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Clerical News

A cablegram from Rome, dated Dec. 4th, announces that the Very Rev. A.X. Bernard was that day appointed Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, Que.

Mgr. Giseppi, of Aversa, who succeeds the late Archbishop Chapelle as Apostolic Delegate to Cuba and Porto Rico, arrived in New York on Dec. 6 by the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Very Rev. H. Leduc, O.M.I., vicar general of St. Albert, where he now resides, arrived here at the beginning of the week. His health is better than it has been for some time past. It is now forty years since he first came, from France originally, and directly from Ottawa, where he was ordained in 1864, to the Northwest.

Rev. Father Campeau, of St. Eustache, returned home on Saturday from St. Boniface Hospital where he had been laid up for a few days.

Rev. Father Lecorre, O.M.I., who was here on his way to France on business connected with the northern missions, preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday in the Cathedral. He spoke of the mission of Ile a la Crosse, where he was stationed lately. This mission, founded by Father Tache before he was Bishop, is commonly called "the gem of the Oblate Indian Missions," because of the thorough conversion of the Montagnais Indians there. Their solid virtues and fervent piety, which, as may be seen in Dom Benoit's admirable life of Archbishop Tache, were a source of such deep gratitude to the great prelate, have remained to this day a living memorial and witness of the teachings and example of their first and most zealous and eloquent missionary. During the High Mass, at which Father Lecorre preached, and which was sung by Rev. Dr. Trudel, assisted by Fathers Pare and Menage, who had been ordained deacons that morning, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface made the weekly announcements which are generally made by the pastor of the Cathedral, for Monsignor Dugas was then undergoing treatment at St. Boniface Hospital for a transient indisposition. Father Lecorre afterwards entertained the clergy of the Cathedral with intensely graphic descriptions of his missionary experience among the Eskimos, whom he evangelized for many years before going to Ile a la Crosse. So vivid were these talks that several priests expressed the wish to see them printed for the edification and instruction of the public.

Father Menage was ordained priest on Friday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, by his Grace Archbishop Langevin. Father Pare, who is as yet only in his second year of theology, will be raised to the priesthood at a later date.

The many friends of Father Coffe, S. J., will be grieved to learn that he is laid up with pneumonia in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Practical Ending to a Charity Sermon — "And now, my dear brethren, I request all persons who are in debt not to put anything on the plate."

Persons and Facts

Owing to a special dispensation granted by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, though the feast of the Immaculate Conception falls this year on Friday, there was no fast nor abstinence that day, but the fast and abstinence were observed on the eve Thursday, the 7th.

Rev. Dr. Trudel who combines the two chaplaincies of St. Mary's Academy and of the Catholic deaf-mutes, arranged to have the First Communion of six of his silent charges take place on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7.30 a.m. in the chapel of St. Mary's Academy. The names and ages of these happy First Communicants, with whom the Eucharistic King can converse without audible speech or visible sign, are as follows: Flora Olivier, 14; Eva Olivier, 13; Anna Hochbann, 16; Louis Amirault, 17; Alphonse Parisien, 17; Walter Molisky, 17: All these favored young people were entertained at breakfast by the good Sisters of the Academy, assisted by their charming and by no means silent pupils. His Grace the Archbishop confirmed the First Communicants at 3.30 in the same beautiful chapel.

The last Mass was said in the old chapel of St. Boniface college on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Now the new chapel, more than twice as large as the old one, is in daily use. The rest of the octagon will be thrown open for the students' class rooms, dormitories, study rooms, and recreation halls next month, and thenceforth all students will have to sleep at the college. The new front portico will also be ready for use about the same time. The mid-year examinations of St. Boniface college for the non-university students will take place, not before Christmas, but at the end of January, as they did formerly. This arrangement affords a more equal division of the ten months' session.

Lieut.-Col. William Henry Lindsay, who has just been appointed governor of the provincial jail in this city, to succeed the late Captain Lawler, was at one time publisher of the Northwest Review and gave proofs of his administrative ability in his management of the paper. Col. Lindsay's son, Norman, a convert to the church, is one of our leading Catholics. We congratulate the gallant Colonel on his appointment to a post which he is sure to fill with honor to himself and advantage to the province and to the prisoners themselves.

Father Drummond closed the retreat to the nurses of St. Boniface Hospital on Monday morning, when all the Catholic nurses, 35 in number, received Holy Communion. Most of the Protestant nurses were present at all the eleven sermons of the retreat.

"I," said the temperance man, "strongly object to the custom of christening ships with champagne."
"I don't," replied the other man. "I think there's a temperance lesson in it."

"How can that be?"
"Well, immediately after the first bottle of wine the ship takes to water, and sticks to it ever after."

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Rev. Frederic W. Burgett, pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Washington, Ind., has been admitted to the Daviess country bar.

WHEN IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

Two New Yorkers, on a hunting expedition in the Tennessee mountains, were compelled to seek a night's shelter under the roof of a cabin they stumbled upon. After supper, their host explained that although there was only one bed there was no occasion to worry about their resting-place. He and his wife then put two of the children in the bed; in a few moments they were asleep. The father then carefully deposited them, still sleeping, on the floor. This operation was repeated until the host's six children were fast asleep, oblivious to the hardness of their plank bed. The mountaineer then informed the travelers that the bed was at their disposal, whereupon, fatigued from the day's tramping, they retired and soon were fast asleep.

In the morning, when they awoke, they found themselves on the floor, and their host and hostess fast asleep in the bed.

During the annual convention of a certain religious body, not so very long ago, an incident occurred which was not on the programme, and which completely upset the gravity of the ministers and brethren assembled. It was at the closing session, and the chairman stated that they were about \$100 short of an amount desired to be raised for a given purpose, and hoped that the sum could be made up before final adjournment.

One of the laymen jumped up with the remark:
"I'll start the good work with \$25."
"I don't know your name, brother," said the chairman, "but may God bless you and your business be doubled during the year."

Much to his astonishment a burst of laughter followed from many in the hall, which was explained when a brother up in front stepped to the platform and whispered:
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