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THE PRAIRIE WOLF—A PARABLE.

On the banks of the Tiber a she-wolf was born and grew up. There is a tradition that she once did an act of kindness in suckling two little waifs—Romulus and Remus, but nobody now believes the story. She and her descendants have been better known for their cruelty and rapacity; indeed the whole race have gained the character of hungry wolves. Some of her cruel ravings are well known. On St. Bartholomew's night in France she cruelly devoured great flocks of Huguenots; in Spain her unheard of deeds of blood in the Inquisition have brought a disgrace upon humanity; and in England in the market place of Smithfield, thousands of helpless victims were worried by her in cold blood. Her boast is that she never changes (*semper eadem*). On the slope of Capitoline Hill the traveller sees confined from age to age a she-wolf in token of the fact. On the prairies of the Northwest the wolf has continued her old work. The Red River and Saskatchewan rebellions were entirely among her followers. Her grasping, voracious disposition is seen in her seizing the children of the poor red men of the prairies, regardless of parental entreaties and of right and justice. A poor Indian woman was brutally beaten by a priest and crushed into submission. In Manitoba the overtaxed settlers have insisted on giving no special privileges to this dangerous incomer. She would claim a special right to be free, and fatten on the community, because she says she has descended from that old wolf of the Tiber. The dwellers on the prairie are believers in heredity; and so will neither be coaxed nor frightened into believing that a change of disposition has taken place. And now the leader of the Jesuits in Manitoba is very angry, and berates the people of Winnipeg, the farmers of Manitoba, and the Privy Council itself. The prophecy is being fulfilled of the "grievous wolves" entering in, "not sparing the flock."

GENEROUS GIFTS.

Mrs. McEwen and Mrs. Gillies, of Carlton Place, have generously offered to contribute, annually, \$250 for the support of the Alameda and Oxbow mission.

The Session of Knox Church, Galt, has offered, on behalf of the congregation, to give special contribution of \$250 annually, to support a missionary in Western Canada.

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