

shown by Father Joseph all the secrets of the creamery and cheese factory which supply the markets of Winnipeg. Others walked through the farm lands on a road that is fully two miles in length. Still others visited the monastery, where ladies could not penetrate beyond the parlor. Many found their way to the village of St. Norbert, about three quarters of a mile away, visited the fine parish church, the open air shrine of Our Lady, the convent of the Grey Nuns, and the new founding asylum of the Sisters of Misericorde.

One characteristic feature of the genial gathering near the new church, where groups were seated in the welcome shade, was a French Viscount, whose money had defrayed three quarters of the \$30,000 which the new minster cost, dispensing, in his Trappist habit, ginger ale, cakes, etc., to all who approached his booth. With the ease that comes of perfect breeding he played his part as if he had done nothing else all his life than minister to the thirst or hunger of a jolly crowd.

Another noticeable feature was the healthy appearance of all the monks. Several of the younger ones especially have faces that are angelic indeed, but not in the sense of ethereal paleness. On seeing one of these, with the rosy cheeks of abounding youth, a lady was heard to remark that she would be willing to adopt a vegetarian diet if she could only secure thereby such a complexion as that.

At three in the afternoon the church was once more crowded for vespers and Benediction. The choir monks, who are accustomed to long services, since they spend five hours every day in singing the praises of God, recited first the office of the Blessed Virgin and then sang the vespers of the day. Their singing of the antiphons was particularly good. Then came Benediction of the Blessed Sacraments, given by Rev. James Dugas, S.J., Rector of St. Boniface College, assisted by Rev. Father Rulquin, S.M., as deacon, and Rev. Father Bourret as sub-deacon. The Very Rev. Administrator had been called to St. Boniface directly after dinner.

The new church is dedicated, to God of course, but in honor of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, which is the principal feast of the Trappist or Reformed Cistercian Order. Places are marked out for 12 side altars, which are not yet made. The new minster will remain open to outsiders next Sunday, but after that it will be closed to women always, and to men from the parish of St. Norbert, lest they might be tempted away from their parish church; but it will always be open to men from any other parish. Women will have another chance to see it when it will be consecrated, perhaps next year, and then it will remain open to them for a week. They will also have a chance to visit the new monastery from top to bottom when it is completed. The foundations therefor are now being dug, on the river side at right angles to the transept which it will touch.

The visitors, all highly pleased with their day at St. Norbert, returned to town by the six o'clock train.

#### GROWTH OF THE CHURCH.

It is not only in the United States that the Church is growing. Last week we reproduced a Protestant professor's testimony of its growth and strength in Germany, and now the New Zealand Herald, a non-Catholic journal, pays a notable tribute to the Catholic Church in that country.

"However much men may differ," it writes, "upon doctrinal points, we do not think that there is any difference of opinion as to the energy and persistence with which this ecclesiastical organization carries on its work. As the result, it steadily holds its own among powerful and vigorous denominations. Indeed, it has somewhat improved its position during the past twenty years. During the period between the census years of 1896 and 1901 it added nearly 11,500 to the number of its members in this colony, its rate of increase being slightly higher than that of the Anglican Church and only exceeded by the larger bodies among the

Methodists. These results are undoubtedly due to the hard and systematic work of the Roman Catholic clergy, work which the Protestant community is generally ignorant of, but is gradually beginning to recognize.—New World.

#### A PLAGUE.

In spite of hygienic rules  
Framed wisely 'gainst disease,  
In spite of college and schools  
Where doctors take degrees,  
In spite of due preventive care  
There is a sickness vague  
That here and there and every  
where  
Prevails and is a plague.

'Tis known in high and baronial  
halls,  
'Mid all the pomp and pride  
'Tis known in many a city's walls  
Where rich and poor men bide;  
And dwellers in the country green  
And sailors on the sea,  
And miners too, have sufferers  
been,  
From this dread malady.

It paralyzes heart and brain,  
It dulls the senses too;  
And many an ill is in its train,  
And sorrows not a few;  
And, strange to say, physicians'  
skill  
'Gainst it is powerless;  
For clever men have called it still  
By name of Laziness.

#### MEMORIAL TO D'ARCY MCGEE.

Suggestions have been made, now and again, in the press, that it was time the great services rendered to Canada by the late Hon. T. D. McGee, should be recognized in a national manner. The question was placed on the order paper last week by Mr. Clancy, M.P., and the Premier made answer that it was the intention of the government to have a monument to McGee, as has been done for Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Alex. MacKenzie, and Sir Geo. E. Cartier. The proposed monument will naturally be in the form of a statue of the great orator, poet and statesman, and it will be erected on Parliament Hill, under the shadow of the great structure within whose walls he had made so many eloquent pleas for Canadian Confederation, and for the union of races on our soil. Later on we will have more to write on this very interesting and inspiring subject. For the present we have the great pleasure of anticipation, and we hope soon to have the greater one of realization.—True Witness.

#### A SCOTTISH COURTSHIP.

He and his lass had been sitting together for about half an hour in silence, when he spoke, and the following dialogue took place:—

"Maggie," he said, "wasna I here on Sawbath nicht?"

"Aye, Jock, I daur say ye were."

"An' I was here on Monday nicht?"

"Aye, and so ye were."

"An' I was here on Tuesday nicht?"

"Aye, ye did happen along Tuesday nicht."

"An' I was here on Wednesday nicht."

"Aye, you were Jock, sae ye were."

"An' I was here on Thursday nicht?"

"I'll no deny ye were Jock."

"An' I was here on Friday nicht?"

"Aye, I'm thinkin' that's so."

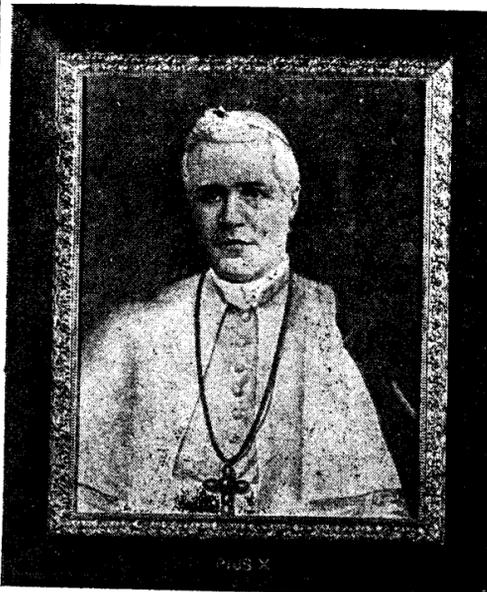
"An' this is Saturday nicht, an' I'm here again!"

"Well, what for no? I'm sure ye're vera welcome."

"Maggie, (desperately), Maggie, woman! D'ye no begin to smell a rat?"

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