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2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
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 - b. Whitsun Week.
 - c. The third week in September.
 - d. The third week in Advent.
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1843-1893.

Henry Hudon was born September 6th, 1823, at Riviere Ouelle, seventy-five miles below Quebec. The first of his ancestors in Canada was Pierre Hudon, from the parish of Notre Dame de Chemille, in the province of Anjou, France. In 1690 Pierre Hudon was one of that brave band of settlers who, by their vigorous defence of their homesteads, prevented the Maine adventurer, Phipps, from landing with his troops at Riviere Ouelle. In more than two centuries the Hudon family, all sprung from Pierre, has become very numerous in different parts of Canada, and is distinguished in clerical and business circles.

Henry was a student at the College of Sainte Anne de la Pocatiere, on the

clergy, of the liberal professions, and in commercial pursuits. The many thousands young and old, over whom his benign influence was felt, look back to his rectorship with reverent affection. It was he who planned and made the contracts for the beautiful St. Francis Xavier's Church, which is an architectural gem. But in 1880 before the completion of that church, Father Hudon was called to Montreal, with most of the Canadian Jesuits in the North-eastern States. Shortly after his return to Canada he was appointed the first Canadian Superior of what was then-forth to be known as the Mission of Canada, the Canadian Jesuits forming a separate organization from that of New York. Hitherto the younger members of the Order in Canada had been sent to



REV. HENRY HUDON, S. J.
Rector of St. Boniface College, Manitoba.

Lower Saint Lawrence, when the Jesuits returned to Canada in 1842. In the October of the following year he left his home and kindred to enter the Society of Jesus. No little will power was needed to be the first of all his acquaintances to join an Order that was known to him only through tradition and history. One novice had preceded him in the novitiate at Montreal, but this first Canadian novice was unknown to Henry Hudon, when the latter took so momentous a step on the 15th of October, 1843, at the age of twenty.

After his two years' novitiate in Montreal, young Hudon was sent to Kentucky, where the Jesuits then had a college, and there he learnt English so well as to be soon able to make himself useful in Fordham College, New York. There he pursued his philosophical and theological studies, with the exception of one year, 1850-1, spent at St. Mary's College, Montreal. In 1851-2 he was again stationed in Montreal, as Prefect of Studies; but people were clamoring for him in St. Francis Xavier's College, New York, where he had already been Vice-President. This office he filled again for eight years, till in 1870 he was appointed President of that large and flourishing day college. The first natives of this continent to rule the Jesuit colleges in New York were four Canadians, one of whom was Father Hudon. He ruled with so much gentleness and skill that he was continued ten years in office, a record which none of his predecessors or successors has equalled or even approached. During this long term he had the chief management of a parish of eight or ten thousand Catholics in the heart of New York City, of well-appointed parochial schools, and of 500 students in the College of St. Francis Xavier, which has the power of conferring degrees, and is proverbial for the number of its graduates who have become priests. One of Father Hudon's pupils, Very Rev. T. J. Campbell, is Provincial of the Jesuit province of Maryland—New York. Many others who once were under his paternal care have made a name for themselves in the ranks of



Europe for their training in philosophy and theology. Now, however, since the separation from the New York body, the resources of the Mission were unequal to the expenses of foreign travel. Besides, there was a manifest advantage in home training. Consequently Father Hudon built just outside the then limits of Montreal a scholasticate, that is to say, a house of higher studies for Jesuit students, where mental and sacred sciences are taught with unusual thoroughness and depth.

During his Superiorship, which was prolonged much beyond the customary term, he also took a prominent part in the movement to colonize the Northern regions of the Province of Quebec, appointing members of his Order to lecture throughout the province in support of the movement. He even sent some of his men to start a colony at Lake Nominigine, north of Ottawa.

In 1884, at the request of our great Archbishop, he came to St. Boniface with Father Lory, and then accepted his Grace's offer of St. Boniface College. In the following year, 1885, he picked men from France, from England, from Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec, and commissioned them, under the leadership of the late lamented Father Lory, to man and direct that college, in which everything, thanks to the able management of the former directors, was found in perfect working order.

This new addition to the Canadian houses of the Society of Jesus considerably lengthened the visitation tours Father Hudon had to make every year as Superior of the Mission. From the city of Quebec to Winnipeg, and afterwards to Brandon (which post he also accepted for a time) was a far cry, especially when he had to visit on his way the remote Indian mission on Manitoulin Island. Just here it may be well to insert a sonnet read to him at St. Boniface College, on the occasion of one of these yearly and most welcome visits. These lines have at least the merit of voicing the love which the gentle wisdom of his ways has everywhere won for him.

Four-score and six—the name we give this year—
If halved, recounteth just the noble span
Of thy true Jesuit life. As it began,
So hath it held its course, serene and clear,
Mid clouds of labor and of grief. Severe
To self alone, most kind to brother man
When'er he failed to reach with thee the van
Of heavenward march, to him thou art most dear.
As first of his Canadian-born in age
And place, Ignatius blesses thee to-day,
With love of all thy widespread family.
And we, thy brothers of the West, presage
For thee, of crown well won a long delay,
E'en far beyond thy golden jubilee.

Feast of St. Henry, July 15th, 1886.

Father Hudon was indeed by that time the first "in age and place" among the Jesuits born in Canada, for the first novice, mentioned at the beginning of this article, Father Regnier, was already gone to his reward. Yet on his resignation of the Superiorship, in 1887, Father Hudon cheerfully took any work that was offered him, being gladly subject to those whom he had erstwhile governed with undisputed sway.

In the summer of 1891 he was named Rector of St. Boniface College. Spite of advancing years and failing health, he takes the greatest interest in the spiritual, educational, and temporal welfare of that important institution. On the night of his jubilee celebration it was refreshing to hear this venerable Com-

Father Hudon's Jubilee.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., Rev. Father Hudon, Rector of St. Boniface College, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus. Invitations for a literary and musical soiree had been sent out to many friends of the college in Winnipeg and St. Boniface. The response was so hearty that the spacious college hall was closely packed. Many of the clergy were present, together with Senator Bernier, Judges Dubuc and Prud'homme, and all the elite of St. Boniface. Of Winnipeggers we—for our staff was fully represented—noticed Dr. Barrett and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Lynch, Dr. MacArthur, Dr. Todd, Mrs. Monchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, Madame de Bauvriere, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Monk, and many others.

The programme, which was, by the way, a masterpiece of typography, opened with an overture by the St. Boniface Band, which also played acceptably on two other occasions. Then came two addresses, one in French by Adelard Grenier of the Philosophy Class, and another in English by Bernard Ryan, son of Judge Ryan, of Portage la Prairie. Each address took a different view, one extolling the spirit of devotion with which the venerable Rector's life was full, the other giving an historical sketch of the achievements of that life and pointing out especially how, in spite of his retiring disposition, in the arduous duties of a pioneer, first Canadian rector of the New York college, first Jesuit to take over the college of St. Boniface, first Canadian Jesuit to celebrate his golden jubilee.

There were three well executed choruses by the students, one of which, "compliment on it" was encored. Mr. Arthur Leveque, in his rich baritone voice, gave "Le Minuet" and, when recalled, sang with exquisite expression, "Julius."

The distinctive feature of the evening was a dialogue on the life and work of Rev. Father Hudon. The speakers were Noel Bernier, Marcel Mollot, Jean Gingras, Berchmans Auger and Ernest Golden, all junior students in the university course. It was a most realistic conversation. All those boys spoke alternately in English or in French with perfect naturalness, and, though some had more to say than the others, each of the five speakers was in his turn the object of special interest. The happy hits and boyish remarks were either laughed at or applauded by the attentive audience. Noel Bernier was dignified and fluent; Mollot, a boy who, with his parents, came last year from France, spoke out with the inimitable distinctness of a pure French accent and evidently caught the public taste; Gingras was noticeable for the ringing clearness of his voice; Auger, who personated an American because he lives at Bathgate, N. D., had the typical quiet drawl, and was listened to with pleasure; Golden seemed to be a ruling spirit, keen and witty; it was he who wound up the dialogue with the following lines:

Beloved Father, let us say
What wells up in our souls to-day.
As flows thine own majestic river,
Through gulf to ocean, widening ever,
So is the current of thy years,
Beaming wider as it nears
The ocean of our gratitude.
But deeper than our gratitude
It ne'er can be. May He who blest
Thy fifty years of fruitful rest,
Bestow on thee the golden mist,
For all the kindness thou hast shown
To us who claim to be thine own.
May Christ's dear Sacred Heart,
Of which in gentleness thou art
A copy fair, sustain thee still
For long and fruitful years to fill,
In heaven's world the map of bliss
You have so nobly earned this.

This charming dialogue was followed by a sapphic ode in Latin, read very creditably by Lucien Dubuc. Professor Salle gave a cornet solo, which was perceptibly encored. Alfred Bernier then recited Lafontaine's fable about the old man who was laughed at by three young men because he was planting trees at eighty years of age, and who outlived the three young scoffers. This little boy's voice was hardly strong enough to reach the entire audience, but his manner and gestures were very graceful.

The salient feature of the second part of the programme was Offenbach's opera bouffe, "Les Deux Aveugles," played and sung by Joseph Trudel and Fortunat Letourneau. Both the acting and the singing were remarkable, and the audience was continually breaking out into roars of laughter.

At the end of the soiree Mr. Leconte, Mayor of St. Boniface, read a thoughtful address to Rev. Father Hudon, and presented him with a pretty basket of flowers containing a substantial offering in gold. No provision had been made on the programme for this interesting incident, for the simple reason that it was an unforeseen and spontaneous movement on the part of the friends of the college. That it was fully and gratefully appreciated by the Rector was evident from the tenor of his graceful speech acknowledging the gift and thanking the audience. He spoke of his joy in the past successes, and his bright hopes in the future of St. Boniface College, and added that the gift of college friends that night would go to the Building Fund for the enlargement of the college. The venerable Rector spoke in French and English with equal fluency and point.

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In pity listen to her final plea!
Heed not the threats of those who more or less
Would re-enact the persecuting past;
Heed not the snarls of party men or Press.
Great-hearted Englishmen! the die is cast!
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Make Ireland free, and England thus secure

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