

ST. PETERS RESERVE
Special to the Northwest Review.

Last week we had the great fortune to have here at Peguis, in our Roman Catholic Chapel, a retreat preached by Rev. Fathers Camper and J. Allard, O. M. I. The exercises began on the 7th inst, the eve of the great feast of the Immaculate Conception, so that our retreat was put under the special protection of Our Blessed Virgin the Immaculate Queen of Heaven, so often calumnied and despised by many persons, who take a malicious pleasure in telling lies knowingly against the devotion we Catholics profess to the Mother of Christ. But in spite of all their efforts and their ridiculous idle words, our brave and faithful Indians have shown that they, in their simple ignorance, know better their religion, and all assisted regularly and piously, at daily instructions which were given, both in English and in the Chris language. Our Chief Mr. William Prince and his family, deserve special mention for the good example which they gave; notwithstanding the long distance which separates them from the mission. They never failed. God, it seems had a great blessing in store for them. His daughter and his son in law Mr. J. Parisien with his child, still Protestants, having been induced to assist the instructions, were present on Sunday at celebration of Mass; and at the end of the office in presence of the whole congregation they advanced towards Father Allard, and humbly asked to be received into our holy Catholic Church. To describe the celestial scene which then took place, I cannot. Tears of gratitude to God were in the happy eyes of the chief and all the faithful and it was amidst the greatest recollection that the ceremony of Baptism was performed. Glory be to God and special thanks to our most gracious Queen of Heaven, Mary Immaculate through whose intercessions was obtained this triple conversion which we hope will be followed up by many others. Although some Protestant ministers here do all they can to prevent this: they do so in vain, their machiavelic efforts are powerless before the Grace of God and His holy Mother Leo Schanus.

LEBRET GLEANINGS
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Weather nice and mild. On Wednesday last, were treated to quite a shower of rain. We have quite a bit of snow, but the ground is not frozen.

Father Magnon and Father Campeau O. M. I. of Lebreton, are holding a mission on the Pasqua Reservation.

At the Mission of the Sacred Heart are Father Magnon, Father Campeau and Father Magnon, who constitute the clerical force designated by His Grace, for this part of his diocese; together with Brother Doyle, O. M. I. who is also one of the spiritual assistants at the above named parish. The three Fathers have undertaken a great work for the winter holding missions amongst the different Indian tribes situated in this part of the N. W. T. It is difficult to understand how they can endure the severe trials they must undergo; exposure, long and difficult travels, as well as being obliged to provide themselves with shelter, provisions, fire, and also learn to speak the different languages, which is not a small task. In their missionary field we find the following different Indian tongues: viz: Cree, Sota, Chippewa, and Sioux.

They have several schools in their charge (granted by the Government) which are making progress, and before long these good missionaries will draw the veil that obscureth the talent of the red man, and I believe, make him equal to their Caucasian brethren.

Not long ago the principal leader of Standing Buffalo's Reserve related that he fell in company with several half-breeds, who tried to make him believe that they, the Indians, were fools to be governed at the pleasure of the government, and that before long Dumont would come with a large band of half-breeds from the States and join the followers of Reil, and would avenge the death of their leader; but he said to the half breed that he would not assist at any such an undertaking. The Indian saw that such a thing was folly but the halfbreed had better be careful. The impression is that he did not mean it, or he is acting the fool, for all are treated well at the hands of the government.

Christian Dahm, teacher on Standing Buffalo Reserve, and Lizzie Bronnen, kamp were married at the Mission of the Sacred Heart, on Nov. 3rd, by the Rev. Father Magnon, Superior of the Mission.

To day we witnessed a large gathering of Indians at the Sioux Reserve, holding a big dance. These dances remind one of the historic events. It is certainly hideous to see them painted in all colors nearly naked, and chanting the war and other whoops. However it is only a custom; it is part of a sacred or spiritual performance.

A GREAT SURGICAL OPERATION IN PARIS FRANCE.

The hospitals and medical schools are full of a marvelous, though not quite unprecedented surgical operation, by which an Algerian doctor, Prengraeber, has just saved the life of a child in the last stage of consumption. The little girl aged 12, was brought to the hospital wasted almost to a skeleton. The nurses and doctors were so touched by her sufferings that they declared that death would be a mercy. After long hesitation Dr. Prengraeber determined to risk an operation, first chiseling the child.

He made a cruciform incision between the fifth and sixth ribs, and burned out three cubic centimeters of the diseased

portion of the lung with a red hot iron. In three weeks the wound healed, and the blood-coursed healthily through the child's veins. She picked up, the flesh grew stronger and she was sent home cured. In the enthusiasm aroused by the surgical achievement many people imagined that we had now a sure means of conquering consumption. This is not the opinion of most authorities notably Dr. Verneuil. On being questioned on the subject Dr. Verneuil said that nothing new had been accomplished; pneumotony had been tried before. Another surgical triumph had been recorded that was all.

PRIESTS SANCTIFIED BY FAITH
A Lutheran minister writes the following beautiful letter regarding our Catholic priests to the Deutsche Lades Zeitung:

Pope Gregory VII. was well aware of what he was doing when he enforced with unrelenting strictness the celibacy (though already prescribed by the old canon laws) of the priests in the Roman Church. Yes, we evangelical pastors are great in words, and who ever hears this at our conferences should become terrified at our energy. But if it depends to transfer our words into actions if it depends to head against the world and to cover with our bodies that flag which we have held so defiantly but shortly before, then our souls fall to the ground, our courage to ashes. Here wife and children cry: "Let not that happen to you," there ever anxious friends will come. But what determines the whole issue is that our courage is artificial, is wanting in solid background. The Catholic clergymen knows that God has placed real objects in his hands, but we dispose only of words. With us the toric has overgrown all: we are preachers, but we should be priests also, of that we hardly have the presentiment. Many a nobly educated mind is driven into the bosom of the Roman Church on account of this contradiction.

The Church is in her whole nature a militant one, and it lies in the nature of the thing itself that her priests must fight in the foremost ranks. But how much those warriors not bound to this life by wife or children excel their married comrades in courage and disdain of death is evident enough. A glance at the Roman priests of the present age proves how well Gregory understood the nature of his Church and with what certainty he made calculations for her. The band of Roman priests is a band of heroes. They wage the war forced upon them by the present state of worldly affairs with an uninterrupted fire, reminding one of the Roman legions.

With amazement the world looks upon these men who cannot be compelled by any force whatsoever to do anything contrary to the regulations of their Church. They allow themselves to be driven from office and from their tables; they persevere, and if repelled to-day they will be found to-morrow at their old posts. They are priests, they are warriors, they are men.

It is not the last prerogative of the Roman Church that in her are to be found priests, that is men of deeds and not of rhetoric or words alone. A half year may have passed since the terrible news reached us that a French vessel ran into a Spanish steamer in the darkness of the night and sank beneath the stormy waters in ten minutes with passengers and crew. While the flood burst into the ship and startled from their sleep the unfortunate passengers, who gathered in wild disorder upon the deck the one weeping, the other praying, the third staring in sileat despair, a Catholic clergyman hastened from one group to another, announcing to all contrite of hearts pardon of their sins in the name of God, before whose judgement seat they should appear in a few moments thereafter. Sublime picture of a priest praise your generals who in the battle's tumult present their bosoms to the hostile bullets; extol your statesmen who with tranquil eye look into the barrel of a pistol raised against them by an assassin; compared with the priest they must step into the dark. Where all have lost their presence of mind he is calm; where all shudder at the open grasp of death he reaches up with safe hands into heaven and offers life to the dying.

And among one hundred clergymen of the Roman Church we find ninety-nine equal to this. Among one hundred clergymen of the Evangelical Church we might perhaps find one.

You find no contradiction existing between the idea of the Church, its clerical offices and the matter-of-fact state of both. . . . Condemn them, this we cannot do.

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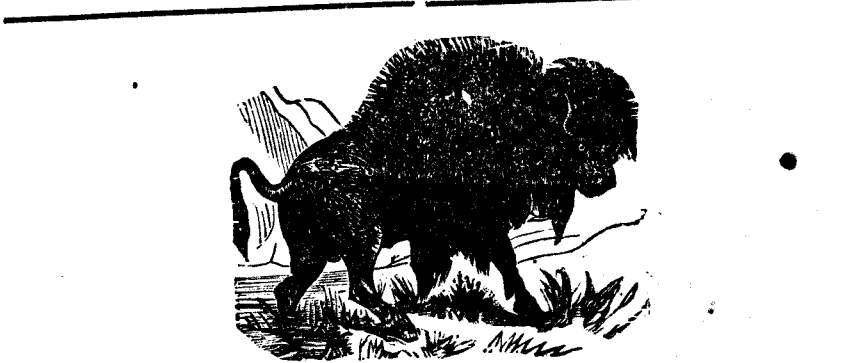
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