And now, reverend father, that Lord and Master which you have so generously served never allows His se.vants to outdo Him in generosity. Speaking to you through the mouth of your superior, He bids you return to the land of your birth; to the relatives and friends of your youth. You left them all for His sake thirty-four years ago, and now it pleases Him to re-unite those severed ties Rest assured that our prayers and good wishes accompany you on your journey, and when you return invigorated in health and strength, we will joyfully welcome you back. You wili please accept this address and the accompanying purse as a sight token of the love and gratitude which the parishioners of St. Mary's church will always entertain for you.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's church, this 2nd day of October, 1896: J. J. Golden, L. O. Genest, A. H. Kennedy, R. Murphy, J. K. Barrett, committee.

An illuminated copy of the address was handed to Father McCarthy by Mr. J. J. Golden, and the purse which contained a handsome sum, was pre-

sented by Mr. R. Murphy. The Rev. Fther McCarthy thanked them in followin words which were de-livered with a warmth and feeling which touched every member of the congregation. My dear people, I must say that I by no means expected you would put yourself to so much trouble on an occasion of this kind,—that you would trouble yourselves to increase the pleasure that my superiors gave me in allowing me to go home for a while. It is certainly an extraordinary kindness on your part to give me this warm and I may add comfortablesend off. I shall always remember it, dear people, and it will be a comfort and a consolation to me when I am far away, when thousands of miles will separate us, and it confirms and renews in my mind the characteristics of goodness and generosity which I have always experienced amongst the Catholic people of Winnipeg. I am very happy to have his chance of going home-of going to Ireland. I regard this trip to Ireland as a pilgrimage rather than as a pleasure trip,- a real pilgrimage to a holy land, because fair and impartial historians all call Ireland, "the land of saints, of mar-tyrs, and of scholars." It must be well worthy seeing therefore, and as I approach the shores of that dear little Irland, I shall regard it with veneration. It is thirty-four years since I left Ire-land, and in the course of my administration amongst you, administering our Holy Religion to our poor Irish people that I met in the early days, scattered about in the bush or out on the prairie, and in places where you would never have thought to find a human being, reflections have come to me, thoughts have crowded my mind, that have made me look back to Ireland with the most profound veneration as the fountain head and the home of that inextinguishable faith and genforsity which I always found amongst the children of the exiles of Erin. Therefore it is a holy land I am going the children of the exiles of Erin. to, and for an old priest, an old missionary, it is a peculiar pleasure to go there. I feel that when I am there my masses and prayers will be more meritorious than my poor prayer has been here, for they will ascend from a land that has been fertilized by the seed of Christianity-the blood of the martyrs -and they shall be offered up that that Christian faith which you get from Irish ancestors and which has been blessed and sanctified, prospered and scattered over the whole earth, may be ever green and strong and vigerous amongst you. You have alluded to my having been one of the first priests that came into Winnipeg. His Grace, the late Archbishop Tache, it was who to facilitate his passing from camp to first said mass on this side of the river, and I had the honor of saying the second, and had charge of the first little group here. It is certainly a proud thing to remember that I had some thing to do with the beginning of Chris tian worship in Winnipeg, seeing the magnificent and beautiful development that Religion has taken and is taking now. Father Guillet, your Parish Priest, had not long to be among st you to recognize that you are a church building people, and hence he has taken upon his shoulders an enormous obligation in order to satisfy your zeal for the beauty of God's house—a characteristic which Ir sh Catholics bear over the whole world. This is at the same time a proof of his confidence in you, that you will help him through this ordeal and bring it to a successful termination. I am really proud, too, to have been instrumental in the hands of the late Archbishop in organizing the first Catholic school in Winnipeg. This is a great glory for me—I am proud of it, not only because I am a Catholic, but because I am an Irishman and I would be recreant to my race, to my country, were I not to advocate Catholic schools, and honest men would be entitled to treat me with scorn and contempt, were I to go back on that which is and has been so dear to my countrymen. It ill becomes an to my countrymen. It in becomes an Irishman to oppose Catholic schoo's because to only speak of the history of the last century, we can see how our ancesters suffered; struggled, died, to procure efficient Catholic education how they struggled in spite of persecution by men who spread broadcast the epithet of "ignorant Irish papists," and who at the same time perscribed Catholic schools, by fires, imprisonment. exile and worse. I am longing to see the Irish people, to tell them the glorious record of their countrymen in

Manitoba, that I have met during the

last thirty-four years. I shall be proud

to give your record for religion and

for Catholic education; I shall be proud

to tell them of the noble struggle you

are making for the cause which is so

Winnipeg of all nationalities. The French Canadian and the Irish people the two largest nationalities in the parish-have been my admiration for the unanimity in which they have worked together, and I am glad to have the opportunity to declare to my dear French Canadian parishionioners and friends, that I deeply appreciate, and always have appreciated that noble Catholic spirit which you have uniformly manifested towards me n my relations to you as a priest although of another nationality. I beg to thank you all once again for your kindness, and I pray that I may find you on my return all well and happy, that God may bless you and your families and that no sickness or death may occur amongst you. I trust, too, that when I return I shall hear of better times in the circumstances of the country. I can assure you in conclusion that it will be a great consolation for me durnig my journey to call to mind that I have left behind me here friends who will be willing to receive me, and put up with me, again in St. Mary's parish.

A Missionary Visit to Lake Dauphin.

Portage La Prairie, Oct. 1st 1896.

Father Allard came to Portage La Prairie not long ago to visit Indians and induce them to send their children to the St. Boniface Industrial School. While here he persuaded our Pastor to go to Lake Dauphin region for several purposes and chiefly to see the men on the construction. Meanwhile Father McCarthy was sent to take charge of Turtion, Board And Portage for one Sunday. The missionary to Lake Dauphin found a great many French from Hull and many Italians mostly from R me. On the 20th of September he said mes in the Italian camp and says he never had a more gratifying visit. Those Italians to a man were overjoyed to see a priest. Absent from their home from three to fifteen years, in great part neglected in religious matters, yet no sooner had the priest approached their camp than they flocked around him glad as little children to see a priest. We commonly hear it said they give up all religion. The priest found it And so has Deegan's stock of far otherwise. Each man had his prayerbook and the little picture they brought with them from Italy, the two, prayerbooks and pictures, kept very clean. They even knew the feast that was observed last Sunday and tried to explain how it was celebrated "at home." The priest had Italian servers, who did not require a book to give the responses. It greatly pleased them, when the Rev. Father repeated a few words in their tongue. Come vi chiamate?" etc. The striking part of the religious exercise was the fact that there was a varied representation of nationalities: English, Scotch, Irish. German, French and Italian, and it was a splendid example of the common language, Latin, used in the Mass. One of the young Italians translated into their langnage a short but impressive sermon. Al.

people at Mass. The Italians have a camp to themselves, and they board themselves.

together it was edifying to see those good

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All those present expressed them. selves as delighted with the entertain. ment. Unfortunately the weather was too, bad to admit of many persons from a distance attending. During the interval refreshments were sold, which had been provided by some of the lad ies of the parish.

Much interest is being felt in the hazaar, which is to take place in November,. It is to be hoped that it will be a success, and place a nice little sum in the hands of our zealous priest, who is already commencing operations. on the new church, in so much that the contract is already given for the foundations.

We have had some wet weather late. ly which has put back the farm work considerably, however, the fine weather seems to be back again now.

Ducks are very plentiful this year, dear to them at home. I shall be proud and you cannot drive along the countoo, to tell of the great unanimity try roads without frequently disturbwhich exists amongst the Catholics of ing prairie chicken.

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