

Mary's who are at present in charge, are true representatives of models of Catholic teachers.

His Grace spoke in English, and Father Albert Kulawy made two brief but eloquent sermonettes in the German and Polish tongues.

After the ceremonies had been completed, dinner prepared by the ladies of the congregation of the Holy Ghost was given to the clergy in the basement of the church. After dinner several short speeches were made. Father J. W. Kulawy first spoke, thanking the Archbishop for his kind encouragement and Father Cherrier for his generous co-operation. His Grace replied, commending the zeal and abnegation of the two devoted brothers, Fathers Albert and William.

Father Cherrier, who was the first pastor of the Polish and Galician people, then addressed a few hearty words of congratulation to the Fathers Kulawy on the great improvements they had made, which accrued to the benefit of the Church and the city.

Father Drummond thanked the ladies for their skillful catering and hoped they would use their all-potent influence in fostering vocations to the clergy among the Galician and German boys. St. Boniface college would always welcome good and bright boys.

The basement of the chapel was handsomely decorated with English and Canadian flags. The services of the occasion attracted a very large congregation, the church being overcrowded.

THE TRIBUNE'S CRITICISM OF A COLLEGE PLAY.

Though the following report of the Winnipeg Tribune's dramatic critic is more than a week old, having appeared just when our last issue was ready for the press, we make no apology for printing it. Seldom does it happen that an amateur performance by college students is so carefully criticized by an experienced stage critic of recognized ability and independence. Reports of college plays written by amateur friends are generally full of indiscriminate and therefore worthless praise; but in this case we have both praise and gentlemanly dissent expressed by one whose work reveals exceptional powers of analysis. The fact that two of the three actors singled out for special commendation by the Tribune critic are French Canadians, ought to dispose of the false impression current in Winnipeg that English is not taught in St. Boniface College. It was noted by the audience that the accent of several of the actors was distinctly English in the most exclusive sense of the word:

Winnipeg Tribune, May 30.

A presentation of "The Private Secretary," new to Winnipeggers, was given by St. Boniface college students in the concert hall of the college last evening to a large and intelligent audience. Those who have witnessed this play as it is produced at the theatres would scarcely credit the fact that it is possible to bring out all its salient points without the introduction of a single female character. And yet this was done, and it may be said further, that it was done with such ability that seldom has this comedy drawn forth more laughter and applause than it did in the hands of these young students. The production was an undoubted success. For amateurs to attempt the presentation of a play like "The Private Secretary" requires a good deal of courage and mutual confidence. There are few people who do not imagine they could shine

on the stage, but fewer again who could convince an audience by an attempt, or who, if they could see themselves as others see them, would not laugh at their own efforts. Adaptation, as well as ability and labor are, therefore, very necessary in the success of such a production, and this feature, as well as the two others, was very apparent. The dramatis personae were well arranged on the whole, although from a critic's view one or two little faults might have been found, and these will be referred to later.

The principal character, "Robert Spalding," was taken by Mr. Henry L. Cormier, who acted the part with great ability. His make-up was excellent and he looked the simple inoffensive creature of singular circumstances, and spoke his lines with telling effect. Many professional actors have played the part with less result in the matter of mirth making.

But Mr. Cormier had no monopoly as a star. Mr. Albert Weber, as "Herr Stockmar, Tutor of the Vernons," shared the honors of the evening. This character does not appear so prominently in the usual stage edition, but it is an excellent conception, being as great a burlesque on the spiritualistic idea as "Robert Spalding" is on the tutor.

Another of the youthful actors worthy of special praise was Mr. Joseph Guertin as "Mr. Cattermole." In the blustering, overbearing parts he was perfect, although perhaps he lacked somewhat in his sober conversations. Like the two others mentioned, Mr. Guertin has great stage ability and he often brought out the witty points with professional ability. The character of "Sidney Gibson, the tailor of Bond Street," in the hands of Mr. Alf. Tierney, was not shown to the best advantage. The ignorant, assuming cockney, whose chief "hobby" in life was to be "hinterdoosed to society," is one of the funniest and best conceptions of the whole play and although Mr. Tierney made a good share of the fun, a little more murdered English and cockney dialect, on which this character must principally depend for distinction, would have been a decided improvement. Mr. Tierney, in the writer's opinion, would have made an excellent "Douglas Cattermole." He looked and his make-up was more like that of a dashing spendthrift of the Cattermole ideal than of a foolish tailor. Mr. Earl Ohmer in the last named part was a little too youthful in appearance for the fast young man, and the same may be said of his companion, Mr. James Walsh, in the part of "Harry Marsland," and yet they both, and especially the latter, showed a good conception of their respective parts. Mr. John Burns as "Mr. Marsland" and "Mr. Stead, the lodging house keeper," is also worthy of special mention. He played both characters with ability. The smaller parts were all filled creditably as follows: Frank Vernon, Francis Dupon; Charles Vernon, Pierre Poitras; Knox, an officer of the crown, Joseph Lajoie; John, Marsland's servant, Lauréat Martineau; a gardener, Ovide Moreau.

That the audience was highly delighted with the performance from beginning to end is something for the performers, as well as the instructors, to be proud of, when all the drawbacks against a successful production of such a play, which they had to contend with, are considered. Well as the stage was arranged, it, of course, could not compare with the usual theatre stage for facilities, and cramped arrangements in this respect always tell to some extent on the general effect. But there was scarcely a delay that could be recognized. For a first night performance the result must have exceeded the expectations of the most confident well-wisher of the students.

During the intervals between acts an excellent programme of music was furnished by the boys' chorus and the glee club as follows: Overture, "The Bells of Kemmare," M. F. Cusack, song and chorus; "May God Preserve Thee, Canada," R. S. Ambrose, College Glee Club; "The Loving Smiles of Home," H. Millard; "God Save the Queen," Piano accompaniment by A. Bertrand.

A PIONEER'S STORY

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH MR. B. L. MASTIN.

AFTER LONG YEARS OF PERFECT HEALTH HE WAS ATTACKED WITH KIDNEY TROUBLE AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS BRING HIM NEW HEALTH.

From the Pictou, Ont., Times.

Mr. B. L. Mastin, of Hollowell township, Prince Edward county, was a caller at the Times office the other day and during his visit told of his great suffering from kidney trouble and rheumatism, accompanied by dyspepsia, cold feet and a generally broken down constitution. Mr. Mastin is one of the first settlers of Prince Edward county. He is in his seventy-first year and is the father of a grown up family of well-to-do farmers. In the course of the conversation Mr. Mastin said:—"I had never known what it was to be sick. I have always had good health and worked on my farm every day until some months ago, when I was taken with severe pains in my back and shoulders. I consulted a doctor but received little benefit. I was told by one doctor that I had rheumatism and kidney disease, but his treatment did not help me and I continued getting worse." My appetite failed me and I fell away in flesh. I became irritable and could not sleep well at night. Nobody can conceive the intense pain I endured. Not deriving any benefit from the food I ate and having a constant pain in my stomach I soon became aware that I had dyspepsia, and the pain in my back and shoulders intensified by the stone-like weight in my stomach, made life to me unbearable. I was also a great sufferer from cold feet, nearly every day my feet would get like chunks of ice, and unless I was constantly by the fire the soles of my feet would feel as though they were wet. One day I told my wife I was going to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Having read so much of these famous pills, I thought that what they had done for others they might do for me. I procured a box from Mr. E. W. Case, druggist, and to my great delight before I had used quite one box I had improved. When I had finished a couple more boxes I felt like a new man and I gladly tell this for the benefit of all who suffer as I did." Continuing Mr. Mastin said: "My rheumatism is all gone and I can come and go and enjoy as good health as well as I ever did." With these remarks Mr. Mastin got up to go, but added that his wife was receiving much benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. "I took home a couple of boxes the other day and she thinks they are splendid."

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ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION.

On June 10th at Notre Dame de Lourdes, His Grace the Archbishop conferred the deaconship on Father J. B. Morlat, the sub-deaconship on Fathers Pierre Pouvat, Vincent Bardin, Jean Marie Comte, minor orders on Brother Paul Benoit, and tonsure on Brothers Norbert Dufort and Arsène Lauzière.

At Treherne, the same day, Mgr. Langevin gave confirmation and blessed a bell in presence of a great crowd composed largely of Protestants.

On Monday His Grace went to St. Alphonse where he confirmed about one hundred children. Then he visited Mariapolis, where he blessed another bell.

This morning he gave the tonsure to Mr. Avila Ruel at the Industrial School.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.

At 8.30 on Whitsunday morning, the yearly First Communion took place in St. Mary's Church. The Mass was said by Father Drummond, who preached after the gospel on the importance to the children of this great act, which must stamp their whole lives with the impress of faith and love. Twenty-five girls and fourteen boys received their Lord for the first time. All were within the altar rails and knelt on the altar steps to receive. The ceremonies were admirably conducted by the Brothers of Mary and the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, and the children behaved with evident piety and recollection. A vast number of people also received Holy Communion on this occasion.

In the afternoon His Grace, the Archbishop, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the First Communicants and on 4 other persons, after which he addressed those who had thus received the Holy Ghost, admonishing them to lead a holy life such as our Lord expected of them, and since they had been confirmed they were full soldiers of Christ, and could go out into the world strengthened against the temptations of Satan.

Town of St. Boniface.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of St. Boniface has decided to make and construct, and will make and construct (unless as to any of the respective works a petition as hereinafter mentioned is received), the local improvements or works hereinafter mentioned.

The town will issue local improvement debentures sufficient to raise an amount equal to the respective cost of said works, or such of them as shall be proceeded with, and will assess and levy annual frontage rates (such rates to be equal and uniform frontage rates on the properties fronting on the side of the streets on which said works are respectively made or constructed), sufficient to pay interest and raise a sinking fund to repay the loan or amount of said debentures in seven (7) years, interest being calculated at four (4) per cent. per annum in computing such annual rates.

And unless within one month from the publication of this notice the owners in such respective case hereinafter mentioned, representing at least three-fifths in value of the real property fronting on the hereinafter named portions of the said streets to be benefited by such respective improvements) petition the Council against the same and the as-

essment of the costs thereof, the Town of St. Boniface may, without further notice, proceed with the construction of such local improvements, or any of them as aforesaid, and levy local frontage improvement rates as aforesaid.

The local improvements and the streets and parts of streets upon which such local improvements are proposed to be made are as follows:

A 4-foot plank walk on the north side of Horace street, from Taché avenue to St. Joseph street. Estimated cost, \$230.

A 4-foot plank walk on the south side of Dumoulin street from St. Joseph street to the Town Hall. Estimated cost, \$130.

A 4-foot plank walk on the west side of St. Joseph street Provencher avenue to Dumoulin street. Estimated cost, \$95.

A 4-foot plank walk on the south side of LaVérandrye street from College street to St. Joseph street. Estimated cost, \$255.

A 4-foot plank walk, beginning on the west side of Laflèche street, from Provencher avenue to LaVérandrye street, then on the south side of LaVérandrye street from said Laflèche street to Archibald street, then on the west side of Archibald street from LaVérandrye street to Mission street, then crossing Mission street and continuing on the east side of Montcalm street northwards to the Town limit. Estimated cost, \$1,105.

By order,
THEO BERTRAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.
St. Boniface, 12th June, 1900.

For Small Boys.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Boniface, yielding to repeated requests from various quarters, have determined to undertake the management of a boarding-house for boys between the ages of six and twelve. Special halls will be set apart for them, where, under the care and supervision of the Grey Nuns, they will be prepared for their First Communion, while attending either the Preparatory Department of St. Boniface College or the classes of Provencher Academy. This establishment will be known as "Le Jardin de l'Enfance" (Kindergarten).

The results already attained in similar institutions of the Order give every reason to hope that this arrangement will fill a long felt want.

Board and lodging will cost six dollars a month. For the boys who attend Provencher Academy there will be an additional charge of fifty cents a month; and for those who take music lessons, \$3 a month.

Bedding, mending and washing will be extra. The Sisters are willing to attend to these extras on terms to be arranged with them. The boys who attend the Preparatory Department of St. Boniface College will have to pay the tuition fees of the College.

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