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To harrow one's feelings is not the most profitable way of cultivating an acquaintance.

Mr. J. J. EGAN's grading outfit left by special train on Saturday for Estevan, to resume work on the "Soor" extension to Pasque.

There were only five cases of measles and one each of diphtheria and scarlet fever reported last week among the children of the city.

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There is no other music on earth so sweet as a mother's lullaby, for it comes from the heart attuned to the chords of undying love.

A New York woman who has received from her husband but one spring bonnet in 34 years of married life, has sued for divorce. She should get it, with a spring bonnet alimony allowance for the rest of her days.

The World's Fair was inaugurated on May 1, but it will not be at its best until about July 4. Yet the Catholic Educational Exhibit is worth looking at now, and will be worth inspection until the close of the exposition.

The next United States Congress will contain twenty-seven members of foreign birth. Of this number five are Canadian and eleven British. In the British contingent there are eight Irishmen and three Englishmen.

A CABLE dispatch says Queen Victoria in the event of the Home Rule bill passing would abdicate. We hail with delight her anniversary to-day, and hope she will not only live to sign the bill, but see it in operation.

If the Home Rule bill becomes a law Emmet's epitaph may be written, for Ireland will then have once again taken its rightful place among the nations of the earth. May heaven speed the day and inspire the mind that will plan the inscription on his monument.

St. PATRICK'S society of Manitoba has now a home. The meetings, second Wednesday in each month, will hereafter be held at No. 354 Main street, upstairs. The premises are being comfortably furnished and representative Irish papers will shortly be on file there. It is hoped, eventually, to get together a library of works relating to Ireland.

A WASHINGTON dispatch states that M. M. Duffie, of Arkansas, has been appointed United States consul at Winnipeg. Mr. Duffie, the gentleman who was first nominated by President Cleveland having declined the position. Mr. Duffie is a prominent lawyer in his state, and was endorsed for the Winnipeg consulate by the entire Arkansas delegation.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Woodford and family who have been living for the past eight months in the east, principally in Montreal, returned here last week, and it gives us much pleasure to join with their host of friends in extending to them a most hearty welcome back to Winnipeg. Mr. Woodford again takes a position in the C. P. R. telegraph office.

The respectable Protestants of Ulster, comprising Presbyterians, Unitarians, and Episcopalians, have repudiated the resolutions in opposition to Home Rule sent to the Marquis of Salisbury in the name of and as representing the opinions of the Protestants of Ireland. These Protestants having sent a communication to Mr. Gladstone expressive of their loyalty to Home Rule, the Premier has sent a reply in which he states that he is comforted to observe the existence of such an enlightened opinion as that held by his correspondents amid the sea of violence and intolerance at Belfast.

HON. MR. DALY was waited upon on Saturday by an important deputation, consisting of Rev. Robt. Rossall, chancellor of the Roman Catholic diocese of Salford, England, and chaplain of the Salford Catholic Protection and Rescue Society; Rev. T. Chronnell, rector of St. Peter's, Salford; and Rev. E. D. S. John, secretary to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, London. These gentlemen are in Canada with a view to establishing an industrial home and farm for boys in the North-west. In the last few years the Salford Protection and Rescue Society, which has several homes in England, has sent out to this country over 500 boys, who have been placed in good homes in the province of Quebec, with a few in Ontario. These boys are the pick of the homes and so far, Father Rossall says, have done the society credit. But now it is proposed to establish an industrial farm in the Canadian North-west, where the boys can be given practical training in farming before being placed out with farmers. The society simply wants the Government to do the fair thing in the way of aiding the scheme. The Father has selected a site in the North-West, and have returned home.

Opening of St. Augustine's Church, Brandon.

The Catholics of Brandon, though few and far between, show a spirit of generous devotedness, which could scarcely be surpassed even by larger and better-todo Congregations, forcibly exemplifying the truth of the homely saying: "Where there's a will, there's a way!"

For a long time, the need of a large church had been sorely felt, and the appeal which the devoted Pastor, Reverend Father Bourdeau, made to his flock was responded to with a warmth which showed clearly how completely in unison were his desires and theirs. The combined efforts of priest and people have given to St. Augustine's an addition which will accommodate its Congregation for several years to come; no imposing structure in stone or brick is to be seen, no gilded cross surmounts the new sanctuary, no steeple ornaments it, but simple and unpretending it stands, and probably will stand for many years to come, bearing the wear and tear of every-day life like those who kneel to worship therein.

On Sunday morning, May 1st, the bright spring sun shone with unwonted radiance, the little birds sang merrily from the maples which had already put forth their tender shoots, and the bell pealed joyously as His Grace, the Archbishop entered the new sanctuary to bless it, accompanied by the Reverend Fathers Fox, Bourdeau, Poissant and Rocan. The altar was beautifully decorated with a profusion of natural flowers, and the piety of the Congregation was increased by the sweet and devotional singing of a well-trained choir.

At the Offertory, Rev. Father Fox preached, with that eloquence, which characterizes him in all such circumstances.

After Mass, Mr. Havanagh, in the name of the parishioners read the following address:

My Lord, The presence of a kind and loving Pastor in any portion of his flock is always greeted with respect and pleasure; your appearance at St. Augustine's Church, Brandon, is particularly welcome, My Lord, for in greeting Your Grace, we cannot help thinking of the five long years that have elapsed since we last had the privilege of kneeling to receive your paternal blessing. A protracted illness was, we are well aware, the unavoidable cause which prevented Your Grace from visiting us sooner, and now, how deep is our gratitude to God for having at length heard our prayers, and granted us the consolation which we enjoy to-day!

The circumstances which brings you here, My Lord, is an auspicious one—one fraught with the deepest interest to Your Grace, as well as to ourselves; you have come to bless the modest sanctuary, so long the object of our desires. Knowing full well all that you have done for the welfare of our little Congregation, we feel highly pleased at having this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of Your Grace's devotedness towards the Catholics of Brandon. Our efforts, wisely directed and zealously fostered by our esteemed and devoted Pastor, have been crowned with success, and it is with feelings of deep pleasure that we admire the result of our joint endeavors. In these evil days, My Lord, how numerous are the trials and how great the sacrifices which in common with the F. C. J., we cheerfully bear for the preservation of those schools to which our Catholic consciences cling so closely! Yet great has been the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who although permitting His children's fidelity to be tested, not only preserves us from the contamination of an unchristian education, but blesses us with the means of completing this work of faith and piety. May the prayers which your Grace has addressed to our Divine Saviour, whilst sprinkling with holy water, the walls of this sacred edifice be a blessing for our homes; also may our little Congregation increase and multiply, may its members ever prove themselves devoted children of our Holy Mother, the Church!

Deign, My Lord, to accept the homage of our respectful love with the good wishes which we form for the preservation of Your Grace's precious life, and deign to grant us the blessing which we now crave from your kind and loving heart. To this address His Grace responded with his usual paternal kindness, assuring all those present of the pleasure which it afforded him to be in their midst, expressing his utmost satisfaction at the recent improvements and congratulating them on the noble stand which they had taken in support of the excellent schools which the Catholics of Brandon are fortunate enough to possess.

The afternoon brought to the convent of the Faithful Companions of Jesus the much desired presence of His Grace. There, he received a hearty welcome, first from the good sisters and then from their pupils, who, in sweet though simple strains, poured forth their respectful greetings to their much loved Pastor; the following address, which was artistically illuminated, was read by one of the children of Mary: My Lord,—What greater favor could our Immaculate Mother bestow upon us in the early days of her cherished month than that of greeting our beloved Pastor! Yes, for five long years we have wished and prayed for this happiness, and now that Your Grace is in our midst, our hearts overflow with sentiments of gratitude and respectful affection. Tender flowerets in the garden of God's Holy Church, we need the vivifying dew of grace to strengthen us in His divine service and enable us to withstand the stormy winds of years to come. Fortified by your precious blessing, My Lord, we shall endeavor to put in practice the holy counsels which Your

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His Grace was to leave on Monday morning by the express, arriving from the West at 11 o'clock, but the train steamed out of the station just as the carriage reached it. Was this surely a lucky accident, an understanding between certain parties and the officials of the C. P. R., or a delicate attention of Divine Providence desirous of rewarding long-suffering souls for five years of hope deferred? We do not know, but what we do know is, that the members of St. Augustine's congregation rejoiced at the blessing of possessing their Archbishop until the following day, and that they earnestly hope to welcome him again in the near future!

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