

CHURCH NOTES.

FOR BUSY MEN.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

In reply to numerous troubled inquiries received in Rome from bishops and priests in all parts of Roman Catholic Christendom as to the correct attitude of Catholics towards the Higher Criticism relative to the Pentateuch, the Vatican issues through the Biblical Commission the following document, sealed with the pope's approval:

1. Despite the arguments formulated by modern criticism against the Mosaic authenticity of the Pentateuch, great regard must be had for the witness of the Old and New Testaments, the constant persuasion of the Jewish people, and the uninterrupted tradition of the Church, equally with the internal proofs derivable from the sacred books themselves. It must be maintained that these books have Moses for their author, and have not been composed of elements for the most part later than his time.

2. It does not, however, follow that Moses wrote the Pentateuch entirely with his own hand, or dictated it all to copyists. It may be admitted that when he conceived his work under Divine inspiration, he confided its redaction to other men, and that they have truly rendered his thought, neither adding nor omitting anything contrary to his intention; and that they have published the inspired text after having obtained the inspired author's approbation of the work which bears his name.

3. It is likewise admissible that Moses, in composing the Pentateuch, availed himself of earlier sources, written documents, or oral traditions, whereof, under Divine inspiration, he made use conformably to the end he proposed attaining; so that he borrowed somewhat of the words, and at other times the sense only, abridging or amplifying according to circumstances.

4. It may further be admitted that the books of Moses in the long course of centuries which have elapsed since their composition have undergone some modifications; as, for instance, certain additions, written by some inspired author after the death of Moses; certain glosses and explanations interpolated into the text; certain words and forms of discourse translated from an older into a more modern style; and lastly, certain faulty readings attributable to the uncertainties of copying. It belongs to the province of criticism to employ the rules of its art in the research and discernment of these modifications.

5. Preparations are proceeding actively for the congress of Jesuits to elect a new general of the order. They expect to meet September 1st. America will be represented by the Very Rev. Fr. G. Gannon, of New York, the Very Rev. Fr. M. Geller, provincial of Missouri, representing altogether 1,750 Jesuits. The election is likely to occur on September 8.

On August 15th the coronation stone of the magnificent new Roman Catholic cathedral in St. Boniface was blessed by Mgr. Langevin in the presence of a multitude of the faithful. Mgr. Duhamel, archbishop of Ottawa, presided over the address of the occasion, his remarks conveying to His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface hearty congratulations on the success of the great undertaking, and the more cheering prospect of the west were in attendance and many assisted in the celebration of the opening of the ceremonies this morning. The cathedral, the cost of which is estimated in excess of \$300,000.

A new academy for the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame will be erected in the east end of Montreal immediately.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

New departures are not confined to any one church, and things occur from day to day which would have greatly surprised our fathers. The presbytery of Qu'Appelle has elected an elder to the position of moderator.

Dr. H. P. Jones has been appointed to the professorship in Dalhousie College, made vacant by the retirement of Prof. Leicht, who becomes entitled to a governor's pension provided for by the Carnegie Foundation Fund.

The United Pres Church of Scotland, evidently does not regard the "dead line" in the ministry as do some churches on this side of the world. Both the moderator and the retiring moderator of the recent assembly of the church are over eighty years of age.

The secretary of the Presbyterian Union has organized a new mission at Tetrautville, Longue Pointe, which gives promise of speedy growth. There is no school building or church of any kind in the new village, which has a population of only about two years.

While not forgetful of the claims of the great outside world, attention is being paid to the needs of the people at home. Evidence of this is furnished by the fact that during the present vacation season thirty-six, preliminary to the opening of the ministry, have been employed as home missionaries in New Brunswick. The benefit is two-fold: the people are being cared for and the young preachers are afforded an opportunity to exercise their gifts.

The Presbyterian church in the United States (north) reports a total membership of 1,153,622, being an increase of 24,000 over the year—the largest number of new communicants ever reported in one year.

At the meetings held by Torrey and Alexander in Ottawa, the Presbyterian, of that city, says: "Ottawa has a rich spiritual heritage which will be apparent in the renewed aggressiveness and vitality of the Christian churches. About 1,500 cards were handed in to the executive committee, signed by all of the people who professed to be Christians, and the renewed aggressiveness and vitality of the Christian churches. About 1,500 cards were handed in to the executive committee, signed by all of the people who professed to be Christians, and the renewed aggressiveness and vitality of the Christian churches.

LIFE OF TOURIST SAVED BY DOG

Reckless Climber Cut Off By the Tide Insignificant Spaniel Guides Rescue Party up Cliff Where Man Lay Nerfless and Helpless

CARDIFF, Aug. 28.—A spaniel was chiefly responsible for saving the life of a man who had climbed the precipitous cliffs at Ifracombe on Wednesday night and was unable to return.

The reckless climber was William Amery, of Bath, who was staying at Ifracombe. About 7.30 on Wednesday evening he went out on Torre Cliff, and descended to the beach. As the tide was rising rapidly he tried to ascend the cliff, but when he had reached a point about 200 feet above the beach he lost his nerve, and was unable either to ascend or descend.

His shouts for help were heard by some young women who were strolling on top of the cliff, and they raised an alarm. Several boats were put off to the rescue, and as the first boat left the quay the dog, which belonged to one of the rescuing party, jumped on board when it was twelve feet away from the quay.

It was put on board a boat moored alongside the quay, but again jumped on the rescuing boat, and was allowed this time to start.

By the time the rescuers arrived Amery was too exhausted to shout, and he tried to indicate his position by pulling matches. These were insignificant, however, but the dog was put ashore, and he led the rescuers up the cliff to where the young man was clinging.

The problem then arose of how to get Amery down. The dog was used, and he again proved of invaluable assistance. He led the little party from ledge to ledge along the face of the cliff until the rescuers reached the dog's guide. It would not have been possible for the men to find the footholds in the cliff in the darkness.

BIG FIELD FOR MONCTON RACES

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 25.—The entries announced for the Moncton horse races on September 1st and third indicate some of the finest sport ever seen on the local speedway.

The entries are as follows: 2.35 Class. Earl Grey—Go. Lawrence, Sackville. Alice H.—M. A. Harding, St. John. Marble T.—Park Stables, Charlottetown. Robert T. Azud Landry, Moncton. Burlina—A. B. Kitchen, Fredericton. Meadowdale—Thos. Holmes, Sussex. Fleetfoot—Springhill Stables. Delaunay—Frank Boutillier, Halifax. No. 1. Manufacturers' Stake—2.15 Class—Race for Trot—\$500. Claudia Hal and Estel Boy, Springhill Stables. Kremella—Frank Boutillier, Halifax. Victor—Chas. Henry, Chatham. Delaunay—T. T. Prescott, Sussex. Reta M.—Peter Carroll, J. R. Lamy, Halifax. Ruth Wilkes—A. H. Learmont, Truro.

John—John C. Larder, Sydney. Park Compobello—H. L. Ramsay, Summerside. No. 2. Merchants' Stake—2.25 Pace 2.25 Trot—\$500. Fleetfoot and Miss Kamdas—Springhill Stables, Springhill. Pete—Frank Boutillier, Halifax. Belmont—Nat. McNair, River Louisbourg. Abbott—W. G. Fenwick, Bathurst. Kingborough—L. D. Morton, Digby. Little Egypt—R. J. Green, A. B. Etter, St. John. Bushall—D. H. McAllister, J. R. Lamy, Sussex. Leewood—S. M. Dawson, North Truro. Capatola, C. H. Chandler, Charlottetown. Ruth Wilkes—Fred T. Holme, Amherst. Al D.—Richard Herbert, Moncton. Frank Krohn—John C. Larder, Sydney.

Burlina—A. B. Kitchen, Amherst. Winfeld Stratton—A. B. Etter, Amherst. Diavalo—E. LeRoy Willis, Sydney. Terrace Queen—C. F. DeWitt, Bridgetown. Carrara—Springhill Stables. Carrara—Frank Boutillier, Halifax. Lady Blingen—Springhill Stables.

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—Northern and Eastern Lumber—Of the large production some 220,000 feet of lumber are now on hand, 9-inch and under, and refuse to accept less. The price is 40 cents per 100 feet, and the majority, who regard \$22.50 as the outside for any but a really hard order, will accept a bid of \$20.00.

On the site of a Shinto temple at Nagasaki, Japan, a Y. M. C. A. building has just been erected, costing 24,000 yen. When this temple was sold on mortgage foreclosure the association bought it, as it was located in a prominent and central position in the city. At the opening banquet the governor of the province, the mayor of the city, president of the city council, the managing director of four banks, not one of whom was a Christian, but all of whom gave to the purchase of the building, were present. The Russian, Chinese and British consuls were also guests and movers in the undertaking.

The Tokio census shows the membership of the Y. M. C. A. in Japan has increased from 484 to 1,098. Marchioness Oyama and Lady McDonald, wife of Sir Claude McDonald, are active leaders in the women's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Christian Association.

DIAMOND THIEF CAUGHT AFTER A LONG CHASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Locked up at police headquarters is a young man charged with the larceny of \$5,000 worth of diamonds several months ago. Mochorsky, who is but 17 years old, afforded the police of many states of this country a vain chase and then went to Europe. It was only love for a girl in Denver, whom he ventured back to the United States to see which led to his arrest. The boy was employed by Louis Mochorsky, a youth charged with the larceny of \$5,000 worth of diamonds several months ago. Mochorsky, who is but 17 years old, afforded the police of many states of this country a vain chase and then went to Europe. It was only love for a girl in Denver, whom he ventured back to the United States to see which led to his arrest.

There is no real change to note in the diamond market. Sellers are often in a hurry to get rid of their stock, and it is difficult for the buyer to keep prices on an even keel. Nevertheless, we have heard of a close buyer who, after a thorough canvass of the market, had refused to accept less than \$18 inside price for small sizes. We would like to affirm, however, that within a day or two a seller could not be found, anxious to turn his lumber into money.

Conditions just now are, in fact, such that it pays to make a good deal of inquiry. No one speaks of the demand for diamonds being more than fair proportions, and a little concession would be made for a few days. It is not surprising, therefore, that a seller who has obtained \$20 for his diamonds has done very well. There is beginning to be more inquiry for singles and the mills are taking a firmer view of prices. Already \$3.50 is sometimes quoted for nice brands of singles, and a little concession would be made for a few days.

There is much more stir, too, in the market for laths, and although prices are not as yet notably changed, the tone is, no doubt, firmer. For nice 1 1/2 inch laths \$10 is about the best a buyer can do. The seller's tendency would be to add rather than detract from this figure. In New York the price for 1 1/2 inch is \$3.85 to 4.15. There is nothing new to be expected either the demand for or the price of clapboards. If a buyer is in need he has to look about a little before he can find any. If, on the other hand, a mill has some to sell, it is not always easy to discover a customer.

The prices below are those quoted the yards by the wholesale men: SPRUCE LUMBER. Rail shipments—10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$24 to \$25; 8-inch dimension, \$22 to \$23; 10 and 12-inch dimension lengths, 10 feet and up, \$24 to \$24.50; 2x2, 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, and 2x10, 10 feet and up, \$13 to \$15; all other random lengths, 8 inches and under, 10 feet up.

PRESENCE OF MIND. The boy fell off the schooner's deck in the angry tempest's roar. They had no boat and he missed the rope. Yet the plucky lad would not give up hope. But shouted, "Throw me a bar of soap, and I'll wash myself ashore!"

LORD AMHERST. In a touching and sad little speech to his neighbors, Lord Amherst yesterday told them that retirement and relief would be necessary for him, and that he had no other choice. The news was, of course, very sorrowfully received. Not only have he and his family spent every summer for many years past at Diddington Hall, but he had a very large fortune.

Makes Child's Play of Wash Day SURPRISE A PURE HARD SOAP

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS ALARM THE PEOPLE OF CHILE. SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 23.—(Delayed in transmission) — Another severe earthquake shock has just occurred here.

KINGS CO. CROPS ARE SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT. The dairy industry hurt by scarcity of feed for the cattle.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S CHLORODYNE. THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, 18th Feb. 1883, says: "It will prefer to take abroad with me as a general medicine."

NEW CATALOGUE FOR 1905-6. IT MEANS A GREAT MANY EXTRA DOLLARS FOR YOU, AFTER GRADUATION.

PEER LOSES \$5,000,000 BY LAWYER'S KNAVERY. Lord Amherst Meets With Sad Reverse on the Eve of Golden Wedding.

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