

Northwest Review

IS PUBLISHED AT Every Saturday morning.

Transient advertising 2 cents per line first insertion, 10 cents each subsequent insertion.

Originals to be discontinued advertisements must be sent to the office in writing.

Special Notices, set in nonpareil type, leaded, and located on the eighth page immediately over the city news, 10 cents per word each insertion. No notice inserted for less than \$1.

Professional cards (run in and without display) 10 cents per month. Advertisements unaccompanied by specific instructions inserted until ordered out.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents each insertion. Correspondence conveying facts of interest will be welcomed and published.

J. J. CHADOCK, Editor and Proprietor

THE PRESS—THE PEOPLE'S DUTY.—If you wish to have an honest press you must honestly support it.—Archbishop MacHale.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Those of our subscribers who responded to our last call we thank. Those who remitted were indeed very few and we would therefore urge those indebted to us to forward the amount and prove their good will towards the Review.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, has published the decrees of the late synod prohibiting marriages after dark.

A cablegram, dated Rome, Dec 18; announces that Cardinal Ciovanni Battista Franzelin is dead. He was seventy years of age.

The Jesuits are working successfully among Indians of the Crow and Cheyenne tribes in Montana Territory. A mission house is being erected among the Crow Indians.

On Christmas day the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Lewis Drummond, S. J. at 10.30 a.m. On the Sunday immediately following New Year's day the Rev. Gregory O'Bryan, S. J., will preach at High Mass.

The hours of service at St. Mary's Church on Christmas day will be those of the Sunday's throughout the year, no change being made.

It is rumored that Mrs. Matt Carpenter, widow of the famous Senator, who is now travelling in Europe, will soon visit Rome, and be there received into the Catholic Church.

The intermediate examinations at St. Mary's Academy was held during the week and resulted very satisfactorily testifying to the efficiency of that excellent educational establishment.

A sensation was created in Washington fashionable circles by the report that the widow of ex-Minister Hunt had joined the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church and convent at Napierville, Province of Quebec, was totally destroyed by fire on the night of Dec. 6. At the time the fire reached the convent the Mother Superior was lying very ill, and had to be removed with the greatest care from the burning building.

In this week's number of the Review we begin the publication of the "Lion of Flanders," the masterpiece of that illustrious writer, Hendrik Conscience.

CHRISTMAS.

Once again we are permitted to celebrate the anniversary of the occasion on which, nearly nineteen centuries ago the heavenly messengers were heard singing: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will," and announcing to the humble shepherds the stupendous mystery of the "Word Made Flesh," made manifest in the lowly stable at Bethlehem.

A finer piece of word painting can rarely be met with than what Mrs. Browning produced in "The Virgin Mary to the Child Jesus"

"Sleep, sleep, mine Holy One! My flesh, my Lord!—what name? I do not know." A name that seemeth not too high or low Too far from me or Heaven."

Longfellow seems to have been carried away by the sound of the Christmas Bell:

They pealed the bells more loud and deep; God is not dead; nor doth he sleep! Sound over the waters, reanon out from all lands, The Wrong shall fall, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men!"

That staid old Quaker, Whittier, whose views regarding the Catholic Church are as might have been expected, somewhat distorted, contributes a beautiful wreath in his "Christmas Carmen" beginning:

The chorus of voices, the clapping of hands; Sing hymns that were sung by the stars, of the morn, Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!

With glad jubilation Bring hope to the nations! The dark night is ending and dawn has begun Rise hope of the ages arise like the sun. All speech low to music, all hearts beat as one!"

Keble in "The Christmas Year" pays a high tribute also, one verse reads:

"The pastoral spirits first Approach Thee, Babe divine; For they in lowly thoughts are nursed, Meet for Thy lowly shrine; Sooner than they should miss where thou dost dwell, Angels from Heaven will swoop to guide them to Thy call."

Byron looks upon it as a time when "—Christmas stories tortured into rhyme Contain the essence of the true sublime."

We might give many more extracts but we will content ourselves with the foregoing. We said that the Christian loves to dwell upon the Christmas mysteries but perhaps we should make an exception in the case of the followers of John Knox, who ignore the solemn feast, and treat it as if it were the birthday of an ordinary being.

We wish our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and exhort them to improve the future by profiting by the past, which can best be done by first attending to their spiritual duties, and then lending their aid to spread the circulation of the Review so that it may become the leading family paper throughout the North-west.

CATHOLICS AND THE SECTS

The dailies of the week announce that Cardinal Taschereau has issued a mandament prohibiting Catholics from attending the meetings of the Salvation Army; declaring that Catholics doing so commit mortal sin and directing that tracts and hymn books distributed by Salvationists be thrown into the fire.

This is nothing more than the Church's teaching with regard to all religious organizations separated from herself, that is to say all false religions. Unhappily many Catholics, wiser in their own conceit than God himself, speaking by his infallible Church, disregard the teaching and by attending places of false worship not only harm their own souls by grievous sin but also give great scandal.

Let Catholics—and Protestants too—clearly understand the Catholic Church in this regard. There is but one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. There can be no contradiction in the truth—truth is one. Jesus Christ formed His Church—one for it was to teach the truths of the one Faith—Catholic—for it and it alone received His commission to teach all mankind unto the end of the world. None of the chaos of sects can by any possibility be, or form part of Christ's one Church.

is the teacher of a lie. What dastardly traitors then are Catholics who join themselves with such enemies of God, even if it be by attending but one religious service in a place of false worship. It is a most grievous sin and moreover let them know well that they not only prevent conversions to the true Faith but also themselves lose the respect of thinking Protestants, who recognize the fact that such Catholics are knowingly disobeying the laws of the Church which they yet believe of divine authority; in other words thinking Protestants cease to have respect for Catholics who knowingly and wilfully sin.

"A GLIMPSE UP THE AGES"

In 1883, under the above heading Bishop O'Brien of Halifax, contributed the following article to the Halifax Mail. We republish it today for its singular beauty and appropriateness and at the request of an esteemed and learned friend. Let our readers, therefore, learn of the glory, joy and peace of Christmas so truly and eloquently pictured herein by this illustrious son of the Church:

Chivalry has long been dead, enthusiasm is fast dying, and mirth is only a sickly shadow of its former unaffected joyousness. Men may be wiser than in by gone days, but they are less happy. They are severely practical and solemnly grave. Yet it is not the gravity which is born of a reverent thoughtfulness of God's abiding presence; it is rather the outcome of a refined selfishness which stands aloof, lest it should be rudely jostled by the surging crowd.

Let us rejoice my brethren, for this is a sacred day; not on account of the visible sun, but on account of the birth of the invisible Creator of the sun. The Son of God choose this day on which to be born. For this day on which the light begins to increase was a fitting symbol of the work of Christ, who, by grace, continually renews the inner man.

Thus up through the ages the joy of Christmas shines on, and beautifies, the world. Crimes there ever have been; human tears have flowed, and human hearts have ached; but there was always one season sacred to spiritual exultation. How could it be otherwise; for the light that shone on the first Christmas morning in the off Bethlehem, was to cast a ray down all the centuries; and the echo of the angel's song of joy was to resound to the end of time—"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will." Happy Christmas day! May we never hear with indifference your name of love.

in peace. In that old Basilica, on Christmas day 800, Leo III, after solemn Mass, crowned Charlemagne, its first Emperor. The day was chosen because it was the birthday of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. And further back on a Christmas day, three centuries before Charlemagne, another historical event happened. It is Christmas Eve in the old town of Rheims France. Remigus, or Remy, the faithful bishop who laboured much for France, was preparing to celebrate with all pomp the day of joy, at its first hour, midnight. All are on the road to the house of God. Through the silence of the night, which is broken only by glad peals from the belfry, they wend their way, thinking of the crib at Bethlehem, and its infant God; the thunders of Sinai are no longer heard; its lightning no longer terrify, for the mysterious approach of a God is now symbolized by a rude crib, not by fierce storm clouds.

"Our Saviour, dear brethren, is born to-day. Let us rejoice. There is no room for sadness on the birthday of life. There is one common reason of joy for all. Let the holy one rejoice because he hears his crown, let the sinner rejoice because he is called to repentance; let the nations have courage for they are called to life."

Some years previously, at Constantino-ple, the great Christian orator, St John Chrysostom, spoke of the glories and joys of Christmas, and showed how natural it was that this festival should be kept on its right day by the western church, since the documents connected with the enrolment made by Agastus, were preserved at Rome. In Africa, too a few years earlier than Chrysostom's time, Christmas brought joy to the dusky inhabitants of Hippo. Its great Bishop Agastine, on that day addressed his hearers thus:

"Let us rejoice my brethren, for this is a sacred day; not on account of the visible sun, but on account of the birth of the invisible Creator of the sun. The Son of God choose this day on which to be born. For this day on which the light begins to increase was a fitting symbol of the work of Christ, who, by grace, continually renews the inner man."

"O man, know that under the things thou seest, there are revealed hidden mysteries. Night, as thou knowest, had reached its longest limit and all at once it is stopped. Think of the fatal night of sin brought to its densest darkness by a union of all guilty artifices: to day its course is checked. From to day it is reduced, and it will soon be annihilated."

Thus up through the ages the joy of Christmas shines on, and beautifies, the world. Crimes there ever have been; human tears have flowed, and human hearts have ached; but there was always one season sacred to spiritual exultation. How could it be otherwise; for the light that shone on the first Christmas morning in the off Bethlehem, was to cast a ray down all the centuries; and the echo of the angel's song of joy was to resound to the end of time—"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will." Happy Christmas day! May we never hear with indifference your name of love. You remind us that there is something more noble than earth that above all material things there is the invisible God who watches, with gentlest care, over thoughtless children. You remind us of the example of divine love shown in the crib at Bethlehem, and thus teach us to open our hearts to the wants and necessities of our suffering neighbors. You tell us of peace, and invite us to lay aside all animosity, all envy, all the paltry and ignoble bickerings born of human pride, and human frailty. In the glorious light of Christmas, how mean and sordid do many of our actions seem; how vain appears everything except 'to love God, and to serve Him alone.' If through all the ages since Christ the season of Christmas gladdened hearts in every clime, may it gladden still more the souls of the citizens of Halifax; and put the seal of peace and good will over our social intercourse.

CORRESPONDENCE

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES,

To the Editor of the Northwest Review.

Dear Sir,—I notice with pleasure, a very able editorial in your issue of 20th Nov. favourable to Catholic Societies and of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association particular. I assure you that it was with a great deal of satisfaction and approval that I read your well timed remarks on the many reasons why more interest should be displayed by our co-religionists in

furthering and spreading those societies which have for their principal aim the bringing together of our people.

Our separated brethren have various societies formed for this purpose and why should we not also take advantage of the many associations countenanced by our Holy Mother the Church for our spiritual and temporal welfare.

As I am closely connected with the C. M. B. A. possibly a few remarks on the origin and present status of that thoroughly Catholic Association may prove of some value to your readers.

The first heard of this association was in the year 1877 when the present Bishop of Buffalo, after giving serious study and attention to the vast number of Catholics who were joining such associations as the Forresters and united workmen for the purpose of benefitting by the insurance in connection; conceived the idea that an association founded on truly Catholic principles and embodying the benefits of insurance would meet with approval. He at once set to work and the association to-day has a membership of over fifteen thousand persons.

Since 1879 the amount that has gone to relieve the widows and orphans of members amounts to half a million dollars.

Just think Mr. Editor the amount of good there is contained in this simple fact alone.

Now, how much has it cost each member to pay this apparently enormous sum in that period of time.

The way to get at it is as follows; when one applies for membership he is given the total first cost as below.

Initiation fee \$3.00; Medical fee \$1.00; Supervising Medical. fee 50c; months dues 25c; beneficiary cost 10c; one assessment in advance \$1.00 to \$1.65 according to age or a total of 5 to 6 cents per day to settle an insurance on ones life of two thousand dollars.

It must be borne in mind that every applicant cannot hope to become a member as a very strict medical examination has to be gone through, and rightly; for there would be no protection to the members were such not the case.

Then, the branch has what is called a board of trustees; whose duties are to inquire into the moral standing of the applicant. In short the society is one of the best for insurance that Catholics can join and I trust its spread in the Northwest will be rapid.

In Canada our membership to-day is over seventeen hundred, and everywhere branches are being organized. The number of assessments per year are about fifteen.

In order that all may know what the actual cost is I will give here the table of rates.

From 21 to 25 years \$1.00; 25 to 30 \$1.10; 30 to 35 \$1.20. 35 to 40 \$1.30. 40 to 45 \$1.45. 45 to 50 \$1.65.

This amount is levied on each member according to his age on joining the association.

No one under 21 and no one over 50 years are eligible.

The initiation and other fees are the same for all.

At the last convention of the supreme council a resolution was introduced and passed and has since been proclaimed by the Supreme President in favor of a one thousand dollar beneficiary—so that those who do not feel able to pay or take out a policy on the two thousand plan can have one for one thousand dollars at the following rates.

From 21 to 25 50c; 25 to 30 55c; 30 to 35 62c; 35 to 40 65c; 40 to 45 72c; 45 to 50 82c.

The imitations fee etc., to be the same as in class one.

Any further information concerning the association will be cheerfully given by the writer.

P. J. DOHERTY, Special Deputy C. M. B. A., Winnipeg

Visit of Throat & Lung Specialist TO WINNIPEG.

DR. SOUVIELLE & CO.

The Surgeons from the "International Throat and Lung Institute, Toronto, Ontario are again here. On account of the large number who are constantly writing from Manitoba for their treatment, we have been induced to visit the province professionally.

In order the more successfully to examine and treat those who cannot afford to make the trip to Toronto. Marvellous success has been achieved in the cure of Catarrh, Deafness, Bronchitis, Asthma, Weak Lungs, Consumption and all diseases of the Head, Throat and Lungs. The surgeons are strictly specialists and they are restoring to health and vigor scores of poor sufferers who have been pronounced incurable.

They use the spirometer, the wonderful invention of Dr. Souvielle, of Paris, which is given to the French Army. Your specialists they will be at the Brunswick Hotel Winnipeg, on Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th of November and can be consulted at all hours in their rooms. Call early so that the surgeons can give you a thorough examination. Consultation free.

Read the following remarkable testimonials: Miss Dillon, Toronto: Four months' spirometer treatment cured me of Bronchitis and consumption, after having been given up to die by four of our city physicians.

C. A. Kennedy, Esq., Smithville, Ont., says: Your treatment has soundly cured me of Catarrh and Deafness.

S. D. Watt, Meaford, says: Dr. Souvielle's spirometer cured me of Asthma and Weak Lungs when all other remedies failed. For the benefit of the country patients we shall be at the Lorne Hotel, Portage la Prairie Oct. 18th 19th, 20th. At Brandon: Grand View Hotel; Oct. 22nd, to Oct. 27th. At St. Kirik: th Merchants Hotel, Nov. 3rd and 4th