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WHOLESAOM ADVICE,

Education Without Sound Moral Training
Falls Short of the Desired End.

A large congregation was present Sunday last at High Mass at Ma y's church, when Very Rev. Father Langevin, D. D., O. M. I., preached a most forcible and eloquent sermon on "The Education and Bringing up of Children." The rev. father is always at home on the subject of education, and on Sunday last, during his sermon, he at times ascended to the heights of greatest pulpit oratory, his word painting of his subject carrying the congregation into the expectancy of joy or exile into the valley of tears, as the examples came to his mind, showing the benefits to be derived from the morally trained or the sorrow to be endured by the neglected. It was, in the opinion of those present, the ablest sermon delivered by the reverend father since his arrival to take charge of the parish of St. Mary's. The one thread which pervaded the entire sermon was the principle that education without moral training fell short of its end. He said that the education of this closing decade of the Nineteenth century, a century when progress had steadily been made in all branches of science, was not all that it should be. It was not enough to turn out graduates from schools and universities with minds laden with the stores of knowledge; that was not enough, for if the moral training were neglected and sacrificed the education was void. Addressing the fathers of families he said some may think their duty performed and ended when they send their sons to a university or college, there to be taught the arts and languages. Those sons return to their homes, learned it may be, but if their moral training in the school, and at the home, prior, be neglected, what avail their learning? Dwelling at length upon the stern necessity of parents drilling into the youthful minds of their children the principles of rectitude and morality, he said that he could weep tears of bitterness and sorrow when he thought how some, yea many fathers shirked the responsibility which God placed upon their shoulders. In order to avoid the passing pain which they might endure while reprimanding or chastising their children, they suffered the little ones to grow up unpunished or trifling faults—faults that in after years often times led to ruin. They did this, he said, in compassion, but selfishness was at the root of it, and when it would be too late they would repent their folly. He then instanced the number of good-for-nothing young men who came to Canada from the Old Country, sons of titled noblemen, whose earlier years had been wasted and who had drifted into penury simply because their home training was not what it should have been. The principles inculcated into the mind of the child last forever; they are his guiding marks through life. If they be good, his career is almost certain to be likewise, and if bad, so too will in all probability his future be. The sermon closed by a touching reference to the young French boy who, when asked derisively by his German teacher to point out France on the map, after France had been purposely torn out, said with tears in his eyes, "France is here"—pointing to his heart. This illustration was intended to convey how deep rooted must be the early lessons of childhood, as deep rooted as the love of one's country.

A Welcome Visitor.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Catholic Order of Foresters was held Friday evening last, the attendance being unusually good. The several reports presented were of a most encouraging nature. After disposing of the routine business, Second Vice-Langer L. O. Genest introduced Mr. A. W. Blouin D. H. C. R. at large and founder of the order in Canada. The visiting brother in the course of a few well chosen remarks, gave some sensible suggestions, which it is hoped will not be lost sight of by the members. He thanked the members of the order for the hospital reception given the delegates to the annual convention held at St. Paul, Minn., last June while on their visit to this city, and reminded them of the next convention, which takes place at Ottawa, the second Tuesday in June next, assuring them that they might prepare for retaliation of courtesy befitting the noble order they formed. In the absence of Mr. T. D. Deegan, chief ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger L. O. Genest occupied the chair. It is proposed to give an entertainment at an early date, further announcement of which will be given in these columns.

Mount Carmel Convent.

The good Sisters of Mount Carmel Convent, Rat Portage, did not forget their young charges during the holiday season, and on Friday afternoon was witnessed the usual Christmas tree celebration. At half past three the large class room was opened to receive a numerous band of happy children, ready to take their seats at well-filled tables, provided by the generous donations of parents and friends. At five o'clock all adjourned to one end of the spacious room, where amidst graceful festoons of evergreens, Chinese lanterns and symbols of welcome and good cheer,

two large trees laden with presents and decked with ornaments, might be seen. With eager faces all looked for "Old Santa," who, in the person of a child of seven, hobbled on the stage, staff in hand, long white beard and variegated bloomers. With his old, genial spirit he presented to each his and her respective gift. The distribution was immediately followed by a number of choice recitations and comic songs, which the pupils had been preparing for some weeks before. Those who were present expressed their hearty thanks for the evening's amusement, and hoped that before long the children of Mount Carmel Convent would reassemble, to show, by their diligent application, the progress made since the Christmas tree of 1894.

Dr. Foran at Ottawa University.

Mr. J. K. Foran, a Canadian literary man, received the degree of Doctor of Laws from his Alma Mater, the University of Ottawa, a few months ago. The Governor General of Canada (Lord Aberdeen), and the Archbishop of Ottawa were present. In returning thanks, Dr. Foran made special mention of Father Tabaret, a former Rector of the University. He said:—"Well do I remember that gloomy day in mid-winter, 1886, when the gifted Archbishop of Ottawa pronounced the funeral oration in the Basilica. In one phrase he summed up the life, the labors, the virtues, the characteristics of the illustrious dead. In an ecstasy of eloquent sorrow he cried out "Qui, comme d'élite!" Yes, truly was Father Tabaret of those whom the world calls the elite, and just as truly is he, tonight, amongst those whom God calls the elect. Outside your door is a statue that affection has raised to his memory; but this magnificent institution, with its ever expanding proportions and increasing influence, is the monument par excellence that shall transmit his name and his fame to posterity. Grand in his humility, calm like and meek in his power, poverty afflicted him, years made his brow younger, obstacles strengthened him, difficulties encouraged him, and a lowly spirit and a life of obedience constituted him an organizer of institutions and a commander amongst men. The impress of his zeal is left upon the diocese of Ottawa; the mark of his handiwork you behold in this University; and the zeal of this strong personality is stamped upon the spirit of a whole generation of men."

Dr. Foran, continuing his speech, said: "Two important works have the Oblates accomplished during the last half century; the evangelization of one generation and the education of another. Upon almost the picturesqueness of the Gatineau and Desert, the spire of Maniwak's Church, flings a shadow upon one of their pioneer establishments. Off by Timagami and Nipissing they are literally turning a wilderness into a garden." Away by the Red River and over the rolling prairies of the Northwest, in the footsteps of Archbishop Tache and his companions, are the evidences of their presence. Upon amongst the stupendous grandeur of the Rockies where they planted the cross. Beyond, where Fraser and Mackenzie leap in wild fury, down the granite stairways of their white cascades they labored. In far away Athabaska where the foot of summer scarcely ever treads, with Bishop Oult and his associates; do we behold their work. And, to-night in that section of our country rendered historic by deeds of heroism, beneath the shadow of the Cypress hills, on the wild shores of Aikeesagahogan, there stands a colossal cross; its summit points to Heaven, and at its base are two mounds that contain the ashes of the Oblate martyrs, who, leaving this institution at the voice of obedience, went forth in the livery of Christ to die at the post of duty—Father Marchand and Fafard.

And while this work of evangelization was going on, here in the capital of your country, they have been building up this home of learning and this shrine of sanctity. Look over Canada to-day and you will behold students of this institution in every sphere of life—in the Church, in Parliament, at the Bar, on the Bench, in the medical profession, in engineering, literature, science, commerce and industries—clinging to the topmost round on the ladder of success. Not only in Canada, but all over the great Republic to the south of us. In that land of freedom, there is scarcely a city that does not contain one or more hears that heat in gratitude to our Alma Mater, and with love and veneration for the men who moulded their young lives. Go on in your glorious mission and you will yet be a powerful factor in raising this country to her rightful position amongst the nations. Under the safeguards of our matchless constitution, the head of which is represented here tonight in the person of the universally beloved Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, you will behold this Dominion a queen upon this western continent, a home of good principles, a shrine of the civilization of the gospel, with the scintillations of God's ineffable majesty shedding their radiant glories on the pathway of her future. Yes, you will aid in making her the realization of the Canadian poet's picture:

The northern arch, whose vast proportions span the sky from sea to sea,
From Atlantic to Pacific,
Home of unborn millions free!"

Reports from the orange districts of Florida indicate that nearly two millions of unpicked oranges were frozen on the trees and 300,000 oranges frozen in the boxes while awaiting shipment. Early vegetables in the northern part of the State were ruined.

RING OUT YE MERRY BELLS.

Two Young Hearts Made One by the Nuptial Knot.

Thursday morning last, St. Mary's church was the scene of one of those joyful occasions in life when two loving hearts are made to beat as one. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Michael Carry Jr., of Marinette, Wisconsin, and Miss Mary Cecilia McInerney, of the same place, and formerly of Nelson, New Brunswick. The nuptial mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father McCarty, O. M. I., assisted by the Rev. Father O'Dwyer, O. M. I. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of brown tweed and was attended by her cousin Miss Helena Powers. The groom was unassisted. The ceremony was private, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. After breakfast, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Powers, Charlotte street, the wedding party drove to the C. P. R. depot where the newly married couple took the Atlantic express for a trip which will include the principal cities of the east as well as a visit to the bride's old home, New Brunswick, before returning to Marinette, where they will reside. Miss McInerney while visiting in the city for the past few months has made many warm friends who unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Carry many years of happiness.

Built His Own Monument.

Rev. Mr. Pedley, of the Central Congregational church, on Sunday last, in the course of his sermon on "The Graves of 1894," made the following reference to the death of Archbishop Tache: "Another name well known to this western world, the name of a man who had his place in the higher life of Canada, and yet who is peculiarly the property of the Northwest, is the name of the Archbishop of St. Boniface. The Roman Catholic church has had its share of the men who lived a life of ease and emolument; it has also had its share of the men who were prepared to go to the uttermost parts of the earth for the cause which they loved. In 1636 the Roman Catholic missionaries came to the shores of the Red river, but it was not until 1818 that the church took its prominent position in this land. Then, at the invitation of Lord Selkirk, Provencher and Dumailen came from Quebec and landed from their birch bark canoes at Point Douglas, then they moved to St. Boniface, that was 1818. In 1845 two young men came out to the help of those, one of them named Tache, 20 years of age, finding that the work required more assistance, offered himself for service and went to France for consecration. In St. Paul's cathedral, you will see a little monument to the builder, upon which is written in Latin words, which being translated read "If you wish a monument look around you." Archbishop Tache needs no monument for his grave at St. Boniface, with its nunnery, its hospitals, its college, its convents, all institutions that are gathered together there, are the monuments that speak of his life and work."

Catholic Truth Society.

Installation of Officers and Presentation of Annual Report.

At a meeting of St. Joseph's Friendly Union and Catholic Truth society, held at the hall, Water street, on Monday night, the newly elected officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows by Honorary President A. Lucier, assisted by Bro. F. W. Russell:

President, A. H. Kennedy.
First Vice President, D. Coyle.
Second Vice President, M. E. Hughes.
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Assistant Recording Secretary, G. Tessier.
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Marshal, J. Brennan.
Guard, G. Tourey.

The various officers presented reports, which were all more or less of a satisfactory nature. Whilst but little progress has been made during the past year in point of membership, it was felt that good work had been done, special reference being made to the lectures which had been delivered by Messrs. W. O'Connell Powell, F. W. Russell and Dr. J. K. Barrett, and published under the auspices of the society. The finances are in a better shape than ever before in the history of the society, and a most encouraging increase in attendance at the meetings held recently, and a consequent improvement in the interest taken by the members in the welfare of the society were amongst the points noted in the reports by the officers, who claimed that this promised well for the future. Speeches were made by Rev. Father O'Dwyer, who spoke of the interest taken by the clergy in the Truth society. They felt, he said, that an organization with an object such as that of this association was a material assistance to the church.

It was decided that the series of lectures by members, which had been discontinued for some time, be recommenced, and on motion of Mr. J. J. Golden, it was decided that Mr. F. W. Russell be requested to prepare a lecture. Mr. Russell accepted the invitation, and will lecture at the meeting to be held on Monday evening next.

A very pleasant and satisfactory meeting was brought to a termination by hearty votes of thanks to the retiring officers for their valuable service during the past year.

As a result of the drought in western Nebraska, in Custer, Chase, Perkins and surrounding counties, the people are dying of starvation. Three deaths from actual starvation have already occurred.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Items of Interest to Catholic Readers
Gathered from many sources.

The new Czar has informed the Pope that he has pardoned many condemned Poles, and His Holiness has sent an autograph letter encouraging him to persist in his liberal policy.

The health of the Holy Father continues to be remarkably good. His capacity for work becomes more and more astonishing to those who surround him.

Professor Shahan, of the Catholic World Magazine, contributes to "The Catholic Historical Study" for January a fine article entitled "Gregory the Great and the Barbarian World." The article is embellished with portraits.

The Pope has given to Queen Christina of Spain another mark of his sympathy, by authorizing a Requiem Mass to be sung in the chapel of the Royal Palace at Madrid, on the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the death of Alphonso XII.

The Catholic institutions of New York lost a good friend when the late Eugene Kelly of that city passed away. The amount of the lamented banker's benefactions to Catholic charities was very great. It was no unusual thing for him to send checks of \$2,000 and \$3,000 to a needy institution.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert has directed that commanders of American war vessels in foreign ports shall allow visiting Catholic priests to have access to their vessels and be afforded all privileges necessary to the conduct of their sacred calling among them. There can be no objection to this in times of peace, and any official expression on the subject rather too sturdy opinion of some commanders that the ship's chaplain, of whatever denomination, is amply qualified "to do all the praying necessary." Secretary Herbert is clearly right in insuring to Catholic seamen on war vessels so far as possible the consolation of their chosen faith.

General News.

An organist says that a cow moos in a perfect fifth octave, or tenth; a dog barks in fifth or fourth; a donkey brays in a perfect octave; and a horse neighs in a descent on the chromatic scale.

A Boston inventor has a good means of lessening the death roll of the electric and cable cars. He has placed revolving brushes under the car in such a manner that a person who happens to fall in front of the car will be swept from the track.

A DISPATCH from Ottawa announces that Mr. Edward Mooney, son of the late Mr. Michael Mooney, who died suddenly at the Narrow Locks, at Newboro, pointed to succeed his father as lock-master. The appointment is hailed with satisfaction by everyone in the district and by Rideau Canal miners as kind act on the part of the Government.

Here is a budget of definitions illustrating the unconscious wit of children, "mid with the juice out," salt, "what there isn't any in," wakefulness, buttoned," fan, "something to feller don't mean to cry," and it bursts out all by itself; bearing false witness, "when nobody ain't done nothing and somebody goes and tells;" ice, water that stayed out in the cold too late and went asleep."

In an interview with a Montreal reporter recently Sir Frank Smith said: "Personally upon delighted and gratified over the honor that Her Majesty has conferred upon Mr. Bowell. I have worked side by side with him; I know his worth and I know well he deserved it. He is a man of the people, and an honor like this being bestowed upon him binds still closer the affection between the crown and the strong branch of the Imperial race which the Colonies represent. I cannot say more than that given me greater pleasure than the opportunity I have of congratulating my old friend on his well-earned reward. Tell this to my friends in Ontario who I know will share my feelings."

Wit and Humor.

The Editor's Christmas.—"My dear, is the dinner ready?"
"Just on the table."
"All right. Let Billy go out and gobble like a two-dollar turkey while I carve this beef."

A great deal has been said as to the slowness of the turtle's movements, but all we can say is he generally arrives in time for soup.

A Liverpool shoemaker hung out a new sign, and then wondered what passers-by found so amusing. His sign read as follows: "Don't go anywhere else to be cheated. Walk in here."

Justice.—"How do you explain your being found inside Colonel Granger's chicken coop last night? Jackson?"
"The truth is, judge, I made all my arrangements to get up early in the morning, and I wanted to sleep where I could hear the roosters crow."

Very probably China will have to foot the war bill. Up to date it's been logging it.