

## Persons and Facts

A couple of weeks ago we made a general revision of our subscription list. Though we have taken every possible care, we are aware that mistakes have occurred. We hope that those who have suffered from unintentional neglect as a result will bear with us until all mistakes can be rectified.

The pedro teams of the Catholic and Young Men's Liberal Clubs will meet in the second game of the series on Tuesday evening next at the latter's club rooms. The game was announced to take place on Monday evening, but other engagements of the Liberals prevented this and all interested are asked to note that the match will take place on Tuesday evening. The Catholic Club players will assemble in their own club rooms in time to proceed thence in a body at eight o'clock.

Mr. J. T. Dumouchel returned last week from Bermuda.

The Literary Society of Sheldon (N.D.) debated, Friday, January 16, the question whether the United States is justified in upholding the doctrine of President Monroe, which denies the right of European powers to acquire territory on the American continent. Rev. Father J. B. McDonald was one of the speakers on the negative side and delivered, says the Sheldon Progress, "one of the best speeches that has been made in the brilliant history of the society." The three judges, Messrs. Tenneson, Burke and De la Bere (editor of the Sheldon Progress), decided unanimously in favor of the negative.

The Sisters of Providence, of Montreal, have bought what was until last summer St. Joseph's Academy, at Rat Portage, and have sent a community of their order, with several nurses, to open a hospital there. The house is large and is very beautifully situated on a point of land in Rat Portage bay, an ideal site for a hospital. They entered into possession last week.

Five Sisters of Providence have come to Nome. They had been there only three months when they had a hospital well equipped in the very centre of the town. It is through the kind ministrations of these worthy daughters of Madame Gamelin that we (Fathers Cataldo and Devine, S.J.) have been able to reach the souls of a few crusty old miners, who had forgotten even their prayers. We have already established the League of the Sacred Heart in Nome, and a few have begun the First Fridays.—Father Devine in the Can. Mess. of the S. Heart, Feb., p. 78.

Don Ranieri de Bourbon, son of the Count de Caserta, has, says a telegram from Madrid, entered a Jesuit novitiate, preferring the ecclesiastical state to a military career, for which his parents designed him.

The Very Rev. the Hon. Basil Fielding, son of the Earl of Denbigh, has been raised to the rank of Cameriere Segreto by His Holiness Leo XIII.

The more valuable presents which the Holy Father has received on the occasion of the Pontifical Jubilee are exhibited at the Vatican. The total number is 32,000. A Roman correspondent states that a clause in the Pope's will bequeaths this treasure to the Holy See, excluding therefrom his family.

Professor Windle writes to "The (London) Times" in reference to the statement of "A Catholic Parent" in the same journal that "No Roman Catholic school exists in the British Isles conducted on the lines of the English public schools, in which boys can be trained by laymen for the life of laymen in the world." The professor says that it is most if not all of our large schools

there are both clerical and lay masters, and that the system—quasi-staff—is very similar to that met with in "the English public school" alluded to by the correspondent.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., on the 25th inst., repeated in French for the benefit of the St. Boniface College Literary Society, L'Academie Francaise, his lecture on the four great orators of Notre Dame in the 19th century—Lacordaire, De Ravignan, Felix and Monsabre. Among the invited guests present were the Hon. Senator Bernier, Baron L. de Galemberg, Inspector Goulet, Mr. Joseph Bernier, M.P.P., Mr. H. Beliveau, Mr. J. J. Arseneault, Rev. Fathers Hudon, Le-compte and others.

Mrs. Seymour Hicks (Miss Ellaline Terriss) has been received into the Church by Father Bernard Vaughan.

## Brandon Notes.

Rev. Father Godts spent Sunday in Minnedosa.

Mrs. R. Chapman, of Cranbrook, B.C., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs. Jeffrey.

On Friday night Mrs. Margaret Cameron, fortified by the consoling rites of Holy Church, passed peacefully from this life at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The deceased, who has been a resident of Brandon for twenty years, leaves to mourn her loss, four sons and two daughters, Mrs. F. C. Patterson, with whom she resided; Mrs. T. E. Seaman, Brockville, Ont.; Hugh R. Cameron, of Winnipeg; A. J. Cameron, of Boissevain; John and Allan Cameron, of Brandon. The remains were sent to Illemtville for interment.

The regular meeting of the Sodality of the Children of Mary took place on Monday evening and was well attended.

The news of the death at London, Ont., on Saturday, Jan. 17th, of Samuel R. Brown, Grand Secretary of the C.M.B.A., was heard with deep regret by the members of the association here. The deceased was known wherever there is a branch of the C.M.B.A. as one of the ablest and best of the society's officials. On Wednesday last a Requiem Mass, recommended by Brandon branch, for the repose of the soul of the late Grand Secretary, was sung in the winter chapel at St. Augustine's.

A fairly well attended meeting of the men of the parish was held in the C.M.B.A. hall on Thursday evening, the anniversary of the organization of Brandon branch of the C.M.B.A., when a couple of hours were spent most enjoyably in a social way. All the Catholic men of the city were invited, the principal object of the meeting being to provide an opportunity for newcomers to become acquainted and to impress upon all those who are not members of the C.M.B.A. the importance of belonging to that association. Rev. Father Godts and Rev. Father Cyril were present to greet those in attendance on the occasion. The programme for the evening was a pedro contest and smoker. Mr. Philip Purcell, on behalf of the officers and members, extended to those present a most hearty welcome. Nothing could give the members of the C.M.B.A. greater pleasure than the privilege of having with them the Catholic men of Brandon to spend a social evening. After warmly thanking the Redemptorist Fathers for their encouragement and assistance so heartily accorded to every movement calculated to advance the interests of the C.M.B.A. and the parish, the speaker proceeded to explain the aims and objects of the C.M.B.A. and to review the work of that association. He expressed his confidence that if the Catholic men of Brandon were fully aware of the splendid service the C.M.B.A. had rendered to its members and those dependent upon them and indirectly to the church, the membership of Brandon branch would quickly be doubled. The work the society is doing is a work in which every Catholic in the Dominion should be proud to assist. During

the twenty-five years it had been in existence the C.M.B.A. had paid to those dependent upon its members the enormous sum of \$2,500,000, an average of \$100,000 a year. Not a single claim had yet been disputed. That the society is on a sound basis is evident from the fact that it has never been necessary to raise its rates; and upon the able and economical administration of its affairs the C.M.B.A. has been repeatedly complimented by the superintendent of insurance. Catholics were frequently heard saying, "The C.M.B.A. costs too much," but investigation will prove that the association provides protection to its members at the very lowest figure upon which it is possible to guarantee strength and security for the C.M.B.A. in the future. The real cost is in the expense of management, and in the management of the C.M.B.A. only 4 1/2 per cent. of the total receipts is expended, while the very lowest in any similar organization is about 7 1/2 per cent. The real facts, therefore, show that the C.M.B.A. not only does not "cost too much," but actually costs less than any other fraternal association. For the first cost, for entrance, etc., it was explained, new members are more than reimbursed, as they become at once equally interested with older members in the society's surplus of \$150,000. Brandon branch had been organized only six years, and yet in that time the C.M.B.A. had paid to the relatives of deceased members here \$6,000, which is certainly a good reason why the association should be strongly supported in the city. In conclusion the speaker declared the C.M.B.A. had every advantage to offer that any other fraternal organization could claim, and in addition to that it is a good Catholic society, which fact in itself, should be sufficient to enlist for it the warm support of every Catholic eligible for membership in the society. At the conclusion of the address the pedro contest was proceeded with. Splendid prizes were offered and the competition was very keen. The fortunate ones were: 1st, Wm. Molloy, pair military hair brushes; 2nd, Daniel McNeill, handsome bible.

## OBITUARY.

MRS. CATHERINE WAGNER.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. in St. Boniface hospital, Catherine Caroline Wagner, whose maiden name was Schlamme, and who was born in the city of Luxemburg, September 3, 1840, died of pneumonia and heart failure contracted in her duties as nurse. Mrs. Wagner accompanied Madame Moreau de Bauviere to Manitoba eleven years ago and the following year became a nurse in St. Boniface hospital. There she conceived a strong attachment for the late lamented Sister Mary Xavier, and when the latter was removed to Edmonton Nurse Wagner accompanied her. Afterwards she followed Sister Mary to the convent at Touchwood Hills, where they endured the most appalling privation of food, clothing and fuel. Finally they both were transferred to Calgary, where Sister Mary breathed her last. Since the death of her dear and noble friend Nurse Wagner devoted herself to nursing in Winnipeg. Hundreds of people have learned to value her skill, tenderness and extreme delicacy of feeling, but few knew the depths of real Christian virtue that underlay her outward ministrations. She died after receiving with fervor and perfect resignation the last rites of the Church. Her only wish was to do the Will of God.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the 24th, at 10 a.m. Rev. Dr. Beliveau sang the Requiem Mass and officiated at the grave, assisted by Rev. Father Drummond. Many distinguished friends joined with Madame de Bauviere in paying the last tribute of their respect and affection to the memory of Nurse Wagner. Beautiful flower offerings were sent by Dr. and Mrs. Moody, Dr. Good, Dr. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Pufford, Miss Killam, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrison and others. The pall-bearers were Dr. Moody, Dr. McArthur, and Messrs. de Beauviere, Genest, H. Chevrier and Van Koughnet.—R.I.P.

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## AN INCONVENIENT MEMORY.

It was a right-of-way case in England concerning an ancient foot path over the fields of an estate which had passed lately from an old family into the hands of a rich upstart. The dispute was carried to the law courts, and the lawyer appearing on behalf of the new land owner cross examined a venerable yokel who had testified that to his own personal knowledge there had been a right-of-way over the disputed land ever since he was a boy of five.

"And how old are you now?" asked the lawyer.

"Eighty-five, sir."

"But surely you can't remember things which occurred when you were a boy of five, eighty years ago?" said the lawyer, in affected incredulity.

"Deed an' I can, sir. I can mind a year afore that, when your feyther, sir, 'owd Skinflint Garge' us called him—"

"That will do; you may stand down," said the lawyer, hastily, reddening furiously as a titter ran round the court.

"—got a wallop from Mother Buncombe—"

"Stand down, sir!" roared the lawyer, wrathfully.

"—for chatin' her two-year-owd lass—"

"Do you hear? Stand down, I say!"

"—a farden out o' the change o' a thrupenny-bit!" concluded the venerable witness, triumphantly, as he slowly left the box.—Exchange.

## WHERE WILL IT END?

In an interesting address delivered at Salt Lake City Wednesday afternoon, Apostle Smoot stated that he "holds that the Constitution of the United States is Divinely inspired." Just think of it! And only a few days ago Parson Lyman Abbott declared the Bible was not Divinely inspired. After awhile, perhaps, the dominions may be found carrying the constitution into their pulpits instead of the Scriptures revealed to man.—New World, Jan. 24, 1903.

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