

## A CARD OF THANKS

FROM THE REVEREND SISTERS OF  
THE CONGREGATION OF NOTRE  
DAME.

To Each and all of Their Benefactors  
and Friends Who Aided in the  
Villa Maria Bazaar.

The Mother Superior and the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame beg to extend their heart-felt thanks and the assurance of their deep gratitude to all and individually the friends and benefactors who aided in making the recent bazaar, held in the Monument National, a magnificent success. In cases of this kind, when the generosity of the public has been so universal and spontaneous, it would be difficult to discriminate, above all to convey to each particular contributor a personal expression of the sincere sentiment awakened.

However, it is only just that special mention should be made of the extraordinary favor conferred by His Holiness, the immortal Leo XIII. in sending His Apostolic Benediction to the Sisters of the Community, to the undertaking in behalf of the cause so dear to all Catholics of Montreal, and to all who took part in the bazaar. In the next place thanks are due to His Grace, the venerable and good Archbishop of Montreal, for the deep interest he took in the success of the bazaar, for his presence on the occasion of the opening, and for the encouragement imparted by his blessing to those who interested themselves so nobly in the work.

To the members of the clergy, and to those of the different religious communities special thanks are tendered for their generous co-operation and the noble emulation that they exhibited in the cause that has so stirred the generosity of the Catholics of our city.

Apart from the different ladies who took such active and successful parts in the bazaar, and whose greatest reward is evidently in the knowledge of all the good they have done, the thanks of the community are due to the members of the press for the very generous manner in which they aided in the publication of all reports and items of interest connected with the ten days during which the "labor of love" lasted. Likewise does the Orchestra deserve a special mention. The attraction to the hall by the sweet strains that were given gratis, served in no small measure to secure the object that all had in view.

Finally, the Sisters of the Community beg of the public in general to accept their sincere and lasting gratitude, and to believe them truly when they state that in their prayers to God, and to His Blessed Mother, their numerous benefactors will not be forgotten.

Last—but first always—thanks to God for the benefits reaped from the bazaar and for the grand Catholic spirit that was made manifest on that occasion.

## CONSULTING SPIRITS.

Rev. Father Quinlivan's Comments on  
His Grace the Archbishop's Pastoral  
Letter.

In St. Patrick's Church, on Sunday, the Rev. Father Quinlivan, the parish priest, read a pastoral letter from His Grace Archbishop Fabre, on the question of "tableturning," "planchette," and other such devices. In commenting upon the letter, as well as upon that issued years ago by the late Bishop Bourget, the Rev. Father said, that in those gatherings where it is pretended that communion is held with the spirits of the other world, it must be admitted that the deception and professional jugglery and charlatanism may easily act the part of pretended spirits. It is equally certain, however, from the testimony of persons whose word cannot be doubted, and whose ability and experience place them beyond the reach of human deception, that there are sometimes manifestations of beings with whom we have nothing in common. Spiritism is the art of evoking the spirits of the other world, and of communicating with them by means of intermediaries called mediums. The mere turning of a table of physical motion of any such thing may be produced by a natural cause which we ignore. This mere turning or causing of physical motion where there would be no occasion or danger of sin, no scandal, no explicit or tacit invocation of the evil one, would not, in itself, be wrong, provided it did

not tend to a bad purpose, or create a danger of faith, good morals or health. There are many persons who have a horror of such things, even considered as we have explained them, and we would advise them to retain this horror, for they are too often the occasion of sin, scandal and ruin of health. As Bishop Bourget said 40 years ago in regard to "turning tables" and what is called "Planchette": "We warn you, beloved brethren, to have absolutely nothing to do with those amusements and experiments where turning tables and planchettes are brought into requisition." Tables move with intelligence, answer by raps on the floor, and other signs, the questions put to them; tell name, age, time of day, contents of pocket, etc. In this matter illusion, deception may be practiced. Don't suppose that we believe in the presence of spirits every time that they are called upon by tables and the planchette. There are, however, phenomena which it is not possible to account for, naturally. Table-turning or planchette-writing are mortal sins outside of circumstances of scandal, i.e., a sin mortal in itself and by its nature.

1. It is certain that the manifestation of the spirits of the other world is undeniable. Matter, as table and planchette, has not intelligence, cannot reason, or, still less, foretell future, or speak of things absent or hidden. It is absurd that a machine could be invented to answer any and all questions, to reveal what

man ignores. If they answer there is within them a cause, an intelligence, foreign to man.

2. There are good and bad spirits in the other world. The angels and saints don't join childish and silly amusements. Spiritism can be explained only by the intervention of Satan, who at all times seeks to deceive men; hence, it is a mortal sin to have any relations with the enemy of God and man.

Evocation of spirits is forbidden by the Church and by Holy Scripture. The Church has frequently condemned and prohibited divination of all kinds, and in general every superstition which pretends to lift the veil of the future, or what God has wisely hidden. Spiritism is a species of divination, of superstition. As the Sacred Congregation has declared Holy Scripture condemns it. Kings condemn Saul for evoking the soul of Samuel (1 Kings, 28 ch.) The reason is plain. Every effect exceeding nature cannot be obtained by natural means. Hence to try to obtain such an effect is contrary to Catholic principles. You might as well pray to a tree, or expect a parrot to understand grammar or arithmetic, or to see with its hand or its foot. The Sacred Congregation says explicitly what is forbidden—to evoke the souls of the dead, to question them, to seek things hidden or distant, or any other superstition. (Decret. 18 10; Levit., 20, 6; 19 31; 1 Kings, 28, 3)

Mgr Bourget said: "It is a sin to en-

deavor to put ourselves into communion with spirits, to recall the past to know the present, to know the future, and in general to wish to look into the abysses of secrets which God alone can know, because He has reserved the knowledge of them to Himself. Hence we inform you as your brothers that you commit a sin, which is mortal in itself, when you strive to consult spirits through turning tables, or by that other superstitious practice known as spirit rapping."

As to the deplorable effects of Spiritism, a learned theologian states that serious authors who give an account of these practices are unanimous in noticing that they are followed by a series of visible and evident calamities—often sudden death, loss of reason on account of nervous excitement. It is never lawful to have communion with enemies of God, or to sanction iniquity by one's presence.

## DEATH OF REV. MOTHER DUFFY.

The many friends of the Reverend Mother Teresa Duffy, formerly treasurer at the Sacred Heart Convent, Sault aux Recllets, will regret to learn of her death at Manhattanville, N.Y., having just returned from Laval, (France) where she had been sojourning for her health. During the many years of her connection with this popular order of educationalists, Mother Duffy had been actively engaged in the erection of some of the finest institutions carried on by the ladies of the Sacred Heart, notably the reconstruction of the magnificent convent at Manhattanville, which necessitated an outlay of about one million dollars. Mother Duffy was one of four sisters who devoted their lives to the cause of religion, all being professed members of the Order of The Ladies of the Sacred Heart.

## CANADIAN HORSES.

WHAT THEY ARE WORTH IN OTHER LANDS.

Two weeks ago we gave our readers a letter from an eminent Irish author to the Hon. Senator Murphy, on the subject of the "Horse Show" recently held in Ireland. This was given a *propos* the great horse show in New York. We did not deem it well, at that moment, to say much about our Canadian horses, but we feel it only just to our own country that we should state that most of the horses that so attracted the attention of the world were either Canadian bred, or the offspring of Canadian stock. It may not be uninteresting to our farmers, and especially our stock-raisers, to know that Canadian horses command the very highest price on the European market.

It is only the other day that Messrs. Fuller & Caniff, the latter the well known and popular livery man on St. Alexander street, returned from a trip to Scotland, where, at Glasgow, they disposed of twenty-five of our Canadian horses. And, what is best, their stock called for the very highest prices on the British market.

This news should be encouraging to all Canadian stock-raisers who have made it a business to deal in horses. In the days of the American war, and from that time till the present, our horses have held the foremost rank in the competition of the world, and the evidence that their quality and worth are not decreasing is to be seen in the results of Mr. Caniff's recent success in the old country.

Aim at perfection in everything. Though in most things it is unattainable, however, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and dependency make them give it up as unattainable.

Mothers are never too old to appreciate the gentleness of their children; they are never so busy as to slight a caress, nor never so taken up with the cares and responsibilities of household life that they will not enter fully into the joys, sorrows and plans of their children, if only that loving confidence was offered them.

Nothing keeps a man from being rich like thinking he has enough; nothing from knowledge and wisdom like thinking he has both.

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