

numbers that will participate in the coming excursion. We congratulate the members of the association on the point they have selected for their outing. No better place could have been chosen than the flourishing Catholic centre known as St. Anne's, and if the clerk of the weather is in a favorable state of mind on the first of July we predict for those who attend a most pleasant and enjoyable day in the country.

TRYING TO CHECKMATE THE POPE.

"The Review," of St. Louis, published on June 1st a strong article from the Cincinnati "Catholic Telegraph," showing how the "Catholic World" was trying to offset the Holy Father's condemnation of "Americanism" by reprinting the bogus letters of Cardinal Ganganelli. The letters that appeared in the May number of that magazine proved so unedifying that they have been discontinued in the June number. However, word seems to have been sent round by influential tricksters to keep the ball rolling, and so we find a fresh instalment of that literary fraud in the "Ave Maria." As becomes so wary a weekly, the extracts were better chosen than were those of the "Catholic World," and the editor defends them in this style:—"We are aware that the authenticity of the letters of Pope Clement XIV., now appearing in these pages, has been questioned. What is not doubted by somebody or other, at some time or other? No intelligent reader that is not prejudiced, however, will doubt the genuineness of these charming letters." Ingenious, but very ignorant and lamentably unworthy of the Ave Maria's best traditions.

Why, there is not one respectable authority in favor of the authenticity of these letters. Even the "Encyclopedia Britannica," that sworn foe of everything Catholic, does not attempt any such hopeless defence. It waives the question of authenticity altogether, and merely says:—"Ganganelli's familiar correspondence has been frequently reprinted and much admired for its elegance and urbanity," praise which, coming from such a source, is worse than blame from good men. The tone of the "Britannica's" article on Clement XIV., beginning with the groundless assertion that he was "the best and most calumniated of the Popes," is to the effect that he was the only intelligent and virtuous pope that ever filled the See of Peter, the only one that strove to reconcile the Papacy to the spirit of the age. This is a fair sample of the animus of that most insidiously dangerous—because supposedly learned and impartial—all encyclopedias.

The American Cyclopaedia, edited by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana, says, in its biography of Clement XIV.:—"The letters published as his by Caraccioli, his biographer, are considered unauthentic." From the Encyclopédie du 19e siècle (4th edition, 1877) we translate the following passage:—"Of the letters that have been published under the name of Clement XIV., in 1776 and 1777, 3 vols. 12mo., there is not one that is authentic;

they are all written by the Marquis de Caraccioli and his associate editors more skilful than himself." The most striking witness is M. N. Bouillet, whose "Dictionnaire Universel d'Histoire et de Géographie" was at one time so anti-Catholic that it was placed on the Index. He writes, in his "Dictionnaire":—"Caraccioli published a Life of Clement XIV., in French, Paris, 1775, with so-called Letters of the Pope, which are not at all authentic (qui n'ont aucune authenticité).

Thus erudition flies in the teeth of the "Ave Maria." The latter pretends that doubters are unreasonable, "What is not doubted by somebody or other, at some time or other?" Erudition proves that not mere doubt but flat denial is the only reasonable course; it says those Letters are not the work of Clement XIV.

As to the "Ave Maria's" assertion that "no intelligent and unprejudiced reader will doubt the genuineness of these charming letters," this again is flatly contradicted by the most intelligent critics. What made them at the very first in 1775 refuse to accept these letters as genuine was precisely the fact that they are not at all in conformity with Ganganelli's spirit and character. And, after trying hard, we confess we can find nothing charming in the selections made by the "Ave Maria." They breathe a spirit of self-conscious aiming at humility that is the very opposite of charming. In a word, these Letters, highly praised by Protestants and infidels, are, from a truly Catholic point of view, not worth reprinting even if authentic. But they are certainly not from the pen of Ganganelli. What, then, is the use of them?

MR. DE FROMENT'S INVENTION.

The burning of the Hotel Manitoba in Winnipeg and later the fearful catastrophe of the Hotel Windsor in New York have suggested to an ingenious lover of his kind a way of preventing such disasters. Of course fire alarms are no novelty. Their name and shape is legion. But, unfortunately, they do not work. When they give their warning signal the flames have already made such headway that they can no longer be checked. Mr. Jehan de Froment, however, has invented a fire alarm that will go off as soon as a spark burns anywhere on the walls or furniture in a room. All that is needed therefor is a suitable network of guncotton threads touching the combustible objects in a room. Everyone knows how inflammable guncotton is and yet how it will not itself set fire to a train of gunpowder through which it passes. All that happens is that the thread burns and evaporates into space; but this burning of the thread releases a spring that closes an electric circuit and thus rings an alarm. The guncotton threads are almost invisible and do not in any way spoil the look of a room.

Monsieur de Froment, who is a graduate of the University of Paris and a successful farmer and Justice of the Peace at Notre Dame de Lourdes, will himself exhibit his invention at the coming Provincial Fair in Winnipeg. He has already secured a patent.

DE CHAUNY — DE GALEMBERT.

Last Friday, in the private chapel of the Archbishop's palace, Miss Marie de Chauny, of Starbuck, was married to the Baron Louis de Galembert, who is the exclusive agent of the Acme Sunlight Gas Company in Winnipeg. The officiating clergyman, who said a few words before and after the marriage ceremony, was Rev. Father Drummond. There were present Madame de Chauny, mother of the bride, and her three sons, Pierre, Paul and Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Dixon, Mr. Jehan de Froment, Mr. Joseph Bernier and Mr. John Markinski. Rev. Father Charles Caron, curate at the Cathedral, kindly assisted the celebrant. The nuptial Mass began at 8.15 a.m. The bridegroom and the bride, who looked charming in a mouse-grey tailor-made gown and a picture hat trimmed with roses veiled by cream tulle, occupied two kneeling chairs in the middle of the chapel. After signing the parish register the wedding party drove to Mr. Dixon's where they did justice to Mrs. Hample's excellent catering. The happy couple took a wedding trip to Selkirk. Both the De Chaunys and the De Galemberts belong to the best French nobility.

An Operation Evaded.

MR. M. A. SIZE, OF INGERSOLL, ONT., TELLS HOW IT WAS DONE.

Symptoms of Appendicitis—The Way They Were Relieved—The Sufferer Now Well and Working Every Day

From the Chronicle, Ingersoll, In February, 1898, Mr. R. A. Size was taken very ill, and was confined to his home for several weeks. We heard that he was to go to the hospital to have an operation performed, but the operation never took place, and as he has started to work again and in apparently good health, we investigated the case and found that he has been using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Mr. Size is a highly respected citizen of Ingersoll, having resided here for thirty years, and has been a faithful employee at Messrs. Partlo & Son's flouring mills for over thirteen years. When asked by a Chronicle reporter whether he would give an interview for publication, telling the nature of his disease and his cure, he readily consented. Mr. Size gave the details of his illness and cure as follows:

"In February I caught a heavy cold which seemed to settle in my left side. The doctor thought it was neuralgia of the nerves. It remained there for some time and then moved to my right side, in the region of the appendix. We applied everything, and had fly-blisters on for 48 hours. They never even caused a blister and did the pain no good. The doctors came to the conclusion that the appendix was diseased and would have to be removed. The pain was very great at times, and there was such a stiffness in my ankles, also in my hand, and pain all over my body. The day and date was set for an operation, and I was reconciled to it. About a week before I was to go to the hospital my wife was reading the Chronicle. She read an account of a man who had been cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The symptoms of the disease were so much like mine that she became interested and wanted me to give the pills a trial. I had little faith in the pills but as my wife seemed to be anxious that I should take them, I consented. The day for the operation had now arrived, and I told the doctors that I did

not think I would go to the hospital for a while as I was feeling better. I continued the pills and was greatly surprised and pleased with the result. I continued to improve, and have long since given up all idea of an operation. When I started to use the pills, I was unable to walk, and suffered something awful with the pain in my side. It was just five weeks from the time that I started the use of the pills until I was able to walk again and I had been doctoring three months before that, and I have been working ever since. Altogether I have taken sixteen boxes of the pills, and they have done me more good than all the doctors' medicine I ever took in my life. I have now every confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and think that they are the best medicine in the world today. Certainly had it not been for them, I would have had to go through the ordeal of an operation and perhaps would not have been living now I hope. That by making this public it will be of benefit to others, as it was through one of these articles that I first learned of the unequalled qualities of the pills.

The public is cautioned against numerous pink colored imitations of these famous pills. The genuine are sold only in boxes, the wrapper around which bears the words "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." If your dealer does not have them they will be sent postpaid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BRIEFLETS.

Miss Susan Sharples, Miss Margaret Salisbury and Miss Ellen Salisbury, Catholic immigrants from Preston, Lancashire, specially recommended by their parish priest to Rev. Father McCarthy, O. M. I., arrived last Wednesday in Winnipeg, and have found situations in the Manor House.

The Winnipeg St. Jean Baptiste parade will start at 9.15, next Sunday morning, from the corner of Main and Lombard streets, passing through William, Princess, Notre Dame and Hargrave streets to St. Mary's church, where Rev. Father Cherrier, chaplain of the St. Jean Baptiste society, will sing the High Mass. His Grace the Archbishop has kindly consented to preach in French and say a few words in English. After Mass the procession will return

by St. Mary, Kennedy and Broadway to Main street, where it will break up.

About twelve hundred Doukhobors, who have been in town for the past two months, are still with us. Now that seed time is past where is their winter supply to come from? Do those kindly disposed people in England and America, who contributed so freely to help a poor down trodden people, know that their money is supporting 1200 idle people who have been wandering around the prairie town of Yorkton for two months where they have already worn out their welcome.—Yorkton correspondent of "The West."

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A. T. DEWITT.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. Nothing gave me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were bloated so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only a loose dress. I saw Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name to the effect you wish.
Mrs. MARY GORMAN CLARKE.

I want to inform you, in words of highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse and in this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets does it. After one of my cases I found myself completely run down. Acting on the advice of Mr. Geo. Bowser, Ph. G., 588 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with grand results.
Miss ESSIE WIEDMAR.

I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or go into a crowded place without getting a headache and sick at my stomach. I heard about Ripans Tablets from an aunt of mine who was taking them for catarrh of the stomach. She had found such relief from their use she advised me to take them, too, and I have been doing so since last October, and will say they have completely cured my headaches. I am twenty-nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.
Mrs. J. BROOKHUIS.

Mother was troubled with heartburn and sleeplessness, caused by indigestion, for a good many years. One day she saw a testimonial in the paper endorsing Ripans Tablets. She determined to give them a trial, and was immediately relieved by their use and now takes the Tablets regularly. She keeps a few cartons Ripans Tablets in the house and says she will not be without them. The heartburn and sleeplessness have disappeared with the indigestion which was formerly so great a burden for her. Our whole family take the Tablets regularly, especially after a hearty meal. My mother is fifty years of age and is enjoying the best of health and spirits; also eats hearty meals, an impossibility before she took Ripans Tablets.
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