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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, May 10th, 1893.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the last issue of the NORTHWEST REVIEW that you have been entrusted by the directors of the journal with the management of the same.

I need not tell you that I take a deep interest in the NORTHWEST REVIEW which is the only English Catholic paper published within the limits of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Yours all devoted in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

"What will we do with our girls?" is a question asked by a late magazine. At present, the answer is easy, for they may be disposed of in the good, old way;

The Ogdensburg Courier says, that they are doing dreadful things there in many places they elect Catholic Priests to the School Board; in Dundee three of them, in Uist also three, in Barra two, and in Leith one, Catholic laymen not mentioned.

THE LATE MGR. TACHE.

Our dear, venerable and beloved Archbishop is no more. With difficulty can we realize all that is contained in these words. Alas they are too stern reality!

Our readers will have heard long ere this the sad news, and thus in a measure we are spared the task of breaking to them such a bitter announcement.

Ah, yes, His Grace Archbishop Tache of St. Boniface is no more—no longer will he greet us by his sweet kindly smile. No longer will he be present to encourage us by word and example.

Our hearts are too filled for utterance, we are too sorely afflicted with sorrow to do such a great man the justice which is his due. We would fain speak from the inmost recesses of our soul, but our tongues are silenced, and the weight of sadness presses heavily upon us.

How many sweet and tender recollections now come flooding before us Catholics, as we gaze lovingly back upon the pathway of our departed prelate. His goodness, his humility, his kindness, his patience, his fortitude, all come to us and we are drowned in the flood of tears upon which the reminiscences of those qualities rush in upon our souls.

Some day perhaps when the turbulence of overshadowing sorrow which now hangs upon us will have settled down and will have been succeeded by the calm of never-ending mournings, we may be in a more fitting mood to dwell at length upon the career of the Great Archbishop of St. Boniface.

A Minister Becomes a Catholic. The former Pastor of a Methodist Church Converted by Father Flannery. Rev. George Frederick Fisher, the former pastor of the Methodist Church of Newtown, Long Island, has become a Catholic.

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MGR. TACHE DEAD.

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boys shared the lodgings and table of the bishop, until provision could be made for them. Missionary posts were established and extended 3,000 miles distant from St. Boniface. The visitation of the diocese at necessary intervals became, for the bishop of St. Boniface, an impossibility.

"We left our frosty bed at the early hour of 1 a. m. to continue our journey. We travelled until ten in the forenoon, and then halted to rest and to partake of a little food. We found it raining and in the midst of the rain we partially succeeded. I sat beside the cold embers, cold and weary; a peculiar sadness oppressed me. I was then 900 miles from St. Boniface."

This sadness might have seemed a premonition of what was occurring at St. Boniface on the same day and at the same hour. The episcopal residence and the cathedral were in flames, and with them everything they contained were reduced to ashes.

"You may judge, my lord, of my emotion when on the 23rd of February, after a journey of 54 days in the depth of winter, after sleeping 84 nights in the open air, I arrived at St. Boniface and found in the midst of the ruins caused by the disaster of the 14th of December, on that spot where lately stood a religious settlement. But the destruction of the episcopal establishment was not the only trial which it pleased God that I should see. A frightful inundation in the early morning, and plunged the population in profound misery."

In 1868 all the crops in the Red River settlement were destroyed by innumerable swarms of grasshoppers. The same year the buffalo, one of the principal resources of the country at the time, was a complete failure. Famine was the result.

During the spring of 1869 a universal feeling of dissatisfaction and of uneasiness prevailed in the colony when it became known through the public press that transactions were being carried on between His Majesty's government, that of the Dominion, and the Hudson Bay company, for the transfer of the Red River country to Canada.

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his worst opponents admitted was done for the purpose of preventing further bloodshed, and without any idea that he was exceeding his authority.

On the 22nd of December, 1871, Bishop Tache was appointed archbishop and metropolitan of a new ecclesiastical province, that of St. Boniface, which commands the dioceses of St. Albert and New Westminster and the vicariates apostolic of Athabasca Mackenzie and Saskatchewan.

As already stated, Archbishop Tache's health began to fail during his harassing journey in the winter of 1860. The calamities above mentioned, the losses to be repaired requiring unceasing toil, and above all, it may be said, the mental suffering of the three previous years, hastened the progress of the disease which suzer Archbishop Tache in December, 1872, and kept him bedridden during the whole winter.

When Father Tache was ordained priest at St. Boniface in 1845, he was only the sixth Roman Catholic clergyman in the British possessions from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains. The ecclesiastical province of St. Boniface, now comprises three dioceses: St. Boniface, St. Albert, and New Westminster; and two apostolic vicariates, viz: Athabasca-Mackenzie, and Saskatchewan. In the diocese of St. Boniface there are 27,000 Catholics, 51 secular priests 36 Regular, 14 convents, 1 institute Brothers of Mary, 95 churches and chapels, 2 hospitals, 35 parishes, 1 seminary, 8 seminaries, 14 industrial schools, Grey Sisters of Montreal, Faithful Companions of Jesus, and Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. There is a monastery of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception, with three fathers at Notre Dames de Lourdes, and a Trappist monastery at St. Norbert with three fathers.

In the diocese of St. Albert, Bishop Grandin, O. M. I., suffragan of St. Boniface, there are 28 regular priests, O. M. I., 4 secular priests, 19 Brothers of Mary, Immaculate, 5 religious communities, viz: Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Grey Sisters of Montreal, Faithful Companions of Jesus, Sisters of the Assumption, Grey Sisters of Nicolet; 2 industrial schools, 36 schools, 3 orphanages, 4 hospitals, 5 Grey Sisters of Nicolet, 26 Faithful Companions of Jesus, and 5 Sisters of the Assumption. In the diocese of New Westminster, (Bishop, Mgr. Paul Durieu), the Catholic population is 18,000. All the priests, about 22 in number, are Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The other religious communities in the diocese are the Sisters of St. Anne (of Montreal), who have five establishments; the Sisters of Providence (Montreal), two establishments; and the Sisters of our Lady of Charity, one establishment. In Athabasca-Mackenzie, (Vicar apostolic, Mgr. E. Clout, O. M. I.), all the missions are served by Oblates of M. I., about 23 in number. The Grey Sisters of Montreal have three establishments. In Saskatchewan (Vicar apostolic, Mgr. Albert Pascal, O. M. I.), there are 17 regular priests, 7 Brothers, 7,000 Catholics. All the missions are served by Oblates of M. I. The Grey Sisters of Montreal have each one establishment. The foregoing will serve to illustrate the expansion of the church in this country under the guidance of Archbishop Tache.

The funeral obsequies are taking place at St. Boniface to-day, a full report of which will appear in our next issue.

Sympathetic References. On Sunday touching references were made at each of our city churches to the sad event. Father Cherrier at the Church of the Immaculate Conception feelingly referred to the career of the deceased as a devoted missionary and as a great Prince of the church.

An air of deep sorrow pervaded the congregation assembled in St. Mary's church on Sunday. The services were as usual and no crane or other sign of mourning was to be seen, but when the Rev. Father Langevin ascended the pulpit suppressed excitement was visible on the faces of all present.

played the dead march at the close of the service. The death of the archbishop was referred to in many of the city churches on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Edley after pointing out how wide apart are Catholicism and Congregationalism, and speaking in touching words of the heroism displayed by the young man in leaving home and friends to enter on his life work here, concluded by saying: For the priest as missionary we have only reverence and admiration. It is thus that I like to think of him whose mortal body lies in state at St. Boniface.

At All Saints Anglican church at the conclusion of the morning services the organist rendered "The Dead March in Saul" the congregation standing with bowed heads.

At the Methodist Conference a vote expressive of their profound sympathy with Catholics in the death of the archbishop—"a great man, and one whose name and life-work are closely connected with the history and development of Manitoba and the Northwest"—was passed by the members standing.

At a special meeting of St. Boniface Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters a resolution was passed expressive of the grief of the members as they contemplated the death of their beloved archbishop; ordering that the charter be draped in mourning for six months; that each member wear a mourning band on the left arm; that the court attend the funeral in a body; and that vicarials of members keep a watch over the remains each night until the funeral.

A most touching resolution was passed at a special meeting of the St. Boniface conference of St. Vincent de Paul closing with these noble words:— "We humbly beseech you, O God, His Grace's soul so pure, so devoted, to the poor and the unfortunate has, we fondly trust, already won its glorious and immortal crown. Yet the love we bore to our dear Patron and Archbishop is irresistibly impelled to cross the threshold of death. Our prayers will never cease to mingle with his in heaven. We beg of him to continue, in the realm of celestial happiness, to protect our Conference and to bless its members, their families and their poor."

The members of St. Boniface Branch of the C. M. B. A. passed a resolution expressive of their grief making special reference to the blessings he so often conferred on the association and resolving that the branch be always represented at the remains until the day of the funeral; and that a sum of money be given to the Industrial school for masses.

All day long and each night members of the different Catholic societies have taken hours in watching over the mortal remains of their late chief pastor and spiritual head.

Went to Church on Bicycles. A baptism, curious and original in its way, took place a few Sundays ago at Nogara, Italy.

DON'T WAIT.

If you've anything good to say of a man, Don't wait till he's laid to rest; For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken Is an empty thing at the best.

Don't wait for mercy one day. Don't wait till you hear the cry Of an broken in this wilderness, Lest the one you forsake may die. Oh, hearken to Poverty's sad lament! Don't spurn God's poor from your favored door, As you hope for mercy one day.

Don't wait for another to bear the burden Of sorrow's irksome load. Let your hand extend to a stricken friend, As he totters a-down the road; And if you can say a kind word to him Don't wait till he's laid to rest; For the eulogy spoken when hearts are broken Is an empty thing at the best.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS.

Banquet to the High Court Treasurer and Other Distinguished Members of the Order.

During the past week Mr. Michel Cyr, of Chicago, high treasurer of the Catholic Order of Foresters; and Messrs. Blouin, of Chicago, Z. Boyer, of Valleyfield, Quebec, G. Raby, of St. Andre Avellia, Quebec, who had been attending the high court convention recently held at St. Paul; have been visiting friends in the city and St. Boniface, and on Tuesday evening the 15th inst., the members of St. Mary's Court No. 276 took advantage of their presence here to entertain them at a banquet held in Friendship hall, McIntyre block. The chief ranger, Mr. T. Deegan, occupied the chair and the vice-chairs were filled by Vice Chief Ranger L. O. Genest and Past Chief Ranger P. Marrin, and J. D. Macdonald, the latter of whom represented the court at the convention. On the right of the chair were the guests of the evening and Mr. J. E. Cyr, chief ranger of St. Boniface court and on the left Consul Duffin, Worshipful Mayor Taylor, J. J. Golden and Mr. D. Smith. The catering was in the able hands of Mrs. Hample, and after full justice had been done to the good things provided the chairman proposed the toast of "Our Queen," alluding to the well known loyalty of Catholics to whatever flag they may live under.

The toast was enthusiastically received, the company singing the National anthem. The next toast was "The President of the United States," in reply to which the consul made a neat speech, concluding with the sentiment "may every future president of the United States possess the patriotism of Grover Cleveland, and may every future Queen of Great Britain possess the virtues of Queen Victoria." (Applause.)

The next two toasts, especially the latter, were received with enthusiasm. The Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor of the Dominion, given by Vice-Chief Genest, and "The Catholic Hierarchy" given by the chair. Unfortunately Rev. Father Langevin was prevented by business from being present, and a letter of regret was read from Father Drummond who wished, the Foresters every success.

Vice-Chief Genest then gave "the Dominion Government" to which ex-M.P.P. Cyr eloquently responded. The toast of "The Mayor" was received with musical honors, and Mayor Taylor received an ovation on rising to respond. He alluded to the fact shown him in his experiences that the municipal authorities were rarely called upon to assist members of benevolent societies. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the guest of the evening and stated that he would be glad to show him the sights of the city.

The chairman next proposed "The High Court," to which the high treasurer responded. He expressed the pleasure it would give him to report to his colleagues in Chicago the reception he had received here and the progress the order is making in the country. He showed the cosmopolitan nature of the membership by referring to the many nationalities found arrayed among the high court officers, and concluded by saying that at the next convention he should be delighted to support the claims of Winnipeg as the scene of the following meeting of the high court. (Applause.)

No More Days of Grace.

After January 1, 1895, no more days of grace will be allowed in New York State, on notes, drafts, checks, acceptances, bills of exchange, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness made, drawn or accepted by any person or corporation, and no grace according to the custom of merchants will be allowed after that date unless there is a stipulation to the contrary. There is nothing left for the debtor to do but call at the creditor's office and settle or let his obligation go to protest on the day the obligation matures.