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MR. T. KELLY is confined to his house with an attack of la grippe.

BISHOP PASCAL who has lately arrived from France is in Ottawa, where Rev. Father Lacombe is to meet him.

MR. J. D. LANDERS, C. P. R. conductor, returned last week with his family after visiting friends in Iowa and Wisconsin.

ABOUT 40 families, it is said, are now on their way from France, and will settle in the Dauphin district.

You can't turn without looking value full in the face at Bourbeau's shoe store.

REV. FATHER LACOMBE left yesterday for Ottawa accompanied by Rev. Father Gascon.

The wintry wind extends his blasts, and the cold cold storms do blow; Or the stor' of north sends driving forth The blinding sleet and snow.

It isn't always the struggle for daily bread that makes people feel the race with poverty. It is very often the struggle for terrapin and quail on toast.

By a request of His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, the collections at St. Mary's on Sunday next will be in aid of the hospitals.

ALL correspondence intended for publication should be sent to this office not later than Tuesday noon, to insure insertion.

TWENTY-SIX new flour mills were built in North Dakota last year, which speaks well for the prosperity of our neighbors across the line.

ALD. MULVHILL, of Chicago, who was shot and killed in that city a short time ago is said to be a brother of Rev. Bro. Mulvihill, of St. Laurent, Man.

The coalman's season may be the winter, and the summer the ice-man's harvest, so that it's possible the milkman finds his greatest profit in the spring.

The owner of a nobby horse and cutter who was upset the other day said that he couldn't agree with the spectators who complimented him on his handsome turnout.

The champion pugilist, Jim Corbett, is said to have cleared \$20,000 with his theatrical company since he defeated Mitchell. If he takes care of his money he will soon be a rich man.

The collection at St. Mary's at vesper on Sunday evening last was to raise funds to procure surplices, for the choir boys. It is understood they will number about fifty.

MISS SARAH O'DONOHUE, of Stony Mountain, was in the city for a few days on a visit to her relative Mrs. W. H. Barry. Miss O'Donohue after spending a very pleasant time left for home yesterday.

An enthusiastic editor wrote: "The battle is now open." But, alas! the intelligent compositor spelt "battle" with an "o," and his readers said they expected it all along.

MR. ANTHONY EGAN and his son Michael have completed their railroad contract getting out railroad ties at Ignace, and have returned to the city. They have had thirty men working there for about nine months.

The daily average number of patients treated in the general hospital for last week was 121, of whom 79 were males and 42 females. Twenty-five out-patients were also treated during the week.

CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN, the notorious personator and perjurer, who was arrested in Toronto and brought back by Chief Clarke, was up for trial on Thursday last, and was sent up to appear at the spring assizes.

The Chinese on Race street, New York, are said to have celebrated their New Year by paying up all their debts. According to the above we have a good many on our list who we wish were Chinamen.

The Roman correspondent has been very busy of late manufacturing news for the Associated Press. He has had the unfortunate faculty of writing news back-hand and we often receive it here upside down.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND refuses to appear on the same platform in St. Paul with Rev. Morrell, a creature of the Justin Fulton stripe, who had repeatedly abused the Catholic church in a disgusting and obscene way. Honor to the Archbishop of St. Paul.

It is all very well for the girl with her indulgent mother and no "help" to open her piano after tea and sing "When the Mist has Cleared Away" but it always sounds better if she refrains from doing so until the table is cleared away and to help wash up some of the dishes.

BISHOP-ELECT Tierney shows the American spirit that is in him by selecting as he did Washington's birthday as the date of his consecration. The A. P. A. however, will probably find in this another cause to charge Catholics with being untrue to American institutions.

THE death of Rev. Morgan Charles O'Brien, of Merrickville, Ont., is announced. Father O'Brien was a native of Douro, Diocese of Peterboro, and was educated in St. Michael's College, Toronto, and ordained by the late Archbishop Lynch.

MR. JOS. BRECKON and family, after many years of residence in Whitewood, N. W. T., arrived in the city last week. It is understood that "Joe" does not intend to return, and that many of his nearest bosom friends in the west now mourn his unexpected departure.

THE people of Grand Forks are shipping carload lots of mineral water into their city. The firms handling the same ask the consumers to beware of imitations and guarantee it absolutely pure. Whoever heard of imitation of water?

A SCIENTIST has discovered that people eat more in cold than in warm weather. He may also observe that they wear more clothing in winter than in summer, and that they maintain fires more constantly. Science is constantly making discoveries, but it sometimes overlooks very common phenomena.

THE California Midwinter Fair, at San Francisco, which has been in preparation since Aug. 24, 1893, opened Jan. 1, 1894. The fair is said to have cost about \$4,500,000. Sixty acres of Golden Gate Park have been devoted to it. There are five main buildings and a large number of smaller structures.

THE Huntsville Forester, gives the following brief but instructive chapter in the life of Rev. Madill. "Rev. J. C. Madill, at one time stage driver between Huntsville and Burk's Falls, Ont., has been elected Grand Master of the P. P. A. Grand Lodge. The position is said to be just about Jim's size.

"We have been asked by a correspondent: "Can you please tell me where I can find a large medical library in your city?" Well, with all due respect for our city doctors, and in answer to the question asked, we would say, "Underground, sir; there you will find the greatest works of physicians."

MR. D. LENNON, of the Merchants' Hotel, of this city, has sustained a family bereavement by the death of his father last week in New York. Mr. Lennon went over to see his father when he heard of his critical condition. Prayers were said for the repose of the soul of the deceased gentleman at St. Mary's church last Sunday.

It is to be hoped that the words of the Rev. Dr. Langevin at St. Mary's on Sunday last, with regard to amusements during the season of Lent, will be regarded by the young people who heard them with the attention they should be. Lent is a season of penance and mortification and every good Catholic will observe it with proper respect and reverence.

THE Catholic Times of Wellington, New Zealand, tells us that Archbishop Redwood has arrived home in excellent health and spirits. Archbishop Redwood was a guest of His Grace, Archbishop Tache, and the Rev. Fathers at St. Mary's presbytery last summer on his way south, and he will be remembered by many Catholics in Winnipeg for his tact, kindness and good humor.

It is to be hoped that those who delight to listen to the ravings of ex-priest lectures will profit from the fate of one of these individuals who has just been fined by a Western jury five hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail for twelve months for slandering a clergyman. That men who would be ashamed to be seen in a respectable theatre will flock to hear the tirades of ex-priests and escaped nuns is simply unexplainable.

For some thirty days yet the faithful will observe the regulations of Lent, and during that time they will prepare for the glorious feast of the resurrection. It is not uncommon to hear non-Catholics ridicule those who practice penance and observe the fasts of the Church, and yet Our Saviour fasted for forty days and forty nights. This fact alone should silence the criticism against those who comply with the laws of the Church regarding the Lenten season.

A new organization to be known as St. Anthony's Relief Society is about to be organized in the United States, its object being to give assistance to Catholic hospitals. A fee of ten cents per month is charged, and besides paying this, the active members aim to collect the same amount from twelve others each month. This organization should be encouraged by all who have the opportunity, as its object is certainly a most worthy one. The example is a good one and might be imitated with good results in this part of the country.

It is said that although the statue of Queen Isabella was not given a place within the grounds of the Columbian Exposition, it has found a hearty welcome in San Francisco, where it is on exhibition at the Midwinter Fair. This work of art was executed by Miss Harriet G. Hosmer for the Queen Isabella Association. Its final placing has not yet been determined. The association is still issuing certificates at \$5 each, the holders having the privilege of casting as many votes as they have certificates in the election which will decide where it will be permanently erected.

CLERGYMEN are supposed to have a peculiar talent for improving the occasion. How one of them did this in a witty and, let us hope, edifying manner is related as follows: In early life he met with an accident which left him with a broken nose, a deformity about which, in spite of his piety, he was known to be a little sensitive. One day a new inquirer propounded the old question: "How happened you to break your nose?" The minister answered solemnly: "To tell the truth, my friend, the accident was caused by my poking my nose into other people's business."

As "seeing is believe v. i. g." we invite you to come and see our assortment.—Bourbeau's shoe store.

GOVERNOR LAWLOR, of the provincial govt., is spending a few weeks in the west for the benefit of his health.

MR. D. SMITH, inspector of Dominion public works, is at present on an official tour through the territories, arranging for the re-commencement of work on various Dominion buildings as soon as the spring opens up.

MR. H. W. McNEIL, the Anthracite coal mine proprietor, left on Sunday morning for Arkansas springs, where he will remain a month for the benefit of his health. He has been in the city for several weeks looking after his agencies in the province and is well satisfied with the season's trade. About 3,000 tons were consumed by Winnipeggers last month, and a shipment of 1,000 tons arrived last week. It is the intention of Messrs. Paul, Knight & McKinnon, the city agents, to increase their yard capacity in Point Douglas, so that they may contain 15,000 tons, which will be brought in this summer.

Now that the Winnipeg Tribune has evidently concluded its series of religious communications on the subject: "Why am I a Presbyterian?" etc., etc., etc., would it not be interesting were it to commence anew by answering the question: "Why did we wrongfully accuse the Catholic hierarchy of this province of having a financial interest in the Free Press?" Not but that that assertion was clearly proven to be false some months ago, but the editor of the Tribune has not yet had the manhood to tender an apology. We think were they to raise a commotion of some kind through their columns, it would enable the news boys to sell more readily the surplus copies which of late have been a drag on their hands.

The season of Lent should be a time for generous alms-giving. This admonition is given each succeeding Lent by those charged with the care of souls; but the present Lent it has more than usual force, from the fact that there is so much suffering among the poor. Since the winter set in work has not by any means been plentiful, and of late it has been almost entirely suspended. Many weeks must yet elapse before building operations and outdoor work generally will be resumed. In the meantime the unemployed must suffer for food and fuel, unless they are relieved by the charity of the more fortunate. And then again, let us hope that those whose lot fell among those to be aided by charity, this winter will profit by it, and that when the beautiful spring time comes again they will learn to "make hay while the sun shines."

The Considerate Girl. "A kiss upon this Valentine I press," he wrote to her.

"I've placed it underneath this line: I hope you won't demur."

"I do not want the kiss you sent," She answered, "not at all!"

"But just because it was well meant I'll keep it till you call."

Worth Noting. "We learn from an exchange that a Mr. McWilliams, the only Protestant in the parish of Father Point, Quebec, has been elected mayor for the fifth time by his French Canadian Catholic fellow-citizens. Thus does the influence of the P. P. A. spread, even in the farther point of the Dominion."—Free Press.

That's all right. We don't suppose that the Catholics ever thought of his religion. His politics were what they wanted, and they voted for him. But wouldn't it be a cold day for the lone Catholic who ran in a thoroughly Protestant constituency? Liberal or Conservative wouldn't matter much so long as he belonged to the hated Church, which treats all men alike and knows no distinctions of race, rank, or color. He would be so thoroughly snowed under that it would be an open question whether he would ever see light again. Protestants, in Manitoba especially, where Catholics are treated as pariahs, if they have any sense of shame at all, will profit by this display of Catholic liberality to a Protestant. The P. P. A. might quote this at their secret conclaves to show what Protestants have to expect if Catholics get the upper hand.

Catholics and Protestants in Ireland. According to the latest Government census the Catholics of Ireland constitute nearly 77 per cent of the entire population of the island, their numbers being in round figures 4,000,000. Cork leads the 32 counties with a Catholic population of 448,650, and Carlow has the least Catholics, 41,169, though the Protestants in the county are only a little over 5,000. The biggest non-Catholic population is found in Antrim, 314,159, and the smallest in Clare, which except 2,861 souls, is entirely Catholic. The Presbyterians form about 9 per cent of the entire population of the island; and the Methodists less than 1 per cent.

Rev. Father Thomas Sherman, S. J., lectured in the Central Music Hall, Chicago, Monday evening last, his subject being "The Ideal Jesuit; or, Fact v. Fiction." Owing to the popularity of General Sherman the public at large attach much importance to the utterances of his son, Father Thomas.

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