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CURRENT COMMENT

A bill has been introduced into the Colorado legislature enforcing rules of health and morality to be complied with before permission to marry is granted by law. Several of its provisions, though wise enough in theory, are an unwarrantable infringement on the liberty of the individual. But there is one which confirms and even goes beyond one of the most wholesome requirements of the Church's marriage law. "There must be," says the Colorado bill, "no blood relationship between the man and woman, nearer than the fourth cousinship." The ecclesiastical impediment only includes third cousins. For well informed Catholics it is hardly necessary to remark that no civil power has any right to interfere in the question of impediments render-Matriing marriage invalid. mony is a sacrament on the validity of which the Church alone can pass sentence.

We commend to the perusal of those ingenuous folk who still think that all the Transvael Outlanders were honest victims of Boer tyranny the London Daily Mail's description of a horde of them, whose passages had been paid out of the Lord Mayor's Fund. This graphic portrayal of a vile crowd will be found in another column nuder the heading, "The Poor day we were told of a Catholic Outlanders."

Tribune an extract (to be found to go regularly to Mass. There in another column) from the are, unfortunately, many men year the anniversary falls on Montreal "Daily Witness" on and, we regret to say, not a few the recent race troubles in that single women in Winnipeg who of the country pastors could not city. The chief offender in all are drifting away from attendthese regrettable incidents seems ance at Mass and who never to be the Montreal "Star." Some approach the sacraments. These is postponed till Tuesday, the people wonder what interest it will probably lose the faith can have in fanning the flame unless they are rescued in time of racial strife. Our opinion is by the helping hand of a zealous that it does not care a row of Catholic. Of course it will be pins for the "flame" in question, their loss, not ours. No doubt, it has no god but the almighty dollar; what it seeks, therefore, is the "fame" of being the upholder of loyalty, because that tions to other religions being fame will bring it just now subscribers and advertisers. What and jetsam. But they have im- the Church of the Immaculate we wonder at is that so many mortal souls, and, if they came Conception on Sunday evening newspaper readers should be so across some brave Catholic, was in every sense of the word dence as not to preceive what a proud of his or her religion and a most notable and gratifying bonanza war is for the already faithfully practising it, they success. It was evident from successful daily papers. The might easily be saved.

longer the war is kept up the better for them. The death of several noble Canadians in defense not of their country but of a very doubtful cause affords them an excellent opportunity for spinning fine phrases and beating the big drum about the "integrity of the empire," "paying our debt of gratitude to England," as if England had taken over and kept Canada simply through a philanthropic feeling for its benighted inhab-

flourishes of loyalty are a money the fact—to which the "Daily Witness" alludes-that from one and the same printing office issues in the morning "Le Journal," speaking plainly about British mistakes, and in the afternoon the "Star," for whom Britain," as with Scotch obstinacy it persists in calling Great Britain, is the glorious embodivirtue.

interesting town on this planet.

A consoling proof of the completeness of the reconciliation between the warring elements in Montreal is the news wired this morning, viz., that during the procession in honor of the Strathcona Horse, "the French newspaper offices displayed British flags and were heartily cheered by the students of Mc-Gill as they passed along." This happy consummation was no conciliatory "Semaine Religlie- built new schools and convents

Lent, and especially the salumind us all of the good we may do to others by word and example. It was only the other lady who, through gentle persuasion, won over half a dozen We owe to the Winnipeg negligent Catholic young men also, they are far from being the best of our people, generally they are the very worst, accremostly made up of our flotsam

HIS GRACE'S ANNIVER-SARY.

Next Monday the 19th inst. feast of St. Joseph, will be the Phillippe Adélard Langevin, O. archbishops and six bishops, received from the Archbishop of Montreal, assisted by the Archof St. Albert, the fulness of the The best proof that all these sacerdotal character, for which he had been chosen by the Sovereign mind all that His Grace of St. Boniface has done for his vast diocese and the entire ecclesias tical Province of Western Canada during these last five

Space does not allow of our enumerating at present all that he has accomplished. history of the diocese of St. Bonisurely not the least interesting In Donahoe's Magazine for fall to the lot of our beloved March we find a good descrip- Father in God, the worthy suction of "Montreal: a city of cessor of the saintly Provencher varied interests" by Mary F. and the illustrious Taché. Here Nixon Roulet, who gives us an and now we can only remind historical glimpse of a city our readers of the fatiguing which its Catholic citizens journeys undertaken by His especially, but also in a lesser Grace in the interests of the degree its Protestant natives, flock committed to his charge, consider far and away the most of his indefatigable labors in visiting the immense region under his metropolitan sway, of his frequent visitations even in the remotest parts of his diocese, of that apostleship of the spoken word which he so eloquently exercises everywhere and nowhere more acceptably than in his own Cathedral, of the zeal with which he has so largely increased the number of his priests, multiplied churches, to speak, his ruling passion, the main purpose of his episcopal tary season of a spiritual retreat life. God grant that his unflaglike the Mission held last week ging efforts in this direction may in the Immaculate Conception | meet with that measure of succhurch and to be held next cess which they so unmistakweek in St. Mary's, should re- ably deserve. We feel that we are merely voicing the unspoken wishes of his diocesans when we give expression to the earnest hope and prayer that Monseigneur Langevin may long be preserved to the veneration and love of his grateful people.

Owing to the fact that this Monday, a day on which most assemble early enough for the religious services, the celebration 20th inst. On that day there will be pontifical High Mass at 10 o'clock in the cathedral with a sermon by Rev. Father Gaire. All the clergy are invited to dine with His Grace after the Mass.

LAST WEEK'S MISSION.

The week's mission which was brought to a solemn close at

by and service succeeded service, tee presented reports of the and function followed function, affairs of the institution to date, fifth anniversary of our revered the general interest increased in Archbishop's consecration. The intensity and the parishioners completion of the first lustrum by their attendance and their The committee also reported on since that ever memorable day pious demeanour gave striking progress made in fitting up the when the Most Reverend Louis testimony of their anxiety to do all they possibly could under M.I., D.D., surrounded by three the guidance of the devoted missionary fathers to make a truly good mission. Morning and evening saw the church bration on Friday evening next bishop of Ottawa and the Bishop crowded; at the close of each service scores and often hun dreds flocked to the altar rails to be invested with the five seapuspeculation pure and simple is Pontiff ten weeks before, calls to lars or to have devotional objects blessed; and throughout the latter half of the week the fathers were kept busy, during the hours when no services in progress, hearing confessions, and truly it could hardly have been otherwise for it would be an obdurate heart indeed which would fail to respond to such tender pleadings, or refuse to ment of flawless wisdom and face has yet to be written, and hearken to such powerful words of warning, as fell from the lips part of that noble record will of the two good missionaries. The mission was preached by Rev. Fathers Distler and Godts. both of the Redemptorist order, the former from St. Louis, Missouri, and the latter from Brandon. The order of services was a Mass with instruction each morning and service with sermon every evening. On Sunday afternoon and on Monday and Tuesday the children's mission was given with most pleasing results. On Wednesday morning a special instruction was given the married people of the parish and on the last Sunday afternoon a service was held for the single people. On Saturday evening a most impressive ceremony took place, all the parishioners being dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. parishes and mission stations, For kthis pious function our invited and welcomed new Lady's altar was gorgeously doubt prepared by the wise and religious orders, and especially adorned with lighted candles boyish lark, and it is laughable presented for the occasion by use" article of which the Free for the education of the young. the men, and with natural Press Evening Bulletin of yester, This last has been, we need flowers given by the women. day contained telegraphic ex- hardly say, his chief care. The The scene in the church during pondence of the English "Cathcause of Catholic education is, so this service was a striking one and those who were present will not soon forget it or the great sermon which was preached by Father Distler. The closing service on Sunday evening was a worthy termination of the mission. When the service commenced standing room was at a premium in the church and the vast congregation literally drank in every word of Father Distler's encouraging instruction on "means of perseverance." At the close of the sermon the devoted missionary touchingly thanked the Pastor and people for the great joy they had given him by the way in which they had assisted at the mission, and whilst asking them to remember him in their prayers he assured them that he would never forget his visit to the Immaculate

THE CATHOLIC CLUB.

Conception Church of Winni-

peg and the good work which

had been accomplished during

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST. PAT-RICK'S DAY - NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF CLUB AFFAIRS SURPASSES MOST SANGUINE EXPECTATIONS.

A very enthusiastic general the first that the good people of meeting of the members of the

the north end parish thoroughly Catholic club was held in the realized the true importance of rooms in the Foulds' block last the event, and as the week went night. The executive commitshowing a considerable increase in the membership and a most encouraging financial condition. new rooms in the block which will be the permanent home of the club, and will be finished and furnished in a most complete manner. Arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day celewere also reported to be well advanced and the number of tickets sold promised great success. Speeches were made by several members present, all of whom expressed themselves as well pleased with the progress so far made and more than satisfied with the outlook.—Free Press, March 9.

THE CENTENARY OF GIOR-DANO BRUNO.

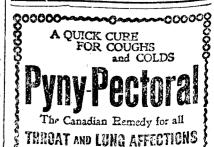
As usual, the 17th of February. on which date Giordano Bruno was burnt at the stake three hundred years ago in Rome, has been the signal for scenes of rowdvism in the vicinity of the University. The less an Italian student knows of Brano, the more he admires him, and as hardly one in a thousand of those gashing young men has ever read a word of that unfortunate philosopher's works, the enthusiasm of the student class for the philosopher of Nola is boundless. In fact "Giordano Bruno" is their war-cry whenever they are "spoiling for a fight" and want to go for the clericals, which they do, however, merely in words and discordant shouts. The "Corriere della Sera," a paper which cannot be suspected of pandering to the interests of Catholicism, plainly says that these disgraceful scenes are merely the result of juvenile foolishness, and that they are inspired neither by the ideals which Giordano Bruno himself advocated nor by the wish to proclaim the liberty of religious and scientific opinion. They are merely a "ragazzata," a to see some papers, such as the Jewish "Tribuna," attach some importance to these grotesque demonstrations. — Rome corresdic Times.

THE NEW WOMAN'S HUS-BAND.

A worldly mother said to her husband: "It is about time for our daughter to get married. She is almost 20 years old, and finished her education and got her diploma. She is skilful 191 music and painting. She can ride a horse and a bicycle. She can drive, can climb mountains. and has made a successful entrance into society. she wants is a husband."

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