

loathing from her so-called deception and falsehood. They have poisoned the minds of their readers and auditors against the Catholic Church and by falsehood closed the pathway of return to her fold. These falsifiers of doctrine and history have sown the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind. No Protestant who has been taught to regard Catholicity as the scarlet woman of the Apocalypse, will turn to her when Protestantism fails to satisfy his seekings after truth. He will sink in infidelity rather than study that which he has been led to believe is grossest in error. The calumnies propagated against the Catholic Church, and which alas! are still disseminated, are responsible for the inroads of unbelief; and it is not surprising when the fullness of Christian truth is hidden from men and a distortion of it offered in its stead, that the mind rejects the false substitute and turns to infidelity.

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION.

In conformity with the usage of the Grey Nun Order, which has always had a great devotion to the Holy Cross, the feast of the Exaltation last Wednesday was celebrated with becoming solemnity.

At eight o'clock in the morning High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Paquin, S. J., Rector of St. Boniface College, whose sister, Sœur St. Julien, is Directress of Provencher Academy. Rev. Father Gravel was deacon and Rev. Father Bêliveau was subdeacon. The singing by the nuns and the Misses Tregilgas was as usual very good and edifying.

At 4 p.m. Rev. Father Gravel officiated at solemn Vespers, which were largely attended by outsiders, after which His Grace Archbishop Langevin confirmed three girls, one of whom was a recent convert, and a boy also a convert and then preached an eloquent sermon on devotion to the Holy Cross as a means to acquire patience in our sufferings. He also said a few words in English.

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Mgr. Langevin officiated, with Rev. Father Gravel as deacon and Rev. Fr. Lacasse, O. M. I., as subdeacon. The ceremony closed with the veneration of the relic of the Cross.

NOTES FROM STE. ROSE DU LAC.

13th Sept.

"With heigh ho! the winds and the rain, And the rain it raineth every day."

We are having the sort of weather that long ago in Shakespeare's time they had in "Merrie England." But the crops must be got in, weather or not. Alas! the fair promise of our harvest lies drowned in tears and our hay-makers are gone home in despair from the the prairie camping-grounds, where we were so happy awhile ago. Could you have seen us! ladies too of the party, young ones of course. We had an Indian at hand to shoot a stray duck or two (we could not, you know, not being of the right

color). I shall not easily forget the good POT-AU-FEU we enjoyed day after day we know how to cook when there is anything handy. And every evening the mosquitoes sang us to sleep, or kept us awake, as it might be: like false friends they sting in caressing, like false friends, they go with our bright days, BON VOYAGE; don't trouble to return, mosquitoes, when the bright days come again, as they surely will.

No, the Ste. Rose correspondent is not dead and you have not been invited to his funeral, (you may pray for his soul all the same). he does not now re-visit the glimpses of the moon and haunt you like a spirit, although in such guise he knows he would be welcome to some, not tea-totallers; he is not dead, not quite, though nearly drowned just now. Don't be afraid to read these notes, there will be nothing dry about them.

They say, and I hope it is true, that we are going to have a bi-weekly mail service, methinks the mail carrier will be the last to sign the petition, for hardly a man could be found of sufficient strength of purpose to be willing to put his horse-flesh on such a road more than once a week.

It makes one more sorry and ashamed, as it were, to see our ways still so open to reproof as we are expecting a very distinguished visitor to this place on Friday the 30th inst., His Grace Archbishop Langevin, who in company with other kind friends of ours has promised to come for the opening of our new church. The ceremony of blessing the edifice will take place on the first Sunday in October. Confirmation will be given also. I cannot at this time send you a description of this new church of ours, as it is incomplete as yet, and I hope some of you will come and see it for yourselves, later on, I will only add, in order to encourage you to come, that it resembles Heaven in one respect: there is room and to spare for anyone likely to go there: it resembles Heaven in some other respects: the road to it is not always an easy one, it embraces all nationalities, and St. Peter keeps the door-key.

We trust all the bad weather will exhaust itself now, as we should wish to receive our beloved Archbishop and dear friends who accompany him, with smiles on the face of Nature, in unison with the smiles on our own faces, expressing the joy of our hearts at their happy arrival amongst us, making them so welcome to our distant and humble village that they may be encouraged to prolong their stay, and to come amongst us again at no distant date.

CHURCH GOING.

Church Record.

"To morrow afternoon," said a minister to his congregation, "the funeral of—will be held in this Church. I shall preach a funeral sermon on the occasion, and the man himself be here the first time in twenty years." How shocking the bald truth of such an announcement and what a deadly principle it unveils—the neglect of church-going, and the ease with which the habit is formed. Men so

frequently say: "I was made to go to church so much when I was young that I have given up the habit, and only go on special occasions." One might also say: "I was made to eat and sleep and wear clothes, and to read and study and think and tell the truth, and a hundred other things which wise parents made me do, and trained in good habits when I was young and there is all the more reason why I should not now depart from any of them." Is the regular worship of God, in which you were also trained, so bad a habit or so unimportant a matter that it must be dropped out? Are you wiser than your parents, whose memory you revere, and whom, if departed, you believe to be in the paradise of God? Will your children say the same of you, or does your example agree with your parental advice and authority? Which is the better training, that which says to a child, "You must go to church," or that which says, "Come with me to church?"

A MILITARY TRICK.

One of our German-American citizens related the following incident of the German revolution of 1848:

"We were short of men and had a larger number of prisoners to look after. That did not worry us as long as we were not moving, but one day we had to make a forced march. The country through which we were to pass was hostile, and extreme watchfulness was necessary. We had few enough men as it was, and we knew that those prisoners were ready to make a dead run at the first opening.

"Finally a young officer made a brilliant suggestion, and it was promptly carried out. We ripped the suspender buttons from the prisoners' trousers, took away their belts and knew we had them. Their hands were busy after that, and fast running was

out of the question. We made the march safely, and I do not believe that even Yankee ingenuity could have invented a simpler solution."—New York Tribune.

DANGEROUS VISITS.

The trial of a doctor's suit was published in a Connecticut newspaper some years ago, in which a witness was called for the purpose of approving the correctness of the doctor's bill. The witness was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger? "No," replied the witness, "I considered the patient in danger so long as the doctor continued his visits."—THE SANITARIAN.

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