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Religious Orders.—On looking over the Catholic world today perhaps nothing impresses one more than the great diversity of religious orders within the one true Church. In this the Church has shown more than human wisdom. It would have been next to impossible to steer the barque of Peter through the stormy seas of the centuries without having sails that could use every breeze of zeal, devotion and enthusiasm that arose through the warmth of sanctified human hearts. Today we see that the Church, through its different orders of religious, all united with the Papacy in the same faith and sacraments, unfolds a unity solidified and safeguarded by its having thus provided for the diversity of devotional inclinations. The great saints who founded our different orders were led by the divine spirit into various channels of piety and new fields of learning, so that the Church might not only be universal, but at the same time all embracing. It would be impossible to estimate what the great orders have done for the Church. Their presence in our midst is always beneficial and serves to bring home to all of us the wonderful effect of historical association. On Oct. 28th last, the town of Muenster, Sask., presented a historic scene of great impressiveness in the solemn blessing of the Right Rev. Michael Ott, O. S. B., Abbot of St. Peter's Abbey. On this occasion the Benedictine ceremonies which are of such rare occurrence in Western Canada, were used in all their grandeur and will not be forgotten by any who witnessed them. Catholics are always benefitted by the presence, in a new country especially, by religious centres like that of St. Peter's Colony. This Benedictine Abbey is a great boon to our co-religionists in the Province of Saskatchewan and as far as the future of the Church is concerned there, should furnish an easy solution to some of its pressing problems. — *Northwest Review, Winnipeg, Nov. 15, 1919.*

He got what he deserved.—Last Friday the following interesting news was cabled over from old England: "LONDON, Nov. 14.—William, E. Johnson, an American prohibition worker and anti-saloon league organizer, was dragged from a platform from which he was speaking today, severely beaten, and paraded through two miles of crowded west-end streets on a plank. His assailants for the most part were medical students and against them he put up a strenuous fight, receiving a badly damaged eye and other injuries, so that finally, owing to his weakened condition he was obliged to submit to the indignity. Outside the building there were potent signs of pending trouble. A great crowd of students had gathered, and after Mr. Johnson began to speak hundreds of the students, who evidently were organized, tore down the iron gates of the entrance of the hall, brushed aside the police, charged down the aisles and seized Johnson and McKenzie. These two they pelted with bags of flour, then hoisted them into a wagon and proceeded to King's College, nearby, where both were invited to state their prohibition cause to the students, but were not allowed to proceed because of the howls. The rioters then discarded McKenzie and mounted Johnson on a plank. This a stalwart group mounted on their shoulders and marched through the Strand, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, Piccadilly Circus and Oxford Terrace to Portland St. Here the police, who, during the early part of the march, simply kept the crowd moving, intervened and affected a rescue. Johnson was rushed to Bow Street station, where his injuries were dressed, and he was then able to go home."—Would it not be a good plan to import a bunch of those students from old England to Canada to imbue our old fashioned prohibition cranks and one-sided temperance preachers with saner ideas? To drink a glass of beer or wine is no sin. Why should it be made a crime by law, and why should it be made punishable by law? To drink excessively is a sin. Therefore excessive drinking can and should be made punishable by human law also.

Religious News

WINNIPEG, Man.—Pope Benedict granted a private audience to Monsignor Alfred A. Sinnott, archbishop of Winnipeg, on Nov. 9th.

ST. CLOUD, Minn.—Rev. Alex. Hoffmann, O. S. B., has been appointed subprior of St. John's Abbey at Collegeville.

—Large attendance marked the missions given by Rev. George Scheffold, O. S. B., of Wayzata in Darwin and Forest City, Minn.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Sisters of St. Dominic are erecting a motherhouse to accommodate 600 Sisters.

PITTSBURG, Pa.—October 15 was a day of gratification at St. Vincent Seminary. Some years ago the seminary had been given the status of an ecclesiastical seminary, and has received from His Holiness the power to confer ecclesiastical degrees. On Oct. 15th the first of these degrees, that of Doctor of Theology, was conferred on Rev. Anthony Benedik, assistant at St. Joseph's Church, Bloomfield, Pa. The exercises took place in the presence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Canevin, Rt. Rev. Archbishop Leander, O. S. B., and Rt. Rev. Abbot Aurelius, O. S. B.

BELLEVUE, Iowa.—The past week marked the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph's Parish in Bellevue, Iowa. Father Schiffmacher founded the parish and directed the building of a stone church, 80 feet long and 50 feet wide. For the last thirty years Dean Nicholas J. Bies has been pastor. There are about 200 families in the parish. Rev. M. J. Manternach is assistant priest.

COLOGNE, Germany.—Cardinal Felix von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, is dead. During the early days of the war he caused adverse comment in Germany by issuing a pastoral letter directing that a petition for peace be included in the prayers of Catholics. In May, 1918, in response to Cardinal Hartmann's request the Allies refrained from air attacks on Cologne on Corpus Christi day. The cardinal's death leaves Germany without representation in the College of Cardinals.

MUNICH, Germany.—The Abbey of Ettal has lost during the war 5 clerical novices, 4 lay brothers and 2 brother novices.

EINSIEDELN, Switzerland.—A conference of members of the Hierarchy of many Continental European countries has just taken place at the famous Benedictine

Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln, Switzerland. The conference discussed the needs of Catholic missions in various countries and adjustments and agreements as to missions in colonial countries, and also took up promotion of Catholic affairs in Palestine under the new regime. Cardinal von Hartmann of Cologne, now deceased, was present. The Cardinal's health was already then much impaired by the trials and troubles of the war, but he took a leading part in all the councils of the Bishops, many of which have been held in Germany since the revolution, and these meetings have had no small part in stemming the tide of radicalism during the aftermath of the war.

ROME.—The Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order, the Rt. Rev. Fidelis von Stotzingen, O. S. B., has returned to the international Benedictine college of San Anselmo, Rome. His was forced absence during the war.

—The Holy Father, Benedict XV, has congratulated the Rev. Arthur McCarthy of Dublin, Ireland on his 100th birthday.

St. Peter's Colony

LEOFELD.—The Rev. Father Mathias went to Muenster on Nov. 12, where he assisted at the Rt. Rev. Abbot Michael's first Pontifical High Mass on Nov. 13, the feast of All Saints of the Benedictine Order. He returned to Leofeld on Nov. 14.

—Ven. Sister Walburga was transferred to Dead Moose Lake last week, while Sister Josepha who was teaching at Bruno since the beginning of this year's school term was transferred to the parochial school at Leofeld.

WILLMONT.—The following news reached here last week from Beaverton, Ore.: In St. Mary's Orphanage at Beaverton, there passed away Monsignor Jacob Rauw at the age of 66 years. He was born in the Rhineland, studied philosophy in Bonn, and theology at the American College in Louvain, came to the U. S., and was ordained priest in 1882 in the Cathedral at Portland, Ore. For many years he was pastor of St. Joseph's Church in St. Paul, Ore. Upon the death of Archbishop Blanchet in 1906, he was appointed vicar general of the diocese and two years later the Pope conferred on him the title Apostolic Prothonotary. — *Msgr. Rauw is a near relative of the Rauw families here.*

PILGER.—Owing to the severe weather, work at the new parochial school which is going to be a substantial brick structure, had to be abandoned for the time being.

DEAD MOOSE LAKE.—The Ursuline Sisters who since the last three years had their temporary motherhouse at this place, moved to their new and beautiful convent at Bruno. The novices were transferred to their new home the latter part of last week. A sufficient number of Sisters are however still staying at Dead Moose Lake to provide efficient education for the children of the congregation frequenting the parochial school.

CARMEL.—A number of big game hunters, amongst them Messrs. Theo. Lummerding, John Etienne, Anton Wapli, John Horki, and others left on Nov. 10 for the moose and bear country, in the Hudson Bay Junction district, and expect to return home, laden heavily with samples of their crafty shooting.

—At a recent auction sale of pure bred registered Shorthorn cattle, north of Humboldt, Mr. J. Kuechle, a local farmer, purchased a cow and a heifer for the sum of \$900.00. He intends to make the start in this locality of only raising pure bred stock in the future.

—It is reported that Mr. Jos. Berthold, purchased recently a half section of prairie land directly east of his farm.

—Mr. Bern. Verlage has been busy in remodelling the house on his farm, ½ mile west of the town, lately, and it is rumored that Bernard has intentions of giving up a happy single freedom for the blessedness of matrimonial life.

—The local parochial school will close on Dec. 1, after a most successful season under the very able tutorage of Miss Diethelm. Our pastor Rev. Father Joseph has the intention, for next year, of bringing the school up to and including the 8th grade, when our school will be second to none other in the province.

—With the setting in of the cold weather so unexpectedly, this fall many local farmers have lost their entire potato crop, and many others lost theirs in part. Also we are having a real coal shortage at present, as there is not enough coming to supply the demand. — *Corr.*

BRUNO.—A pretty wedding was solemnized by Father Leo on Nov. 18 in the parish church. W. Smith, one of the old pioneers, being married to Mrs. Rauw, nee Lohmann.

PETERSON.—Last Tues., Nov. 18, were married here by Father Chrysostom of Muenster, Henry Francois Basset of Dana and Miss Margaret Marie Trémel of this place.

HUMBOLDT.—Mrs. A. R. Bannerman was dashed to the ground by a runaway team on Nov. 8 and sustained most serious injuries, having both her legs fractured at several places and her hip broken. She was taken immediately to the hospital, where the best medical aid and attention was procured for her. Unless complications set in, hopes are entertained for her recovery.

—Major T. J. Gray, who is at present in charge of the military hospital at Moose Jaw, will, it is reported, return to Humboldt shortly and again resume the practice of his profession here. He will be joined by Dr. White, also of the Moose Jaw military hospital. They have rented offices in the Burns building recently occupied by Kelly Bros.

—In spite of the cold weather building operations are still proceeding in Humboldt. Mr. Ratledge has commenced the masonry work on his new two-storey building on Main street, and intends to complete the building before long. Work on other contracts is also being pushed.

—The following amusing incident occurred at the Windsor Hotel some time last week: Pat was sitting comfortably in a chair reading a newspaper. Glancing over the advertisements on the last page he stumbled over the word: Auto-suggestion. Not comprehending the meaning of this unusual word, he turned to Jim and enquired: "Say, Jim, what is meant by the word Auto-suggestion?" Jim replied promptly: "Why, that's easy. That means, if you can afford to buy an auto, you go over to Alf. Kelly and he will suggest to you to buy a brand new Gray-Dort or an \$1800 Dodge. You see, that's an auto-suggestion." Pat rejoined: "But Dr. Wrixley speaks about medicines here!" Jim: "Well don't you see, you might get hurt by driving the car!" Then Pat knowingly and complacently nodded assent, padding himself on his head on the easy acquisition of such profound knowledge.

MUENSTER.—The most disastrous fire by which the village of Muenster was ever visited, occurred shortly after midnight on Friday, November 14. It apparently originated from a defective pipe which connected the stove in the cellar, beneath Mr. Leo Woell's store, with the chimney. The fire in the cellar, where a lot of goods were stored away, was first noticed by Mr. John Weber at about 1 o'clock early in the morning. He immediately roused the people from their sleep and sounded the alarm at the fire hall. The flames, however, had already gotten beyond control and

it was impossible to save the store. The Banque d'Hochelaga and the telephone-office, having been practically one and the same building with the store were also destroyed. The books and records of the bank were saved. Mr. Bruning's residence was saved, though only after the greatest and utmost exertion. The roof of his house was already partly burning, but by the combined efforts of the fire-fighters the flames were extinguished. Some damage resulted by the hurried removal of the contents of the house. Although Mr. Woell has suffered great loss on account of this misfortune—probably close to \$10,000—it is hoped that he will rebuild the store and replace it by a modern and first-class brick structure. The bank will be established in temporary quarters and will continue business as before. A new central telephone office, it is expected, will be fitted up and be in running order again shortly.

—On Nov. 13, All Saints of the Benedictine Order, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Michael celebrated his first Solemn Pontifical High Mass in the Abbey Church. The Fathers of St. Peter's Colony were present and co-operated in the festive solemnities. Father Prior acted as Presbyter assistens, Fathers Dominic and Benedict were deacons of honor, Fathers Mathias and Casimir deacon and subdeacon of Mass, Fathers Subprior and Leo assisted in pluvials, whilst Father Fridolin and Fr. Marcellus discharged the office of masters of ceremonies. Frs. Mathew and Theodore administered as book- and candle-bearers. Fathers Lawrence, Joseph and Bernard were also among the visitors at the Abbey and took part in the fraternal joys and mutual hilarities. In the afternoon all the Fathers attended the chapter which had been convoked by the new Abbot and at which he held the presidency. The College question came up for a comprehensive discussion.

—A kind reader from Engelfeld sent in to our office the sum of \$20.00 to be used for the redemption of pagan children. Thanks.

—Rev. Father Fridolin held divine services at Carmel last Sunday.

—Nic. Stomp arrived here Monday of this week from Luxembourg on a visit with his brothers Jac. and John Stomp.

—The young ladies of Muenster will produce the beautiful play "Die hl. Elisabeth von Thueringen" in the parochial school at Muenster next Sunday, Nov. 23, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Those that witnessed the play at Bruno on Nov. 9th when the new Ursuline convent at that place was solemnly blessed claim that the play was so beautifully executed that it could hardly have been excelled by professionals. No wonder, then, that the people of Muenster are looking forward with great eagerness for next Sunday, which will surely prove an intellectual treat for everyone that can arrange to be present. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to one and all.

—On Monday of this week Messrs. Wassermann, Fernholz and Kenkel fitted up the Abbey Church with upper storm windows. A twofold purpose will thereby be attained: The beautiful decorations in the interior of the church will be better protected against the glazing rays of the sun and the heating of the spacious church will be made easier.

—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bonas intend to make a trip to the United States this week, presumably to California, where they expect to pass the winter.

—The weather was quite agreeable since last Sunday. After an entire month of cold winter days the sun finally succeeded to overcome the severity of the cold, and on Sunday and Monday the snow

was greatly diminished so that there was but little of it left.

ENGELFELD.—On Nov. 11 the Rev. Father Joseph united Michael Dirks of Anaheim and Anna Nordick of Engelfeld in the holy bonds of matrimony.

BARGAINS of Ladies' and Children's Fall and Winter Hats, Tams and all millinery trimmings. I will sell them at cost. Come and get your millinery needs at this Bargain Sale, at my residence.

MRS. WILKES, WATSON, SASK.

WATSON, Nov. 8th, 1919.

Dear St. Peter's Bote:—

Since last writing you, Rev. Father Dominic had the pleasure of entertaining the Rt. Rev. Peter Engel, O. S. B., Abbot of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., and the Rt. Rev. Oswald Baran, O. S. B., Abbot of St. Martin's Abbey, Laccey, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson of B. C., are visiting in Watson, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Robinson.

Mrs. Burdick of the "Farmer's Home" has started on her European trip. Besides visiting her old home in Scotland, Mrs. Burdick intends going to Belgium to view the spot where her son lies buried. He succumbed to an attack of "Flu" after hostilities ceased.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Thompson who has been quite sick for about ten days is able to be around again.

Notwithstanding the cold weather the attendance in the Sacred Heart School is almost perfect. 42 children being in attendance every day.

Two of the venerable Sisters of the Humboldt Hospital spent the week-end in Watson in the interest of their institution.

A Great Undertaking.

In every Catholic Community of some size there is a man who by his office is the friend and protector of the unfortunate, the consoler of the afflicted, the defender of the defenseless, the support of the widow, the father of the orphans. In fact to everyone of that community he is known by the sweet name: Father. Even Non-Catholics call him so. He belongs to everyone of said community, and still is not a member of their families. All go to see him, to hear him, to seek his advice, to ask and receive benefits from his hands. Infants and tiny babies are carried to him, and he transforms them into angels. The children of school age, boys and girls, are brought to him, and he breaks the Bread of Life to them. How eagerly do they listen to the words of wisdom that proceed from his lips! The young couple on entering the path of marital life approaches him, and he pronounces words replete with blessings from on high which fill their hearts with joy and supernatural felicity. All have the utmost confidence in this man, this friend, this kind father. They have no secrets to him, no, they confide things to him that they would not even tell their best most intimate friend. The dying consider it a signal favor and blessing if before their departure from this life, their eyes may gaze once more on this good friend and father, if they may hear, once more, those unctuous words he speaks. Not enough—even the dead are carried to him, and he raises his hand and imparts unto them a final blessing!—This man is essentially a man of prayer. Every day you may see him wrapped in prayer conversing with his Creator whose representative on earth he is, praying for a long time, praying for the sick, for the children, for the adults, praying for the sinners, praying for himself, praying for the living and the dead. He is ever ready, when called upon, to visit the sick, to do good, to bestow favors, bene-

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