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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, May 10th, 1888. Mr. E. J. Dermody. DEAR SIR,—I see by the last issue of the Northwest Review that you have been instructed by the directors of the journal with the management of the same, "the company to the present retaining charge of the editorial columns."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6. EDITORIAL NOTES.

A great lie, says a poet, is like a fish on dry land; it may fret and fling, and make frightful bother, but it cannot hurt you.

According to published statistics, there are more divorces in Europe than in Asia and Africa, more divorces in America than in Europe; more in Protestant countries than in Catholic ones, and more divorces among liberal people than among the orthodox.

"The faithful may be assured," said Leo XIII. the other day, addressing a deputation of Catholic notables, "that the sceptres of Caesarism and the swords of their persecutors will fall harmlessly at the feet of the Papacy."

One of the fashions of the day is not to be barded with large families. In the grave could speak how fearful would be its revelations on this topic, how monstrous the guilt of those who revel in innocent blood.

Among recent conversions in London to the Catholic Church is that of Mr. Scott Allen, a gentleman well known in Irish circles in the metropolis, and a valued worker in the Liberal organization as secretary for Marylebone.

work in London. She owes her conversion to the lectures to non-Catholics organized in the metropolis last year by the Cardinal-Archbishop.

Archbishop Corrigan, when questioned as to the truth of the report that at a conference of priests held at Hartford, Conn., the ban on secret societies of the country was removed with the exception of that on Freemasons, referred to Father Lavallee, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

THE SCHOOLS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Another cloud, in the form of a school difficulty, appears on the horizon west of Manitoba. The Bishop of the Northwest Territory has prepared a protest, which his Lordship intends sending to Ottawa, against the ordinance of the Legislative Assembly.

Up till the first of January, 1893, the schools were organized and conducted under an ordinance passed in 1888, which established a Board of Education of eight members, five of whom were to be Protestants and three Catholics.

By an ordinance which came into force last January all this is changed. It provides: "There may be established, subject to the provisions of this ordinance and to the regulations of the Council of Public Instruction, the following classes of schools:—Public schools, for pupils between the ages of five and twenty, in which instruction shall be given in the elements of an English and commercial education;

The law further establishes a "Council of Public Instruction," consisting of the Executive Committee, viz, the four advisers of the Lieutenant Governor, and four persons, two of whom must be Catholic, appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the appointed members to have no vote in the Council. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized to appoint a Superintendent of Education.

These changes are sweeping. The authorities of the Church have nothing but advisory power, when before they controlled text-books, teachers, and all else connected with school management. Another serious regulation concerns religious instruction: "No religious instruction, such as Bible reading or reciting, or reading or reciting prayers (except as hereinafter provided), or asking questions or giving answers from any catechism, shall be permitted in any school in the Territories on the opening at nine o'clock until one half-hour previous to the closing of such school in the afternoon, after which time any such instruction permitted or desired by the trustees may be given."

As the new Council of Public Instruction is entirely in the hands of Protestants, and as all public schools are governed by the Council, and as the Catholic separate schools are only separate in name, the lot of our co-religionists calls for the protest of Bishop and people.—Catholic Register.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Professor Garnier, the American who went into the forests of Africa about a year ago to live with the monkeys and earn their language, has arrived at Liverpool. He claims that his visit to Africa was a great success, and that the monkey family has a language.

THE OBLATE FATHERS. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate who, besides other spheres of labour, are working in the most remote portions of the Canadian Far West, are not only most zealous and most devoted missionary priests, but are also perpetuating in the fullest manner the noble tradition of the early Jesuit missionaries of India and China by their most important philological and ethnographical studies of the peoples whom they evangelise.

Some months ago we were favored with a copy of an important work issued by the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, and entitled "Bibliography of the Athabaskan Languages" (Government Printing Press, 1892).

One of the most important of these missionary authors is Father Adrian Gabriel Morice, whose numerous contributions to the literature of the Dene languages occupy five closely printed columns of the bibliography.

Ten close columns are required to detail the innumerable publications of Father Emile Petitot, a native of Burgundy, whose labors in Canada extended from 1862 to 1882, when he retired to France.

Father Valentin Vagreville, of St. Albert Mission, has written much in and concerning this same Montaignais language. A native of Mayenne, he has labored incessantly from 1852 to the present day among the Chippeways and Crees, on Lake Caribou, at Edmonton, among the Assiniboines, in Saskatchewan, and numerous other parts of the Far West.

It grieves me to say that for the present all my scientific and literary work is stopped. A task more serious and more important is imposed upon me. I am the only priest to minister at Fort Saskatchewan, where I go every fortnight, a distance of 22 miles.

Space will not allow us to make more than a passing reference to the writings of Father Lezoff, in Montaignais; and of Father Perault, inventor of the Montaignais alphabet; but the three above quoted are by far the most important of these writers.

During the past few days we have also received a most interesting monograph, taken from the proceedings of the Royal Society of Canada, and entitled "Carrier Sociology and Mythology," by Father Morice above mentioned.

Such is a very hasty summary of a part at least of the splendid work being done by the O. M. I. Fathers in our great Canadian Northwest. It is a work of which their illustrious congregation, and indeed all Catholics, may justly be proud, and we ourselves feel happy to have this opportunity of paying our modest tribute to their self-sacrificing and never-wearying labors for God and for science.—Illustrated Catholic Mission.

MR. JOHN O'DONOHUE'S MISREPRESENTATIONS.

HE IS CONTRADICTED BY TWO WELL-KNOWN CATHOLICS.

Mr. John O'Donohue, in his latest Tribune interview, gives the names of Mr. F. W. Russell and Mr. G. Gladnish as amongst the Catholics of the city who would be in favor of accepting the public schools were it not for the opposition of the clergy.

Make Catholic Truth Known.

Father Elliott, the Paulist missionary now working among non-Catholics, gives this advice to Catholics: The personal use we make of the truth of God is a good test of our valuation of it.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

A bad barber, like lightning, never strikes twice in the same place—his victims won't let him. "Mike," said the landlord, "I think I shall have to raise your rent."

Priests Exiled in Russia.

A recent dispatch from Brussels says: Advice have been received here from St. Petersburg that twenty-two Catholic priests were a few days ago exiled from the Vistula district on the charge that they had opposed the authorities.

SISTERS LIVE IN A BARN.

In Sad Straits Owing to Tardy State Authorities. Mother Superior Felicia and Sister Theresa, of the Benedictine Sisters, visited Gov. Stone, of Colorado, recently in hopes that they might be able to get some assistance from the state towards building a new convent.

Who Can Dispute It?

Barry's Corners, N.S., Feb. 15, 1890. W. H. COMSTOCK, Brockville, Ont. Dear sir,—Your Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are the best selling pill in the market.

Thousands of Lives are saved annually by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

In the treatment of croup and whooping cough, the Pectoral has a most marvellous effect. It allays inflammation, frees the obstructed air passages, and controls the desire to cough.

For the Satolli Residence Fund.

Archbishop Corrigan has issued a circular to the rectors of the churches in the archdiocese of New York, directing that a collection be made on Sunday, December 30, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the residence at Washington, which has been purchased for the apostolic delegation, of which Mgr. Satolli is at the head.

Work, Not Talk.

We look to our priests as our models of piety, the showers of good example, the leaders that point out the way. But what are we to do? To stand idly by, listen to their exhortations, look edified, and do nothing.

Getting Square With the Priest.

In very many parishes—we were about to say in every (Catholic parish)—there is to be found some one who does not go to church nor take part in the religious life of the people, because at some time, more or less remote, he has "had a row" with the pastor.

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"Time brings strange reverses. Here's poor old Henpeck, for instance, who married his typewriter." "Well, where does the reversal come in?" Why, it was he who used to dictate.

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Return of the Jesuits to Germany.

On Saturday last the German Reichstag passed an Act providing for the return of the Jesuits to that country, after a long and somewhat stormy debate.

An analysis of the voting shows that the majority consisted of ninety-five Catholics, almost the entire party, seven Liberals, six Socialists, twenty-nine Socialists. The division cannot be described as one of strictly party lines. During the regime of Prince Bismarck, the tenacity with which he opposed the revocation of the law of expulsion, even after the abatement of the Kulturkampf prevented the splitting of the party groups on this question.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Father Kneipp, the well-known cold water doctor, of Worishofen, has received from Leo XIII. the dignity of Papal Privy Chamberlain.

Considerable stir has been caused in society by the conversion to Catholicity of a niece of John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland. She kept house for her uncle in Dublin. She will enter a convent within three months.

The arched stone roof of St. Pierre chapel, recently erected in Copier, near Clermont-Ferrand, France, is the department, fell last week while many Sisters of Mercy were at prayers. Several Sisters are said to have been killed and several injured severely.

It was only some twenty odd years ago that State persecution of Catholics ceased in Denmark. Since then Catholicity has been making rapid progress. In 1866 there were but three priests in that country. There are now, according to the "Annals of the Propagation of the Faith," upwards of thirty, most of whom are converts, and every year the number of conversions is over two hundred.

GENERAL NEWS.

The barber derives his class title from the Latin word "barba," a beard. Rude uncivilized races were originally called "barbarians" solely on account of the unkempt appearance of their beard and hair.

This good advice to parents comes from our welcome contemporary, the Canadian Freeman: The mother of a family is the queen of their home, but the father is the power behind the throne. His influence is most powerful. If he is insolent to his wife, the children will be apt also to flout her. If he make home unhappy, she cannot have it an elysium. If he sets a bad example to the children by getting drunk, by swearing, by neglecting his language, etc., etc., it will be next to impossible for her to bring up her young children in the fear of the Lord and in the practise of religion.

Apparently the ancient Irish language is not to be allowed to die without a struggle. Many influential Irish gentlemen, among whom are Sir Thomas Edmonde, M.P., and Captain Donnellan, M.P., are having their names and addresses written in Irish only on their vehicles, thus braving the wrath of the magistrates of County Cork, who have already pronounced conduct of this kind to be a breach of the Highways Act. Not to be outdone by these gallant champions of the Gaelic tongue, the members of the Dublin Young Ireland League unanimously passed the following resolution at their last meeting: "That the corporation and town commissioners of Ireland be requested to paint the names of the streets in Irish above the names in English, in order to familiarize the people with the Irish language and prove to visitors the separate nationality."

A LITTLE bit of really valuable advice for this season of the year. Keep your mouth shut. If people would only do this they would avoid coughs and colds and six-times serious illnesses. The prescription is a very simple one, and no even the merit of originality can be claimed for it; but it undoubtedly is efficacious, as the writer can testify from experience. The idea belongs to Mr. Catlin, the celebrated traveler among the North American Indians, who discovered that they were free from many of the diseases which afflict civilized nations, and he attributed this exemption to the practice of keeping their mouths closed at almost all times, except when they are eating or talking. The mother teaches their children this from their earliest infancy. And does it not stand as a reason that that it is better to breathe through the nostrils the chilly air when leaving a heated room for the street, or even when going into a cold passage, than letting it go straight to the lungs in the ordinary way? Mr. Catlin declares that "Shut your mouth" is the most important motto which human language can convey.