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CURRENT COMMENT

A very scientific piece of de-
tective work was that of Chief
Kircaldy and Detectives Foster
and McKenzie in the Brandon
murder case. The details, as
given in The Western Sun of
last Thursday would do honor
to Sherlock Holmes. But, now
that Hilda Blake has confessed
that she alone shot Mrs. Lane,
what a "brutum fulmen" that
article of The Telegram becomes
in which the editor inveighed
against the whole race of Gal-
icians because Hilda Blake's ly-
ing testimony had caused one
Galician "to be suspected."

**CONVERTS AND THE
ANGLO-SAXON.**

An esteemed correspondent
writes as follows:
To the Editor of the NORTHWEST
REVIEW.

Dear Sir,—Is not this—from
your issue of June 20th—a little
hard on our great English con-
verts? You say:

"Most converts of the Tractar-
ian period were supposed to be
a little unsafe on some points:
Newman boggled at the defini-
tion of the infallibility, Manning
was never quite sound on the
question of the religious orders,
Brownson was often painfully
erratic; but Rivington, from the
first hour of his entrance into
the Catholic Church, never
struck a note that was at all
flat, his theology was as flawless
as his style was luminous, his
spoken word eloquent and his
life instinct with simplicity.

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The French race saves Canada
from the monumental hypocri-
sies of Anglo-Saxon humbug;
the French language is the com-
mon property of all educated
gentlemen; the French religion
is the only logical and true one."

Does it not give a wrong idea?
One is tempted to believe that
these men, who gave up all for
God (as is remarked about New-
man elsewhere in the same issue)
were slightly heterodox, there-
fore, naturally, it would be al-
lowable for ordinary Christians,
to be the same. We will put it
down to their nationality, poor
things! belonging as they do (for
all time, being amongst the im-
mortals) to the hated Anglo-
Saxon race.

We should be glad to be in-
structed a little as to the singu-
lar merits of the French religion.
We have heard of the English

Church, as by law established,
but the French Church is an
unknown quantity to us. Up
to now, the Roman Catholic
Church has seemed good enough
for us, but we live and learn.
St. Peter, who keeps the keys of
the Kingdom of Heaven, and
who was himself a great linguis-
t, will never say to waiting
souls, without the gate: "Pray,
Sir or Madam, do you know
French?"

Would you be kind enough to
send me a copy of the Mission-
ary Record of the Oblates of
Mary Immaculate edited by Fr.
Dawson? I have never seen one
but have wished to do so. Is it
not a mistake to speak of a
neighbor in these terms: "a
bigotted Free Press correspond-
ent?" evidently Fr. Dawson
thinks so. The "suaviter in
modo" never detracts from the
"fortiter in re."

I often wonder if the good
people who are so fond of quot-
ing dear Fr. Faber, have ever
read those most admirable chap-
ters on Kindness written by this
great master of the spiritual life.
Forgive me if I repeat it, that
"the most pious people are the
most unkind" (not meaning
saints, of course).

This will perhaps account for
our Catholic papers appearing
often so devoid of fraternal
charity.

Dear Sir, truly yours,

M. TUCKER.

July 1st, 1899.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—"Ordinary
Christians, who would reason as
our correspondent fears they
might, are what mathematicians
call "a negligible quantity," of
which no account need be taken.
The stating of well-known facts
cannot give a "wrong idea." We
have given facts about three em-
inent converts; we could give a
multitude of details; but as our
correspondent does not question
our facts, it is hardly worth
while multiplying them.

The unconscious unsoundness,
on a few points, of some distin-
guished converts should not be
put down to their nationality,
but to the atmosphere of heresy
in which they were brought up
and which they breathed for
thirty or forty years before their
conversion. This clung to them
in spite of their efforts to get rid
of it. It is this pestilential at-
mosphere that has intensified
the faults of the Anglo-Saxon
race, its imperiousness, its asser-
tion of fairplay when it rides
roughshod over the rights of
"inferior races" (as in the case of
our separate schools), its thou-
sand and one shams in politics,
in society, in the various phases
of Protestantism, in business, in
the occult tyranny of secret so-
cieties, in the "monumental hy-
pocrisies" of its literature with
regard to the Catholic Church.

We pass over our correspond-
ent's little joke about the
"French religion." The context
of our remarks shows that we
were alluding to the well known
saying: "Qui dit Français, dit
Catholique."

In Catholic journalism we
think it is not a mistake, but a
very necessary thing to call a
spade a spade, to call a bigotted
correspondent "bigotted." "Dear
Father Faber," with all his kind-
ness, could be severe on occa-
sion. He was no milksop. Read,
in his "Spiritual Conférences,"
what he says of the hatred of
heresy. "I beg of God," he
writes, "in his infinite compas-
sion, to keep alive in me to the
last hour of my life the intense
hatred of heresy with which He
has inspired me, and which I re-

cognize as His gift." It was this
hatred that made him so su-
preinely sound in doctrine.

The most cruel unkindness is
the withholding of the truth
through fear of displeasing those
who are in error and whom a
statement of the truth would
have enlightened. It is well to
bear in mind that He Who was
Kindness incarnate, Who said
"Learn of me because I am meek
and humble of heart," was more
severe than we have ever been
on the Pharisees of his time.
"Whited sepulchres," "Ye ser-
pents, ye generation of vipers,"
and other amenities were utter-
ed by the Master in the 23rd
chapter of St. Matthew against
those fine gentlemen of his day,
the Pharisees, who were indefi-
nitely more respectable, though
not more malevolent, than that
"bigotted Free Press correspond-
ent."

NOTES BY THE WAY.

We notice that the St. Boni-
face city council at its meeting
last week passed a resolution
calling on the company which
controls the Broadway Bridge
to provide a footway for passen-
gers crossing the structure, and
members expressed the determi-
nation of keeping up an agita-
tion until their demand is
granted.

We sincerely trust they will
soon meet with success. We
find it difficult to believe that
previous requests of this kind
have been ignored by those to
whom they have been ad-
dressed.

Broadway Bridge in its pres-
ent condition is a menace to the
life of everyone who uses it, and
the marvel is that it has existed
so long without being the scene
of some disastrous accident.

The writer of this note was
once the witness of a very excit-
ing incident, namely, a runaway
team attached to a heavy wagon
thundering across the bridge
and only by a hair's-breadth
missing some ladies and child-
ren who happened to be on the
structure and who, in the face
of their appalling danger, could
not help themselves, but simply
had to stand still and take their
chances. We say that if the
Bridge Company still persists in
disregarding the petition of the
Council they will render them-
selves liable to the very gravest
censure and, should a fatal ac-
cident occur, a coroner's jury
would doubtless prove to them
that they have a legal as well
as a moral responsibility in the
matter.

Speaking of a coroner's jury
brings to our mind what seems
to us a very grave state of af-
fairs, and that is the frequent oc-
currence of sudden and violent
deaths which take place in our
midst and are duly chronicled
in the papers, but which are al-
lowed to pass by without any
official investigation.

We are confident that we
voice the opinion of more than
nine-tenths of the citizens when
we say that such lax methods as
now prevail in this particular
must inevitably lead to a great
increase in the most serious
crimes.

Every sudden death, and es-
pecially every one in which
violence is apparent, should be
investigated by the officials of
the police department and the

details they are able to gather
should be fully laid before the
coroner and a jury properly em-
panelled, who should continue
the enquiry until they are either
satisfied as to the cause of death
or convinced that it is utterly
impossible to reach a conclusion,
when they should bring in a
verdict to that effect. This is
the practice followed in the
British Isles, and it is one of the
greatest safeguards of human
existence there. The practice
here is a monstrous one and no
time should be lost in copying
the customs and laws of the
mother country in this respect.

We notice that the store clerks
are agitating for a continuance
during the summer months of
the Thursday half-holiday which
they had during Exhibition
week. We trust they will be
successful in their endeavours,
and we think they are entitled
to expect that those employed in
the building and other trades
who, by reason of their organiza-
tion, have been able to secure
Saturday afternoons for them-
selves, will join them in their
effort to obtain the privilege of
weekly spending a few hours of
the summer in more congenial
surroundings than counters and
merchandise. We have not seen
that any merchant so far has
taken any notice of the move-
ment; but we hope, before this
note is read by the public, that
at least one will have been
found courageous enough to give
his employees an afternoon's
holiday each week, and we feel
sure that the first one who does
so will gain the sympathy of the
working classes of the commu-
nity and meet with substantial
reward. Others will then be
anxious to follow his example
and this would soon lead to its
being made a general practice
with only a few exceptions, and
an indignant public would soon
compel these to fall into line or
put up their shutters.

We heartily congratulate the
Directors of the Exhibition and
their able manager on the suc-
cess they have met with this
year. At the moment of writing
we have not heard exactly how
the attendance compares with
that of previous years; but, judg-
ing by appearances, we think
that in this respect the Exhi-
bition of last week was more large-
ly patronized than any of its
predecessors. And we believe
we are right in saying that in
the matter of enjoyment it did
not fall one whit behind the
shows of previous years. We
have, of course, heard
some criticisms regarding
the platform attractions,
but it is a proverb that
"you cannot please everybody"
and we feel confident that this
year's experience will induce
those who visited the city from
outside points to return next
year and bring others with
them. As everyone knows a
large measure of the success of
our exposition is due to Mana-
ger Heubach who has now
proved to all the people of the
country and to our thousands of
visitors that he is exactly the
man for the position and that
under his able superintendence
the exhibition is bound to go on
from success to success until it
takes its inevitable position as
the foremost show of the kind in
Canada. We, therefore, particu-

larly extend our congratulations
Manager Heubach and in doing
so would place on record our
opinion that not only the Direc-
tors of the association but the
whole city are under obliga-
tions to him for the good work
he has done in gaining for the
exhibition, and through that, the
city and the province, such
widespread popularity.

**THE SHORTCOMINGS OF A
COMMERCIAL EDU-
CATION.**

How inadequate a merely
commercial education is to give
one a thorough mastery of his
own language was vividly borne
in upon us the other day when
we received a pamphlet written
by one of the best business ex-
perts in the smartest business
country on the face of the earth.
The Sadler-Rowe Company, of
Baltimore, Md., has issued a very
interesting pamphlet, setting
forth the plagiarism of a rival
Rochester firm, which, on the
evidence of these 36 pages of
deadly parallels and comments
of both firms, seems really to
have copied from the Baltimore
house. The case is very clearly,
logically and temperately stated
in language which is generally
grammatical. Clearly, the Bal-
timore firm, which claims to
have originated an entirely new
scheme for teaching bookkeep-
ing, is putting its best foot for-
ward and keeping a vigilant eye
on its grammar and style. And
yet a rapid perusal of only some
of the pages reveals such faults
as these: "The present state-
ment of the rules ARE inaccurate"
(p. 13); "a mere abstract
memoranda" (p. 11); "it is ad-
dressed to the student in the
third person, WHEREIN (for
"whereas") our statement is in
the first person." But the most
amusing blunders occur when
the bookkeeping expert ven-
tures on the slippery ground of
words borrowed from the Latin;
for instance, he speaks of "an
outright verbatim copy" (p. 35),
and serenely informs the public
that "our original parallel quo-
tations and comments with the
rebuttal and comments of Wil-
liams and Rogers, followed by
our comments on their rebuttal,
are given 'ad seriatim,'" care-
fully italicizing this huge bar-
barism.

Now one advantage of a good
college or university training is
that it takes cocksureness out of
of a man and inclines him to
mistrust his own knowledge
and supplement it by the revi-
sion and correction of all-round
scholars. No well-trained col-
lege man would ever have used
such words as "verbatim" and
"seriatim," unless he understood
all about them thoroughly. But
here we have a master in busi-
ness rules and methods, a first
class authority in the home of
bookkeeping experts, a man who
is consequently supposed to be
fully equipped for his profession,
yet betraying unwittingly the
inevitable shortcomings of a
merely business education. The
royal road to accuracy and dis-
crimination in the use of words
is early training in translation
from dead languages. Nothing
else will give a correct, not to
say a polished style.

A second retreat for the Grey
Nuns was concluded to-day.
Eighteen sisters took part in it
under Rev. Father Gravel's dir-
ection.