

anxious to present Fr. Considine with a well filled purse on this occasion, but that their revered pastor had expressly forbidden any such thing. However, the laity were determined to have their way some other time, when, for instance, Fr. Considine might be starting on a long journey for a rest. Many were the hard drives in rough roads and weather he and Fr. Considine had had together. "I went," said the genial doctor, "for the body, he went for the soul; but I noticed that he often got the dough, while I got none." (This, Fr. Considine afterwards said, was an extraordinary lapse of memory on the Doctor's part, the exact reverse being the truth.)

Father Considine himself was now called upon to acknowledge the congratulations of his brethren and he did so with evident trepidation, as it was the first public speech, not a sermon, he had ever made. He began by saying that he felt very much ashamed at all the undeserved praise he was getting. He had only done what any other priest would have done in his place. It was easy to work on cheerfully when one had so fatherly a bishop, such friendly fellow priests and so many exemplary parishioners. He thanked them all for their kind appreciation of his humble efforts and hoped they would continue to help him by their prayers. When he considered the wonderful development of this country in the last 25 years he felt how deep must be their gratitude to God who had so greatly extended his kingdom in this rapidly growing region.

Bishop Shanley fittingly brought the speeches to a close by a brilliant retrospective review. The Bishop of Fargo, who is well known as a most reliable authority on the early history of his diocese, referred feelingly to the heroic days of Fathers Provencher and Dumoulin. He reminded his hearers that they were nearing the hundredth anniversary of the first evangelization of the Red River, and if God spared him he would see that that anniversary be grandly celebrated 13 years from now, in 1918. On the feast of the Assumption in that year they would celebrate the centenary of Father Provencher's first Mass at Point Douglas opposite St. Boniface, and some time in September of the same year they would commemorate Father Dumoulin's first Mass at Pembina, in what is now North Dakota. Whenever his mind recurred to those pioneer days Bishop Provencher loomed large before him as a real hero. For years and years that heroic pioneer remained almost alone at his post of duty. Other priests came, labored for a time, and then grew discouraged and returned to the east. But he, steadfast and undaunted labored faithfully on in what was for so many decades a most unpromising field. Coming down to more recent times, the Right Reverend Bishop recalled the early struggles of the priestly pioneer who was this day their beloved jubilarian. He would not wound his well known modesty by recounting virtues with which all his hearers were familiar, but he would say how glad he was that so many of the clergy had come to do honor to the first priest ordained for the Territory of Dakota.

The time between dinner and supper was spent very pleasantly at Fr. Considine's house. At supper, which was an early one, owing to the departure of some of the guests by the northbound train, the following letters were read from the Right Rev. James McGrick, Bishop of Duluth, and Father Lhiver, the oldest priest in the diocese.

Duluth, Minn., June 30, 1905.
My Dear Father Considine—I wish you a very happy celebration of your 25th anniversary and I hope that during the next 25 years you may go on and on in health and strength to do still more for God's glory and the good of souls.
I am yours truly,
† James McGrick.

Dunseith, N. D., June 26, 1905.
Glory be to you, my dear young brother priest, and may you live 25 years more in the service of the church, in order to add to your crown the jewels that are yet wanted to it and which you will surely deserve.
My dear Father Constantine (as they used to call you lovingly in the beginning) when you and I only had charge of souls from Grand Forks to Pembina. Pretty odd, but sweet remembrances! After all, we roughed it, but pleasantly, and I hope, to the satisfaction of our Master. Names could be called here which surely would awake in you many souvenirs and emotions of different kinds. They, worthy servants, are called to an account, and I trust holily repose "in sinu Abrahæe."

Silver jubilee you celebrate, may you celebrate another and will make it a gold jubilee, like your old brother, your friend and good wisher, 25 years in the eastern missions and 27 in the Dakotas.

I don't like to beat you, my friend, and may you gather all the crops of any description, "quorum pars magna fuimus," under the benign crozier so well carried by Bishop Marty of sweet memory and under the active and successful management of Bishop Shanley, the present and clairvoyant Ordinary. Go ahead, brother and co-laborer. Permit me to express myself by quoting Virgil and apply it to you thus: "Perge, quer, sic itur ad astra."

I, on account of circumstances private to me, cannot take part in your feast. I am very sorry but be sure I shall be there in mind, pray for mass for your welfare, be your "commensalis" and enjoy your good things in company of the noble phalanx of all your friends. "Ad multos annos, amice mi carissime."
FATHER L'HIVER,
The Old French Warrior.

Persons and Facts

On the 13th inst the northernmost of the two towers in the venerable church of St. Denis, on the Richelieu river, Que., was struck by lightning and seriously damaged. Fire broke out at the top of the tower but was soon extinguished. This church was built 111 years ago, in 1794, by the then parish priest, Father Cherrier.

The frequent showers we have had of late, while greatly accelerating the growth of grasses and vegetables, are a source of anxiety to farmers whose land is not above the general level of the valley.

A telegram to the Eclair from Turin states that when the Pope heard of the adoption of the final clauses of the Separation Bill by the French Chamber he remarked: "The evil is not so great as might be thought."

Mr. Patrick O'Brien, M.P., one of the whips of the Irish Nationalist Party, on July 3 received a letter from Mr. William Redmond, M.P., to the effect that although much recovered in health and able to attend meetings he has been medically advised to remain in Australia until after the close of the present parliamentary session.

The Cardinal Secretary of State has presented to the Pope a medal containing figures of the recently canonized saints. Around the figures are the names of A. Sauli and G. Majella.

Work is being vigorously resumed on the French church which was struck by lightning about two weeks ago.

The new St. Boniface College wing is now up to the second storey.

Though the French Chamber has finished the task it took in hand three months ago, and the law of separation has been voted, in the opinion of the Comte de Mun it is dead, and only requires decent burial. This result has, he says, been due to the tenacity of those who fought the measure step by step, and insisted upon modifications and concessions.

Mrs. Pierre Godereau, of Wauregan, Conn., and Mrs. Philibert Godereau, of Danielsonville, Conn., are guests of Mrs. Charles Poitras, Norwood. The first named guest is Mrs. Poitras' eldest sister, the second is the wife of her eldest brother.



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Fathers Charles and James O'Reilly, of the diocese of Alton and Sioux City, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Meagher, of 251 Spence Street, where reside also their parents, Mr. O'Reilly, 88 years of age and Mrs. O'Reilly 82.

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