

## CURRENT COMMENT

The recently opened Salvation Army Maternity, Grace Hospital, receives a grant of ten thousand dollars from the city council, which, of course, in order to be so generous, must use the taxes of Catholics; but the same city council refuses to grant one cent to the Catholic Maternity established more than ten years ago, which receives many non-Catholic patients, and in which the officials, being nuns vowed to poverty, receive no salaries, while the Salvation Army officials do. This is another example of that beautiful combination of thrift and magnanimous fairplay of which our separated brethren are so proud.

The Toronto "News" cartoon, "Suggestions for the new coat of arms of Alberta," has been widely copied by other admiring papers. None of them seems to have noticed the shocking barbarism in the motto "Victoribus Spoliae" (To the Victors belong the Spoils). It speaks volumes for the scholarship of Toronto journalists that such a blunder should have run the gauntlet of all the argus-eyed correctors or proof readers in a great daily paper. We need hardly point out to those of our readers who have met the hackneyed phrase, "opima spolia," that there is no such Latin form as "spoliae." The "News" may perhaps try to excuse the mistake as a misprint, but the fact that the barbarous form appears first in capitals and a second time in "lower case" rather weakens the force of that excuse. Mgr. Sbarretti, who is a scholar to his finger-tips, must have felt amply avenged, by this display of pretentious ignorance, for the caricature of himself as one of the supporters of the crest. His friends are fully aware that he at least could never extend the hand of friendly approval over that Willisonian "spoliae."

Speaking of a memorial booklet got up for the many devoted friends of the late Rev. Dr. Angus Joseph Chisholm, of Sydney, C.B., the "Casket," at whose office the little book was printed, says: "Prefixed to these"—a brief biography and a Casket article by the late brilliant Doctor—"are some exquisite verses by the lamented priest's Jesuit brother, verses which the great poet whose 'In Memoriam' stanza has been taken as a model would not have been ashamed of." Coming from so competent a critic, this is very high praise indeed.

Honest restitution and generous acknowledgment therefor are conspicuous in the following from one of our Ontario exchanges:

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If insurers and insured were all like these what a lovely place this world would be!

Refreshing indeed was the tone in which the Free Press editorially smashed the Rev. R. G. MacBeth's letter, while courteously printing it in the very same column. The castigation meted out to that feather-brained busybody is so quietly impressive, so like a gentle but firm mother spanking, in measured beats, her wayward child, that we print it here.

Mr. MacBeth's letter on the school question is interesting principally because it shows how difficult the problem of solution is. Mr. MacBeth says that the Protestants of Quebec are entitled to separate schools because the majority schools are ecclesiastical schools to which the Protestants object to send their children; whereas, in the other provinces the majority schools are non-sectarian schools to which the Catholics should not object to send their children. But it is notorious that they do object. Mr. MacBeth recognizes that they object, but he treats their opposition as of no particular account, and is plainly in favor of it being overridden by the authorities. Thus we find Mr. MacBeth laying down these propositions:

If Protestants conscientiously object to send their children to majority schools they are entitled to separate schools, but if Catholics conscientiously object to send their children to majority schools their conscientious scruples are to be treated with contempt.

This way of dealing with the question has the merit of simplicity. It is also workable in any community which is overwhelmingly Protestant; but wherever the Catholic minority is considerable a compromise arrangement like that which George Brown, as Mr. MacBeth points out, deplored but consented to, is inevitably reached either by legislation or by administrative methods.

We note with pleasure Father Drummond's earnest commendation, last Sunday morning at St. Mary's church, of the new young men's sodality, St. Mary's Lyceum, with its Church Aid, Literary, Dramatic, Musical and Athletic features. We have long held the opinion, based on the experience of the most flourishing parishes in both hemispheres, that men's sodalities, and more particularly young men's sodalities, are the mainspring and mainstay of that lay action which the Popes have so often insisted on. We hope St. Mary's Lyceum will gather in all the staunchly Catholic young men of this city, and that it will develop into a great and prosperous association.

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Father Lee, pastor of Oakwood, N. Dak., was here on Thursday of last week and said the student's Mass at St. Boniface College on that day.

Father Marion, O. M.I., is chaplain of the Sisters at St. Mary's Academy, while Rev. Dr. Trudel is chaplain of the pupils. Father Marion is also in charge of the Sisters of Misericorde.

Kneeling in the street with crucifix in hand Father O'Farrell of the Holy Name of Jesus church, New York, administered the last sacraments to Edward Ryan, a driver for Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, as the man lay in agony under a heavy trolley car which had run over him.

Around the kneeling priest was a mob of infuriated men and women, who were prevented from attacking the motorman of the car by a platoon of police that had been rushed to the scene.

Undismayed by the surging of the angry crowd which threatened to trample him under foot, Father O'Farrell calmly continued his sacred work and refused to leave the wounded man's side until the heavy car had been lifted off the body of its victim.

Both of Ryan's legs were severed and he was removed to a hospital, where he died later.

A Buffalo paper is justly proud of the honor conferred on a professor of Canisius College in that city. Father Bonvin, S.J., submitted the manuscript

of a new Mass composed by himself to the committee of Roman cardinals charged with the examination of church music, and his manuscript received the imprimatur of that select committee, which represents the Holy Father's own strict views. Father Bonvin, who has already published many highly esteemed musical compositions, recently attended the Gregorian chant congress in Strasburg and has just returned to Buffalo.

Father Garaix, S.J., has written twice to the Rector of St. Boniface College since his departure for China. He says he met with kind and generous friends everywhere, especially at Seattle, where his Jesuit brethren received him with open arms. He took steamer from Seattle for Hong Kong, via Japan, on Sept. 20.

Archbishop Chapelle, New Orleans, was the second head of the diocese to die from yellow fever, the other being Right Rev. Leo de Neckere, D.D., C.M., the fourth bishop of New Orleans, who died September 4, 1833.



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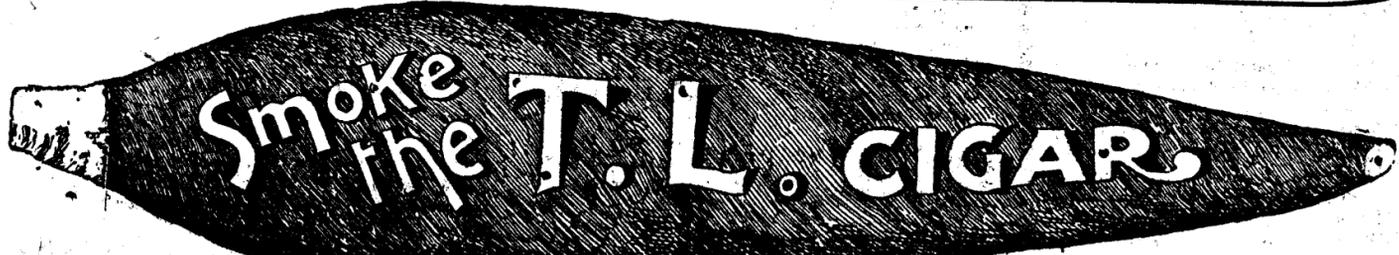
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