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Current Comment

We learn with pleasure that the fears entertained by our San Francisco contemporary, "The Monitor," and quoted in our issue of May 12, have not been realized. It will be remembered that Mr. Thomas A. Connelly, the editor of that valuable Catholic paper, then wrote in a very despondent tone, as if the catastrophe would "put the Monitor and its editor out of commission." Now however, "The Monitor" reappears and is brimful of hope.

Montreal, May 28.—Rev. C. A. Fournier, who for upwards of ten years was a Roman Catholic priest in Saskatchewan and North Dakota, has left the Church of Rome, and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Grande Ligne on Sunday. He is the son of the late Charles Fournier, M.L.A., who for upwards of fifteen years represented L'Islet in the Quebec legislature, and a nephew of the late Bishop Panet, of Quebec. He has been appointed as a missionary by the Grande Ligne mission and will labor for the present at Roxton Pond, Quebec.

The foregoing telegram which was printed by the "Manitoba Free Press" of this city in the very centre of its first page on May 29, will be a godsend for many whiskey dealers in Minnesota and Kentucky. They will now know that Roxton Pond, Shefford County, Que., is the proper place to send those innumerable unpaid bills which have been pouring in on Bishop Shanley, of Fargo, North Dakota, who, after several vain attempts to reform the unfortunate drunkard, Fournier, was obliged to dismiss him last August. As soon as our subaqueous friends, the Baptists, discover, as they very soon will, the extreme rankness of this weed recently flung away over the Pope's garden wall, would it be too much to expect of their honesty that they will give to their rejection thereof the same publicity which they gave to its solemn reception? Had they been better informed in matters of local history, they would have balked at C. A. R. Fournier's boast that he is "a nephew of the late Bishop Panet of Quebec." For as Bishop Panet died more than 73 years ago at the age of 80, Fournier would have to be at least 100 years old to be his nephew, and the wretched man is not yet 50.

Since writing the above paragraph we have received, in acknowledgment of a copy of the "Free Press" of May 29, the following letter from Right Rev. John Shanley, Bishop of Fargo: "The telegram from Montreal stating that Rev. C. A. Fournier has become a Baptist minister is no surprise to me. Because of his intemperate habits and his failure to pay his debts, I was obliged to dismiss him from this diocese last August. Many of his creditors will be glad to know his address, among them the Orene Parker Co., Distillers of Pure Kentucky Whiskies, Covington, Ky.; the Anderson Distilling Co., Newport, Ky.; the Stone Hill Wine Co., Hermann, Mo., and several others in the same line of business. He is, or was until very recently, in debt to the above firms for the stuff that converted him." Evidently "the Grande Ligne mission has got hold of a peach"

The San Francisco "Leader" of May 26 reproduces, by request of many friends, a very curious article that appeared in its columns on November 11, 1905, more than five months before the catastrophe which it announced with almost prophetic foresight. The article is a review of scientific researches and findings by Rev. Father Ricard, S.J., of Santa Clara College, and by a fellow-countryman of his, the Abbe Moreau. It will be seen that the following extract from this article announces serious earthquakes, the locality of which is, however, not determined, for the ensuing March or April, and on April 18 came the California disaster.

Quite recently Father Ricard, the distinguished Jesuit astronomer of Santa Clara College, called attention to the immense extent of the sun-spots during the last month. It appears that the area covered by these solar disturbances has not been so vast for many years. A fellow countryman of Father Ricard, another priest-astronomer, comes forward with a prediction of the terrestrial effects of the present solar activity.

The Abbe Moreau is entitled to a hearing. This Parisian scientist foretold accurately the earthquakes that devastated India a few months ago. He now asserts that, when the present solar activity diminishes, serious earthquakes may be expected. He determines the time of their occurrence as March or April.

The Abbe Moreau's theory is thus briefly stated: "There is a connection between solar activity and volcanoes or earthquakes. The awakening of the internal forces of the globe coincides with a sudden change in the curve of the sun-spots. The number of sun-spots is not alone a decisive factor. There must be sudden augmentations or diminutions."

In further explanation Father Moreau adds: "The sun acts on the crust of the earth either by causing its potential electricity to vary by modifying the heat sent to the earth. For both there would be a dilation or shrinking of the envelope."

The consequence of this expansion or contraction of the earth's crust or envelope would be a volcano. In California, where we get an occasional shaking up, an intelligible theory like that of this French priest will be always interesting. But it is a matter of regret that, although the approach of seismic vibrations may be known by science, no one has claimed that they can be assigned to any definite locality.

In the same issue Father Yorke pleads for honest work in the rebuilding of San Francisco, and not a few of his sound principles apply to building enterprises in our own fast growing city.

This is the lesson of the fire and of the earthquake, that whatever was well built on honest foundations stood the stress. Such is the inevitable law of nature. Men may build dishonestly and be able to conceal their dishonesty from other men, but in the day of trial all that is not honest shall perish.

Therefore in building up the new San Francisco let us take care that its foundations be laid honestly. The question has been too long in America, not what a piece of work was worth, but how cheaply could it be done. The man who wished a building put up very seldom went to a contractor whom he believed to be honest and said to him: "This is the kind of building I want. What is its real worth? Go ahead and finish it." There were a few buildings in San Francisco built upon that plan, and neither earthquake nor fire has harmed them. The usual method was to get one contractor bidding against another, and then in the face of the keenest competition cut down and skimp and in every way sail as close to the wind as the law would allow. We see the result. Bricks without mortar lie piled up on every street, and what the architects euphemistically call "building material" turns out to be mud.

The eternal truth holds in all human affairs that every book must be balanced. Every piece of material every hour of human work has its equivalent in money, not an equivalent fixed by competition, not an equivalent fixed by need, but an equivalent fixed in the nature of things. Everything has its just price, and if this just price is not paid, the employer or the buyer either defrauds the workman or the seller, or himself defrauded by poor materials and skimped work.

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MRS. THOS BENNETT

Mrs. Thomas Bennett, editor of the Special Women's Hospital Aid edition of the Regina "Leader," having been urgently requested to let her portrait appear in the second instalment of that very creditable issue, which was published on June 1, replied that she preferred to see it appear in the Northwest Review, with which she has been so long identified as our Regina correspondent, "Gena Macfarlane." We are sincerely grateful to her for her thoughtfulness and are happy to present the first really good portrait of our able and devoted correspondent. We need hardly add that we are very proud of her editorial success.

This edition, published and edited by charitable and gifted women for the benefit of the Regina Victoria Hos-



ANNIE M. BENNETT
"Gena Macfarlane"

pital, is assuredly a credit to the capital of Saskatchewan. We shall have occasion to review it at greater length in our next number. At present we merely point out that its twenty pages, divided into five parts, contain a great deal of valuable original matter, not the least important of which is the editor's own work.

As Mrs. Bennett is now visiting Winnipeg as a specially invited guest of the Canadian Women's Press Club, we feel that we must refrain from wounding her modesty by direct praise, and accordingly, we must be content with the remark that her editorial appeal, while altogether womanly in its diffidence and reserve, has all the frankness of the most virile vigor in its arraignment of Regina's shortcomings in hospital accommodation.

Annie M. Bennett was born in Baddeck, Cape Breton, and became a Catholic at Arichat, C.B., where His Lordship Bishop Cameron received her into the Church in 1875. She first graduated from the Baddeck Academy and afterwards from the Convent at Arichat directed by the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. After her marriage, her husband, Mr. Thomas Bennett came to Regina in 1892, sent thither by the late Right Hon. Sir J. S. D. Thompson, then Minister of Justice, in order to place Regina jail under penitentiary discipline. Since that time Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and their numerous family have always made Regina their home.

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Persons and Facts

Seven thousand members of the order of the Ursuline nuns will celebrate next year the centenary of the canonization of its foundress, St. Angela Merici, on May 24, 1807. The Catholic boarding-school, academy, or convent for the education of girls owes its origin to St. Angela, who established the first one, specifically designed for this purpose, about the middle of the sixteenth century. There are now 300 convents conducted by this order in Europe, the United States and Canada.

Fifty-eight pages of the current issue of "The Nineteenth Century and After," are devoted to papers "For and against the Education Bill," now under debate in the Imperial Parliament. Archbishop Bourne and Viscount Halifax are among the six contributors on this subject.

The Irish representatives pro rata to the men competing won the greatest honors at the Olympic games in Athens. Besides Sherring's great win in the Marathon race, the Irish-American Club athletes of New York made the largest score at the Olympic games in Greece. The total number of points won by this organization was about half of the total made by the entire American team. Martin Sheridan, the Mayo boy, alone contributed twenty points, or more than a fourth of the score credited to the American combination.

Nothing daunted by the terrible loss they sustained in the destruction of their beautiful church and college, a loss amounting to over \$800,000, the Jesuit Fathers have decided to erect temporary buildings on the Franklin street side of their property in San Francisco, to be ready for occupancy by the end of summer. The new temporary St. Ignatius College will, most likely, be ready for the reception of students by September 1. A great loss to the Jesuits was the destruction by fire of their magnificent and valuable library of over 80,000 volumes. Many of these works were rare first editions and can never be replaced.

The distinguished Catholic historian Mr. Martin J. Griffin, intends to compile a history entitled "Catholics and the American Revolution."

Donahoe's Magazine for June prints the following sketch of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick (with photograph) in its "People in Print" department:

"Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, formerly Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada, is spoken of as the probable successor of Sir Henry Taschereau, who resigned office as Chief Justice of Canada. The career of this distinguished Canadian is full of examples of the successes to be won by ability, pluck and perseverance. Mr. Fitzpatrick was born of Irish parents, in the City of Quebec, in 1853. He first came into prominence at the time of the rebellion in the Northwest, when he made an impassioned plea for Louis Riel. He has been called upon frequently to discuss matters of importance in various parts of the country where clear exposition of government principles and policy was needed. Mr. Fitzpatrick does not confine his services to mere official or government issues, but is ever ready to help forward the cause of his co-religionists. He is a member of St. Patrick's congregation, a trustee of the parish, and always ready to help the zealous Redemptorist Fathers in their plans for this distinctively Irish Catholic flock. Those of his own faith and race in the city will be particularly rejoiced if new honors are conferred on this truly representative Catholic."

Bourke Cockran, the celebrated Irish-Catholic orator of the United States and Representative to Congress, is seriously ill at Washington. An abscess has been removed from his head.

A proposal to accept 100,000 Polish "Independent" Catholics into the Epis-

copal Church has been made, according to Bishop Charles P. Anderson, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chicago. "Bishop Kozlowski and his synod have applied to our diocese for unity and membership," said Bishop Anderson, "This means an addition of some 100,000 Polish Catholics—30,000 being residents of Chicago. This is a practical question of social compatibility rather than a theoretical question of theological affinity, and I leave it with the Church without expressing an individual opinion." Bishop Anderson explained the proposed union of the Polish "Independent Catholics, by saying that the Kozlowski adherents had first suggested joining the Episcopal Church three years ago. "Nothing has been done about it and nothing can be done until two years hence, when the general Church body convenes and may act," said the Bishop. "Our diocese cannot decide the question." Undoubtedly a condition of the charge by Kozlowski's flock is that the latter be retained as a bishop in the Episcopal Church.

There are 591 members in the French Chamber of Deputies. The results of the elections are now known in the case of 585. The "Bloc" is a name given to a combination of certain groups in the Chamber who are responsible for the Association Law and the Separation Law. Before the election of May 6, the "Bloc" counted 353 members against 232 of the opposition. But now the "Bloc" has 411 members against 174 of the opposition.

The parents of Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco were German Catholics. The Mayor himself is a Catholic—if anything.

One of the unique and most praiseworthy institutions of New England is the new Catholic public library in Gloucester, Mass., recently constructed by Rev. J. J. Healy, permanent rector of St. Anne's church, who for thirty-one years has been the indefatigable promoter of Catholic education in the Fisherman's city, perhaps the greatest centre of its kind in the world.

Among the English society women who have recently joined the Catholic faith may be mentioned, Theodosia, Lady Cottenham, and her daughter, Lady Pepys. The latter is noted as a singer and an amateur actress.

The Hon. Mary and the Hon. Margaret Russell, daughters of the late Lord Russell, of Killowen, are now novices in the Convent of the Holy Child at Mayfield, Sussex, and also the Hon. Violet Gibson, daughter of Lord and Lady Ashbourne. The Duke of Norfolk has two sisters who are nuns; Lady Minna Howard belongs to the Carmelite Order and Lady Echedrea Howard is a Sister of Charity. Lady Edith Fielding sister to Lord Denbigh, is another Sister of Charity and cheerfully endures exile in a convent in China; Lady Maria Christiana Bandini, daughter of Lord Newburgh is at a Sacre Cœur convent on the continent; Lady Frances Bettie, sister to Lord Abingdon, resides in a convent at Harrow, and Lady Leopoldina Keppel, sister to Lord Albemarle, is a nun of the Sacred Heart.

Father Hays, "The English Father Mathew," is in the United States, on his return home from a trip to Australia, where he went for the improvement of his health and to promote the cause of temperance, to which his life is pledged. It is gratifying to recount that the Australian tour was most successful, as many as 51,363 persons taking the pledge to abstain from intoxicating drink, making a total of 325,890 pledges administered by Father Hays in the past ten years.

The Benedictine Fathers at Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, Cuba, recently received into the Church Mr. George (Continued on page 2)