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POPE PIUS AND FRANCE.

The tone of the Holy Father's allocution at the recent consistory, whilst hopeless of any improvement in the religious situation in France, re-asserts with all firmness a fact which the history of the nineteenth century should have established beyond doubt, viz., that the profession of Christianity can be in complete accord with a republican form of government. The present form of so-called republican government in France can plead no experience to the contrary; and the Bill which is to be laid before the Chamber and by which it is proposed not only to deprive the Church of its authority, but to strike at its spiritual life, cannot be expected to furnish such experience, because, as Pope Pius X. says, nothing will be done by or for the Church except in its spiritual domain, even though the final catastrophe should be impending at this hour.

Indeed, the provisions of the proposed government measure foreshadow little short of catastrophe.

On and after the first day of January, following the passing of the Disestablishment Act, all subsidies of public monies to ministers of religion shall be withdrawn. The free possession of ecclesiastical buildings shall cease, and the present holders of churches, seminaries and residences shall continue their possession only upon conditions, making yearly account to the State, leases being subject to rental and obligation for landlord's repairs. Religious associations, as the term is now understood, will be suppressed. Societies must have no purposes other than religious, must employ no foreigners or non-residents of the locality. Heavy fines and penalties are provided alike for ministers assuming the responsibility to occupy religious houses or conduct religious services or movements. Every minister of religion must take out a yearly license and file a declaration under heavy penalty, and drastic fines as well as imprisonment will be meted out to all ministers who during divine service indulge in personal criticisms of whatever nature, especially as regards members of the government. The enforcement of the proposed law is to be a matter of ordinary police duty.

No doubt France has sons so filled with the zeal of religion that they would attempt to preach the faith with all the fetters of the State upon them. Should they succeed they will be pensioned in old age according to the following generous scale: Archbishops and Bishops having reached the age of sixty, and served twenty-five years in the ministry will be entitled to an annuity of \$200; parish priests, vicars-general and canons to \$150; curates to \$65.

The French Bill as proposed may become law. M. Combes calls it a gentle divorce of church and state. A complete divorce would be better; but though the clergy of France should find succor from their parishioners, the Combes Bill will not suffer them to pursue their ministry in peace. How the tyranny may work out cannot be conjectured; but like other evils this proposed bondage of the faith may yet be seen as the forerunner of unexpected good.

ELECTORAL FRAUDS IN ONTARIO.

The electoral career of Ontario resembles the Race's Progress in the family of Confederation. With sorrow and humiliation the sister provinces look on; but "Old Man Ontario," as the cartoonists have by common consent christened him, goes steadily from bad to worse. Bogus ballot boxes is the latest shame attributed to our neighbor on the west. There is no doubt about the boxes. They were made in the United States, brought across the St. Lawrence by stealth and drowned in a lonely lake after use. It may have been only in an isolated constituency they were tried. Not more than two miscreant candidates stand accused of attempting to capture their election by such nefarious means. But Ontario, as we know, is quick to become proficient in any newly-discovered vice. When ballot-switching was first heard of it was confined to one or two polling booths. Now, if the parties do not belie each other, it is an accomplishment known to every full-fledged election expert. Is the "beehive" ballot box to be an institution in Ontario? For the honor of our common country it is to be hoped not. The Minister of Justice has already shown to all concerned that outraged law has terrors for evil doers. The prosecutions begun against all the rascals responsible for the false ballot boxes must not be relaxed till "Old Man Ontario" learns that, though he may have lost shame, he has to fear no less the consequences of inveterate evil habits.

POLITICS AND TEMPERANCE.

The Liberal convention in Toronto disappointed the prophets who had foretold a startling measure of government control of the liquor traffic. The convention turned down prohibition and control alike, and put in their place a slightly varied form of local option. Ontario has local option now; but when the principle was adopted the municipal councils were taken into consideration. The new idea is that the temperance people shall have power to move by petition for a vote of the electors of the municipality. The amended temperance policy has not made a deep impression, and no politico-temperance policy in Canada can until the responsible ministers of the governments, federal and provincial, take a firm grasp of the distillers and see to it that they observe in the strictest sense laws that are framed for the protection of the public.

FUNCTION OF A LAY SCHOOL.

The Journal de Rochecouart, France, has the following paragraph in reference to the attitude of the French Government towards education: "Do our readers wish to know how a functionary understands a lay school, and what is the object that he assigns to it? Let them hear the following words of Monsieur Dequaire, Inspector of the Academy in Vendee: 'The object of the lay school is not to teach reading, writing, or arithmetic. Anyone going to the bottom of the matter will soon perceive that it is an engine of war against Catholicity. The lay school has for object to form thinkers. It would deceive the hopes that we have built on it if it kept within the bounds of a respectful neutrality. The lay school teaches the rejection of Dogma. When at thirteen years the child leaves school don't think that he has profited by the teaching of his masters if he remains a believer. But if he has freed himself from dogma, if he has rejected the faith of his fathers, if he has renounced the Catholic religion, then only will the lay school have borne the proper fruit, and given the real measure of its effect. The lay school is a mould into which is thrown the son of a Christian and from which turns out a renegade. And as things would not march quick enough for our wishes,' continues M. Dequaire, 'in order that the apostasy become general, we

shall seize on the monopoly of teaching. We shall refuse the Brotherhoods and Sisterhoods the right of keeping a school. We shall close their establishments. The backward families will be obliged to confide to us their children, and to these children, become ours, we shall hold that we have taught them nothing until they are in open revolt against the clergy.' Such is the cynical language held by a functionary of public instruction."

A CATHOLIC JUDGE'S EXPERIENCE.

Chief Justice Dubuc has had an experience with a Winnipeg jury that must have astonished him, even after his quarter century record on the Bench. When and wherever the Catholic religion is concerned, the Manitoba juror or elector may be relied upon to give an account of the way he feels about it. The Gallician Catholics had erected a church which they called St. Michael's, and found themselves under the necessity of ejecting an alleged priest who had no right to be there. They put him out by force, and were prosecuted for assault. Not only the Crown Council but the Judge informed the jury that the ejection was a proper proceeding. According to common law the owner of property has the right to take forcible possession thereof. The Winnipeg jury, however, felt it in their bones that it was an infringement of religious liberty for a Catholic congregation to reject the doctrines of a free preacher. This is the strain in which counsel talked, appealing to the shade of Egerton Ryerson and to King James' Bible that men who have had no theological training may become the salt of the earth and the defenders of civil and religious liberty. Upon a straight question of law, the Judge directed the jury twice to bring in a verdict of not guilty against the accused, but the jury would not. The incident will be on review this week before the full Court of Manitoba, when no doubt the common law will be duly vindicated.

QUEBEC LIBERALISM.

Though the Liberal party swept Quebec clear in last week's elections, leaving six Conservatives only to stand in opposition in the new Assembly, it is a fact worth more than passing attention that the split formed by the stress of the campaign in the ranks of the majority widened upon the realization of victory. In some respects such a thing is but natural to the line of action that deprived the campaign of any real issue. The Conservatives deserted their standard and for the time being acknowledged the collapse of provincial party politics. Certain Liberals then appeared to concede the propriety of the Conservative secession by inaugurating an independent Liberal campaign. This course has put to be persevered in sufficiently and the cleavage will disappear only in defeat. The Conservatives can rally their dispirited followers and win back ground they would have lost irretrievably to a united Ministerial force. Division of councils cannot be adopted with impunity by any party, no matter how big its majority may be.

The Archbishop in Rome.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi was received yesterday in private audience by His Holiness Pope Pius X.

This evening at 7.30 a retreat in anticipation of the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception will open at the Church of the Gesu for men. The preacher will be the Rev. Louis Lande.

The English-speaking members of the Third Order of St. Francis held a largely attended meeting on Sunday last. Rev. Father Wolfstan, O. F. M., was the preacher. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed. At the next meeting several members will be professed.

PERSONAL.

Very Rev. Dr. M. A. McGarry, O. S. C., formerly Superior of St. Laurent College, but now Assistant Superior-General of the Holy Cross Congregation, is at present attached to the House of Studies of the Congregation in connection with the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. His many friends in Canada will be glad to learn that he is now enjoying good health.

Right Rev. Neil McNeil, Bishop of Bay St. George, West Coast, Newfoundland, who was a guest for some days at St. Patrick's Presbytery, left for home on Friday last. His Lordship is greatly pleased with the final settlement of the vexed French Shore question, as a large portion of his diocese was affected by this old sore, and his people deprived of their rights and privileges in their own country. The people have borne with admirable patience this injustice for 191 years, but the silver lining of the dark cloud is now to appear, and Bishop McNeil has the highest hopes for Newfoundland's progress in mineral and other resources. The portion of Newfoundland over which His Lordship rules, is the finest in the colony for agricultural, fishing, hunting and other purposes.

Prof. J. A. Fowler, who was ill for a few days, has sufficiently recovered, and presided at the organ at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday. Miss Victoria Cartier, formerly organist of St. Louis de France, and a noted musician, returned a few days ago from Paris, France. During her absence, Miss Cartier gave several organ recitals which were well attended and highly appreciated. She made a particular study of the Plain Chant, and visited St. Peter's at Rome, where she often heard the great choir render the music suitable in Catholic Churches. Miss Cartier intends opening a studio in Montreal.

Mr. James S. McCarrey will hold "An Evening with the Habitant," on December 12th, at the Karn Hall.

WEDDING BELLS.

McNAMEE-FOSTER.

The marriage took place last week in St. Patrick's Church, of Miss Nellie Foster, daughter of the late Thomas Foster, to Mr. George A. McNamee, of the Montreal Street Railway. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Callaghan, pastor of the parish, who also celebrated the nuptial Mass. The bride was attended by Miss Millie McNamee, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Jas. R. Walsh acted as best man. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Captain C. Carson, of the Fire Department, while the bridegroom was attended by his father, Mr. Geo. F. J. McNamee, of the baggage department of the Grand Trunk Railway. After the ceremony at the church there was a wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's mother, and amongst those present besides the bridal party were: Rev. George Schaggael, Mrs. Schaggael, Mrs. Jas. Buckley, Mrs. C. Carson, Mrs. T. J. Hawker, Mrs. M. Dollimore and Mr. F. B. McNamee. Mr. and Mrs. McNamee left afterwards on a trip to Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

DANCEY-MULLIN.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Ann's Church on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, when Mr. Robert F. Dancey was united to Miss Margaret J. Mullin, second daughter of Mr. John Mullin, of this city. The Rev. Edmund Flynn, C.S.S.R., officiated. The bride wore a blue cloth suit, with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, and was attended by Miss Mary Kathleen Stock, who wore brown and carried pink roses. Mr. Henry Nolan acted as groomsmen. During the Mass the young ladies' choir rendered some pretty hymns. Miss Annie Gallery presided at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Dancey were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

IRISHMEN IN ART.

Mr. James Britten, Knight of St. Gregory, the well known Honorary Secretary of the Catholic Truth Society of England, and one of the ablest critics of religious art in Britain, in the course of a lecture on "Fra Angelico," paid a notable tribute to Irish artistic ability in the reproduction of the great masterpieces of painting. He said that the reproduction of Botticelli's Madonna, which was executed by a Belfast firm and was given away as a supplement by the Irish Rosary, a Dublin Catholic journal, two years ago, was perhaps the very finest reproduction of its class which has ever been seen in Britain.

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NOTES FROM THE PARISHES OF THE

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.
At High Mass Rev. Dr. I. Callaghan condemned in scathing some members of the parish were engaged in sowing discord and dissatisfaction members of the congregation "more heads" were not to be had, and those persons were of a mind. He warned the congregation to be careful of such and to remember the evil wrought against the Church by wicked persons. The remarks of Dr. Luke m profound sensation among the congregation.
The social which was held last week, while not a financial success as last year satisfactory.

A grand musicale will be given tomorrow evening (Friday) by the Italian artist, as a tribute to the many ladies who worked hard to make the social a success.
On Monday morning a requiem anniversary High Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of Mr. and Mrs. John Callaghan. On Tuesday a solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the deceased of the Cochrane family. This was a tribute of gratitude from the congregation for the splendid gift of the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary presented to the church by Mrs. Cochrane. The Holy Mass was offered up at the altar by Father Martin Callaghan officiating.

The members of St. Patrick's A. & B. Society went to Holy Communion in a body at the eight Mass on Sunday. In the afternoon they assisted at the funeral of the late brother member, Mr. James Mahon, 573 Fullum street.
ST. ANN'S PARISH.
On Sunday afternoon, Rev. Strubbe, C.S.S.R., closed the retreat.
At 7.30 Rev. Father McPherson, opened the retreat for young men.
A large statue of the Immaculate Conception is being placed on main altar in the church. It is surrounded by five hundred electric lights. At each side of altar large stands are being put for flowers, candleabra and lights.

On next Sunday evening the triduum in honor of the Immaculate Conception opens.
At the solemn high Mass on 8th, St. Ann's choir will render plain chant Mass in parts. Fr. J. Shea has spent considerable time in rehearsing his choir with work, and no doubt it will be standard.

The fife and drum band of Ann's Cadets have been present with pretty uniforms costing \$400.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.
The ladies of the League of Sacred Heart held a largely attended meeting on Sunday afternoon. Father O'Meara presided.
St. Gabriel's band is again going to the front. Last Sunday afternoon they gave several selections from the veteran drum-major, Lamont, and proved a real treat to the youngsters of the juvenile perance society.

The catechism classes are largely attended, under the supervision of the Rev. Father O'Meara.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.
The following were the prize winners at the last euchar party: Ladies' prize, a cabinet of knives; prize, a fancy concolate jug; prize, a ladies' hat brush, Miss Aidan. First gentleman's prize, a go dressing case, Mr. V. R. McDougal. Second gentleman's prize, an elegant set of carvers, Mr. Martin. Third gentleman's prize, a box of cigars, Mr. Joseph P. Brennan. Next, "A Leap Year Euchar," on the auspices of the young ladies of St. Anthony's, was announced December 28.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

On last Sunday evening, Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., of the Franciscan Monastery, solemnized the new Stations of the Cross.