

The Right Rev. William O'Connell, Bishop of Portland, Maine, it is stated, has been appointed Papal representative to Japan, and he will proceed at once to that country on an important mission for the Vatican.

Father Meyer, who has been elected General of the Congregation of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, is a native of Elsass.

A number of Jesuit astronomers from various countries visited Spain for the eclipse. Father Cortie, of Stonyhurst, went to the observatory of the Ebro, where he met Fathers Kramova and Stein from Holland, Fathers Schaffers and Lucas from Belgium, Father Villet from France, and Fathers Pintas and D'Elvas from Portugal, as well as several Spanish Fathers. Excursions were organized, and one of them was led by Father Cortie. Fathers Esch and Baur S.J., Germans, went to Burgos. Most complete arrangements for observation were made at the Tortosa Observatory by the Director, Father Cirera, S.J. The results obtained have been fairly successful.

A little before noon on Tuesday last the students of St. Boniface College greeted His Lordship Bishop Racicot with a cleverly turned French address read by J. B. Sauve and a neat little versified allusion in English to the relationship of uncle to nephew between their distinguished guest and His Grace the Archbishop, who was present, the verses being read by John Persichini. The college orchestra, under the able leadership of Father George Robichaud, played very acceptably. Mgr. Racicot replied in French and English, exhorting the students to prove worthy of the admirable training they were receiving under the Jesuit Fathers. The two prelates, accompanied by many clerical visitors, afterwards dined in the Fathers' Refectory, Mgr. Racicot leaving immediately after dinner for St. Jean Baptiste.

Father Drummond will preach next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's church.

Persons and Facts

The Telegram has received the following letter, dated Sept. 24, from the sisters of St. Boniface Hospital:

"The patients of St. Boniface Hospital enjoyed a very delicious dinner, yesterday, consisting of ducks and prairie chickens, sent by the Governor-General with his compliments.

This sympathetic kindness of His Excellency, the Governor-General was highly appreciated by the poor patients and by the Sisters in charge of the hospital."

Earl Grey also sent gifts of game, bagged by himself and party last week, to the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Mr. Louis F. Bouche has been appointed choirmaster and Miss Alice Doyle organist of St. Mary's church Winnipeg.

The University examinations in September—supplemental and medical entrance—are now so largely attended that special supervision has become necessary. Rev. Dr. Hart and Father Drummond divided up the seven days, from Sept. 21 to Sept. 28 inclusively, between them.

The Rev. A. P. Lonley, an Anglican clergyman, in a letter to the "Church Times" thus summarizes the objects of the enemies of the Church in France: "The fight is not against clericalism or the religious orders, but against Christianity, against Christ."

The proceedings at the International Congress of Freethought in Paris have been lively, the anarchists proposing a violent resolution in favour of Malato, who is in custody charged with having attempted to assassinate the King of Spain and President Loubet. A vote of sympathy with the accused was passed.

Writing from Vienna to the "Western Watchman" of St. Louis, U.S. Father Phelan says: "I never saw people show so much respect to the clergy as these Viennese do."

Dr. Charles Clinton Swisher, of Washington, professor of comparative politics in the school of law and diplomacy at George Washington University, is the first Protestant to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The degree was conferred on Dr. Swisher by Cardinal Gibbons recently, and was given in recognition of the former's "History of Religious Orders in Mexico," which received the indorsement of Pope Leo XIII.

Already preparations are being made at the Vatican for the great anniversary fete of the Swiss Guard, which was to have been in October, but has now been fixed for next January. This fete will celebrate the fourth century of their existence at the Vatican, where they were first called, 200 of them, in 1505, by Pope Julius II.

Mother Mary Magdalen of the Sacred Heart, nee Countess Annetta Bentivoglio, foundress of the Order of Poor Clares in the United States, departed this life on August 18. She was born in the Castle of St. Angelo, Rome, on July 29, 1834, being the twelfth of sixteen children. Her father, Count Domenico Bentivoglio, held the rank of General in the Papal army and did worthy service both under Gregory XVI and Pius IX.

Mr. E. J. LeBreton, of San Francisco, has given \$200,000 to build a new Home for the aged in Los Angeles, California. The Home is to be under the direction of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Limerick city jail has been closed, as the small number of criminals incarcerated in it did not justify the expense incurred in keeping up the staff required.

M. Cola, attorney at Mont de Marsan, and liquidator of the property of the Congregations in the Landes, has, says "La Croix," just died after a long agony. He never had a day's health since he accepted the office of liquidator. Badly hustled by the crowd at Saint-Sever and at Tartas in the exercise of his functions, deserted by a great number of his friends, M. Cola long since bitterly regretted his connection with the persecutors. At his own request and that of all the members of his family, M. Froment, Cure-Archpriest of Mont de Marsan, visited the sick man, who, in full possession of his faculties, and in the presence of several witnesses, solemnly declared that he repented sincerely that he had accepted the position of liquidator, and took a formal engagement, if he should recover his health, to resign his functions. An account of these statements was at once drawn up in writing, and signed by all the witnesses. The sick man then received the Last Sacraments and died as a child of Holy Church. A nursing Sister tended him to his last breath.

This last week has treated us to several days of delightful summer sunshine and heat.

Mr. J. J. McGee, clerk of the Privy Council and brother of the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, stopped over here for a few hours on Tuesday on his way back to Ottawa, after his official functions at the birth of the two new provinces. Mrs. McGee, who had been ill at the Edmonton Catholic Hospital, has now fully recovered, and accompanied her husband.

On Monday evening Chief Justice and, Madame Dubuc entertained at dinner Monseigneur Racicot, Rev. Joachim Allard, O.M.I., Rev. F. X. Kavanagh and Rev. Raymond Giroux, all four of whom were fellow students of Judge Dubuc in the Montreal College from 1860 to 1865. His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface and Rev. Canon Martin, Mgr. Racicot's travelling companion, were also present. It was a feast of college reminiscences forty years ago.

We learn from the St. Thomas (N. D.) Times, of Sept. 22, that little Archie B. O'Connor, whose critical attack of peritonitis was mentioned in our columns three weeks ago, is gradually improving and is expected to recover.

St. Mary's Academy welcomed Mgr. Racicot on Thursday afternoon.

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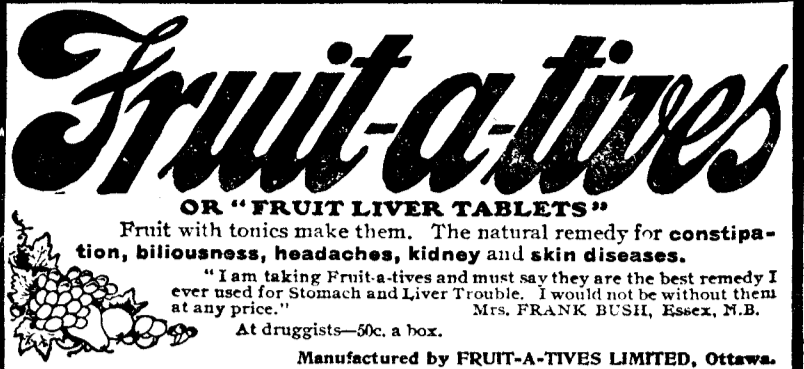
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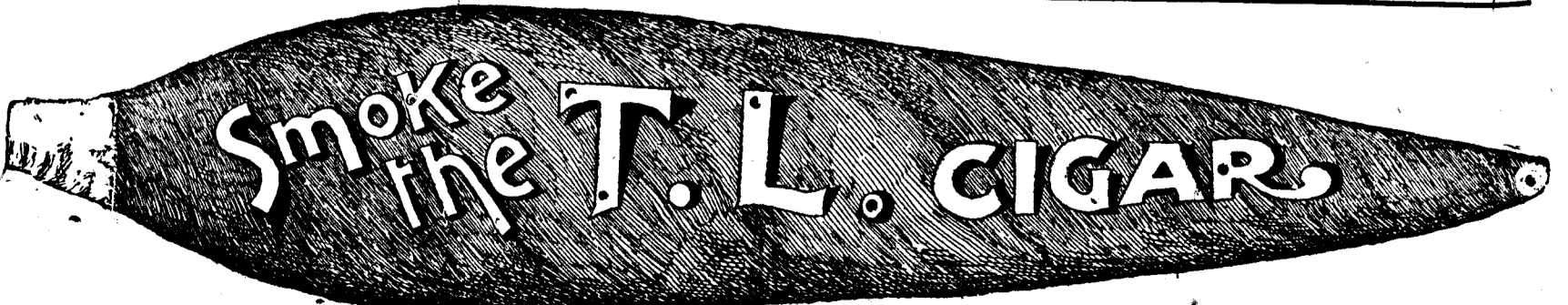
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