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NOTICE.

We have sent out circulars and bills to our subscribers re questing prompt payment of dues. If any who have already paid should receive a bill for arrears, we beg of them to attribute the mistake to some accident resulting from the re cent change in our business management. In such cases the best defence is satisfactory proof of payment in the form of a receipt.

have paid up will kindly excuse a momentary delay in the wards in "The Tablet" of London. receipt of their premiums. There has been such a rush for these premiums that our stock was exhausted for a moment. It has since been replenished and the premiums suspect as much and gave direcpossible.

CURRENT COMMENT

When our young province boasts of having as good writers and speakers as are to be found anywhere in Canada, our eastern friends are apt to call this "western brag." But, to take a recent instance, we challenge any other paper in Canada to produce an article equal, in its own special line of delicate animadversion, to the editorial headed"La Vice-Royauté au Canada"in the last number of "Le Manitoba."

It is not generally known that the Galicians now settled in the Lake Dauphin district are all, with the exception of one schismatic family, Roman Catholics. Three hundred families of the Ruthenian rite, living there, acknowledge the Pope as their spiritual head. Rev. Father Page O.M.I., has learnt their language and has already visited them several times. Rev. Father Kullavy, O. M. I., who has been familiar with their language from his childhood, has also visited them. They have received the ministrations of a young Galician priest, a Uniate Catholic of their Ruthenian rite, sent to this country by the late Cardi-

nal Sembratowicz, Archbishop of Lemberg (Greek-Ruthenian rite). This priest was lately obliged, through ill health, to return to his own country; but His Gra ce of St. Boniface hopes to obtain other priests of the same rite.

We mention these facts to show how unjust and useless it would be for Protestants to attempt any proselytism among them. The schools that are being organized among them should, in all fairness and according to the very terms of the so-called "settlement", be taught by Roman Ca tholic teachers.

In the pictures representing the landing of General Kitchener at Dover he appears in plain clothes as a civilian without any insignia of rank or victory. Is there any other nation on the globe which makes this hatred of fuss and show and frills a point of honor? Here is a man that has crushed for evermore the once re doubtable Moslem fanatic in a campaign and a final battle which are marvels of foresight, and we like him all the more be cause he seems to wish to attrac as little attention as possible.

An esteemed correspondent, while informing us that some fossilized Orange bigots at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., celebrated the fifth of November by an oyster supper and speeches about the Gunpowder Plot, asks where Father Gerard's lecture on this subject is to be found. If our correspondent keeps the back num bers of the NORTH WESTREVIEW, he will find that crushing exposure of Cecil's concocted plot against Catholics in the issue of December 25, 1895. It is taken from a report of the lecture first printed in the "South Wales Ar Those of our subscribers who gus" of November 7 of the same yearand republished soon after-

> Father Gerard's clearly proved conclusion is that "the Gunpowder Plot was the biggest swindle ever floated."

Almost thirty years ago the British Government began to will be forwarded as soon as tions, as our correspondent notes, on January 17,1859, for the discontinuance of the thanksgiving service for the supposed delivery from the Cecil-hatched conspira-

We print elsewhere an article of richly deserved rebuke by the Morning Telegram, and we do so in order to emphasize our utter abhorrence of the seditions spirit thus kept alive by "L'Echo de Manitoba." Whether the govern ment does or does not subsidize this wretched rag we do not pretend to decide; our only concern just now is to protest against the the glorification of rebellion and to affim our unswerving logalty.

"The Zambesi Mission Record" is a quarterly review of mission ary labors in that part of South Africa which is evangelized by the Society of Jesus. The November number, which has just come to hand, gives very interesting accounts of the mission schools and churches in Cape Colony, Rhodesia and Kafraria. There are seven excellent illustrations, one of which, representing a stately school at Bulawayo, startles us when we read that so fine a building is situate on Lo Bengula street on the very spot where, but a few short years since, that redoubtable chieftain respect, never been equalled,

used to lord it over his warlike people. Father Nicot's letter relating the edifying death on the scaffold of the condemned Matabele murderers is a striking proof of God's mercy to the mis guided savage. Entomologists will gloat over "Some Interesting Beetles" found in South Africa and photographed by Father Marconnès. The subscrip tion for one year is only half a crown (sixty cents) and should be forwarded to the Rev. A. M. Daignault, 114 Mount Street. London, W. (England). Father Daignault is a Canadian, who, after serving as a Pontifical Zouave, became a Jesuit in Rome labored for some time in Canada, then went to England and thence to the Zambesi, where he became Superior General of the missions there and Prefect Apostolic.

Families who value the Cath olic training of their household should subscribe to a periodical like this which kindles the apostolic spirit of zeal for the salvation of souls. Catholics are too often lamentably ignorant of the triumphs of Catholic missionaries in far-off lands. We once heard of a well educated Catholic lady who, having been brought up among Protestants, was astonisihed to hear that there were Catholic missionaries in remote parts of the world. Our separated brethren are kept much better informed as to the doings of their missionaries, and yet the spiritual results of Protestant missionary effort are as nothing compared with the lasting fruits of Catholic missions.

Nicola Tesla can give points to any native American in the art of skilful self advertising. Ever and anon he startles the world by announcing some portentous electrical discovery. The latest is to make all armored ships helpless before his currents of high potency flung into space without wires as far as the eye can reach. This sort of prophesying has been going on for so many years that one wonders why it never materializes into anything practical, and why the public does not catch on to the absence of confirmatory facts. Nicola evidently knows his public.

Mr.Frank A Munsey sends us a highly original and instructive address which he, the owner of the most widely circulated magazine in America, delivered before the Sphinx Club at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on Oct. 12th last. The subject is "Advertising in some of its phases,"and the principles enunciated are those which our own Mr. Kennedy, erstwhile so conspicuous as advertiser for the Hudson's Bay stores in Winnipeg and now so attractive in his Fit-reform and Respira Shoe advertisements, is putting in practice in a way which Mr. Munsey himself could probably not equal. The best advertisement is that which is strictly true, straightforward and at the same time striking and easy to read. A pretty half tone, which has no bearing on the goods advertised, is, however charming in itself, a mistake. "Half tone work is colorless, weak insipid. The wood cut well done pre-eminently the thing for the advertiser." Though Mr. Munsey does not say so, the outline pictures for Ivory Soap have, in this the editor of the Tribune, among

while the Pearline catchword pictures are as ridiculous as they are ugly.

Mr. Munsey's address is itself a clever advertisement of his own magazine, and in stating this fact we purposely refrain from endorsing his advertisement. We refer to it merely as ingenious. His experience with other magazines is interesting. He bought up Peterson's Magazine, which had an advertising rate of \$60 a page because its circulation was said to be 100,000. He found that only 40,000 copies were ever printed. Of these, 15,000 went to direct subscribers. The balance, 25,000, was turned over tothe newsdealers, and about 50 per cent. of this found its way back to the publishers. Thus the total net circulation—the only circulation of any value to the advertiser—was about 27,000, a little more than a quarter of the alleged circulation. Mr. Munsey was offered another publication which was credited with a circulation of 40,000, but he did not purchase it because he found the net circulation was at most 5,000, one eighth of the false basis on which the publishers got their advertising. Pretty tall robbery this.

Professor Warman, whose entertainments Winnipeggers enjoyed so much, has issued a new propsectus with a portrait of himself which is also new and very lifelike. In the press clippings on the fourth page an extract from our columns appears as the tit-bit to "tap off wi'," a compliment which we greatly value; only our geograhi cal designation as "Northwestern credits us with a final syllable that we did not earn. Prof Warman is one of the rare elocutionists who know how to hide their art under the mantle of nature. The reason why there are so few is that the first requisite of good speaking is that unlearnable and most rare gift, good taste, a delicately poised mind. This Mr. Warman has. He never sacrifices naturalness to system as most elocutionists unwittingly do.

VERIFY YOUR ALLUSIONS.

The Winnipeg Tribune of the 22nd inst. began a long article on the probable future of Spain with the following remarks:-

"Some time ago The Tribune suggested to the city ministers that each one should publish his reasons for following the faith which he professed. The suggestion met with a hearty reception; and a number of clergymen wrote embodying in their contributions the motives which led each writer to embrace the section of Chirstianity in wnich he was a minister. Among those who came forward before the public on that occasion there was one who pointed proudly to the position occupied in the world by Spain, and he averred that that preeminence was, in a great mesure. due to the teachings of the church whose doctrines he inculcated.'

It will hardly be believed, but there is not the slightest foundation for this breezy preface. It is a case of preconceived notions befuddling the memory. Probably there was no intention to misrepresent; the atmosphere of Protestant misconception furnished the imaginary facts.

The real facts are these. In January 1894, at the request of other contributions from Pro-

testant clergymen, Rev. Father Drummond wrote a personal statement of his belief under the heading, "Why I am a Catholic." Evidently this is the contribution to which the Tribune writer now alludes: for no one else but a Catholic [he would have to have lived at least three hundred years ago but let that pass now] could aver that the 'pre-eminence of Spain was due to the teachings of the Church whose doctrines he inculcated." Besides, no other Catholic clergyman has ever contributed any such paper to the Tribune. Now it is easy to verify this allusion. That contribution of Father Drummond's is now for sale, for five cents, at 364 Main St, with a new heading, "A Catholic Point of View." We have searched in vain through the ten short pages of this little pamphlet for any such passage as is now alluded to by the Tribune writer. Absolutely all that we find therein about Spain is contained in the following sentence:

"The nations that are most emarkable for thrift, natural cleverness, and love of the fi arts, the nations that are the th sprightliest and the most lovable in character and the most susceptible to ridicule—for instance, France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Bavaria, Belgium and Austria-Hungary—glory in being largely Catholic.

Can the writer of this sentence be truly said to be "one who pointed proudly to the position occupied in the world by Spain" and to its "pre-eminence" as "due to the teachings of the Church"? Assuredly not. All that this passage avers is that each of the seven nations mentioned is remarkable for at least one of six qualities, viz.: thrift, cleverness, love of art, sprightliness, lovableness and a keen sense of ridicule. There is nothing to show that "thrift" applies to Spain; if it can be predicated, as every one admits it can, of France and Belgium, the entire sentence is quite in accordance with fact. And, as to cleverness, love of the fine arts and susceptibility to ridicule, no one who has read Don Quixote and knows anything of the art treasures of Burgos and Granada can refuse these qualities to Spain.

But we maintain that no Catholic clergyman anywhere in this nineteenth century and no clergyman of any denomination in Winnipeg has ever been such an ass as to talk of the worldly pre-eminence of Spain at the present day. In the days of Christopher Columbus such an argument might have been plausible, for Spain was then both the most Catholic and the mightiest nation ih Europe. But, after a century or two its power began to wane in exact preportion no its gradual abandonment of Catholic principles of government. The mass of the Spanish people are still profoundly Catholic and therefore, all lies to the contrary notwithstanding, pure with a purity unknown to non-Catholic nations; but, for the last sixty years and more, the government of Spain has been either a mere puppet in the hands of irreligious and dishonest rulers or terrorized by atheistic and revolutionary Freemasons. If Spain had been governed by practical Catholics it would not have been humiliated as it is