would always insist on the union of the secular and religious training of children. They did not intend to intrude upon others but would protect their own right. The Catholics of Canada were living in harmony with other denominations and this was the natural consequence of the principles of their faith.

The following passages of a letter from a Canadian Jesuit at Santa Clara, California, may interest our readers; "St. Ignatius Church and College are burnt to the ground. The College was so badly done up by the earthquake that it would probably have had to be condemned anyhow. So unexpectedly did the fire come upon the church that very little could be saved, and besides, many of the community were away in different parts of the city at the time, helping others, and little imagining that their own home was in danger. Many of the Fathers and scholastics came down here without even their cassocks. They are pretty sure of getting the insurance, or at least some of it. Many of the Fathers speak in a most hopeful way of building a great college, of starting a university, etc., but one of the most long-headed thinks they will have to start with the lower classes only at first. Not merely the college but its constituency is destroyed.

"In Santa Clara we were badly shaken up, but the buildings are pronounced safe by the inspectors, and the total damage will be about three or four thousand dollars.

"Our church, school and residence in San Jose are very much damaged. At first they were declared unsafe and entirely ruined, but a further examination shows that they can be used again when the proper repairs are made. Our German Church in San Jose suffered little damage. The novitiate is pretty well cracked, but only the upper storey is condemned.

"A great number of our boys have gone home. Of course, many will return after the scare is over, but others will have to go to work. I think we should have a pretty large school next year, so many other schools being destroyed.

"God's will be done. We are all quite cheerful, but there is a cloud of sorrow over the fair sky of California. Life is not so sweet in California as it used to be, and I do not think that people will hereafter be so inclined to take up their abode here just for the mere

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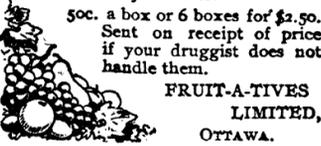


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pleasure of enjoying our climate. We find that we have to pay dearly for our advantages. It is almost pitiful to see how scared people are of even the slightest noises now. At a faint thunder-clap the other day all the boys rushed out of the study-halls."

A recital of the pupils of St. Mary's Academy. Crescentwood, was given before a large audience in the Assembly Hall on Friday evening, May 18. The programme consisted of piano, violin and vocal selections and recitations, and was rendered in that superlatively excellent style that characterizes the affairs of the Academy.

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### Current Comment

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laity. The orphans must be guarded, the aged must be sheltered, young girls must be protected, employment must be found, and our people must be helped to begin their work in life again. These are the causes for which we appeal to our brethren in the East and beyond the sea. To accomplish this, money is needed, and plenty of money. A special fund should be created under the management of responsible persons who will take up this great task of putting our people on their feet again. We ask the papers in the East and the papers in Ireland to advertise our needs. We want, above all things, united action and generous help. This is now the acceptable time, and he that giveth quickly maketh a double gift.

No one thing that we have read of the present San Francisco situation has made us realize its gravity so vividly as Father Yorke's ringing words as to the duty incumbent upon all men to go to work at once and toil with their hands, even if these have hitherto been carefully manicured. And Father Yorke not only knows his city better than any other of its citizens but can be trusted to be fearlessly outspoken, as he is in the following paragraph:

Again we wish to emphasize the necessity that all those who are able to get employment should immediately take it. The civic fabric is so thoroughly disorganized that we must begin at the beginning, and manual labor will be the only choice left to many whose hands are soft and whose



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### Danger of Systemless Reading

The mind is a very delicate, complicated piece of mechanism; and although made to do a certain kind of work marvellously well, yet when put to an entirely different use, its efficiency is ruined; just as the delicate machinery intended for producing fine watch parts would be completely spoiled if used to make clock parts. When the mind becomes deflected, to a certain extent, from its normal condition by vicious reading habits, it diverges more and more and rarely goes back to the normal.

By desultory habits of reading and lack of system you confuse the mind with a large mass of unclassified material. You pick up a book and then another one, and then go from that to a paper or a magazine. This puts the mind in a chaotic state, because you let everything run into the mental reservoir without any order or definite plans. Systemless reading is profitless. You can not gain knowledge of a friend or prize his friendship by a hasty first impression; so in reading a book you can not gain lasting good by skimming over the contents, or by reading a few pages one night and then putting it on a shelf to gather dust until you get time to read it again. Everything comes out of the mind as it went in, and if it does not enter in an orderly manner, it will come out in chaos.—Pittsburg Observer

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