

Rev. Father Perisset is supplying at Wauchope for Rev. Father Gaire, who left on April 8, for a two or three months' trip to France in the interests of colonization.

Last Saturday Rev. Father Cloutier paid his first flying visit to the Archbishop's palace since he has become pastor of St. Norbert, where the parishioners were greatly pleased with his opening address on the previous Sunday.

In the St. Louis "Western Watchman" of the 6th inst., Father D. S. Phelan says that word reached him on the preceding Sunday that Bishop Spalding had had another stroke of paralysis. This will be sad news to the many friends who read the report of his greatly improved health, borrowed by us last week from the Peoria Transcript.

On the other hand, later news of the General of the Jesuits is more reassuring. The English Assistant, Rev. R. Meyer, S.J., writes on March 20 that Very Rev. Father Martin had undergone two operations for a malignant tumor in the right arm. After the first operation he recovered enough to say Mass and attend to important business. But the tumor reappeared and a second more painful operation was performed. The wound had not yet healed when the tumor came back a third time. As the surgeons refused to operate again, the physicians had recourse to the X-rays. Father Martin went to a celebrated Roentgen Ray hospital at Pisa, and on March 19 the healing ray was directed on the sore. The result is that there are fair hopes of saving the life of the venerated patient. We need hardly say that Masses and prayers are being offered up for Father Louis Martin all over the world wherever the Society of Jesus has houses and friends. Winnipeggers will remember how the late Anglican Archbishop Machray was cured of a cancerous growth on the spine by the application of X-rays in a London (Eng.) hospital. The cure was thorough, but his strength never returned. However he was at the time at least ten years older than Father Martin is now.

This week Rev. S. J. Billiau, C.S.S.R., preached a Flemish mission in the Cathedral of St. Boniface, which was well attended. He also preached in French last Sunday at High Mass.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface left for Ste. Rose du Lac on Tuesday morning.

Rev. J. Decoene, C.S.S.R., arrived from Brandon on Tuesday morning, dined with the Fathers of St. Boniface College and took the Atlantic express that afternoon for Montreal, whence he will leave for St. Thomas, a Danish possession in the West Indies, where the Redemptorist Fathers have charge of the Catholic population. Father Vermeiren, who was formerly at Brandon, is now Superior there and two of the Redemptorists now at Brandon were once there. St. Thomas forms part of the Diocese of Roseau, which comprises also the islands of Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, St. Christopher, and St. Croix. The Bishop of Roseau, the Right Rev. Philip Sheffhaut, C.S.S.R., was consecrated March 16, 1902. He has under him 13 Redemptorist Fathers, 8 secular priests and three Peres de Chavagne (F.M.I.). There are 25 churches and chapels, 29 schools, and the Catholics number 50,000 out of a total population of 140,000. Montserrat, where the negroes still speak Irish, is also called "Little Ireland."

Rev. E. Dumont, C.S.S.R., stopped over here on Tuesday on his way to Brandon, where he will take Fr. Decoene's place.

Rev. Father Kugener has been appointed assistant priest at St. Eustache.

Rev. Father Drummond will, next Sunday evening, preach in St. Mary's church, the last of his Lenten sermons on the Final Destination of Man. The special subject for that evening will be "God alone is man's last end." Every evening of the following week, except Saturday, Father Drummond will preach a series of mission sermons on Prayer, Right Intention, Sin, the Blessed Eucharist and the Passion of Our Lord.

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Persons and Facts.

The N.Y. Sun announces that Archbishop Schembeck, the Catholic Primate of Russia, is about to be sent to Rome to confer with the Pope on the subject of a plan for the widening of the religious liberty of the Catholics, elaborated by the Bishops at the command of the Czar. Another reform granted by the Government is the restoration of the status of the Polish language. Priests will be allowed to use it in preaching, and it will be taught in the public schools in Russian Poland, as requested recently by the Catholic nobles.

If there be any truth in the statement attributed to Governor Hanley, of Indiana, a new and quite unusual qualification for office has come into vogue in that Commonwealth. This is no other than an absolute abstinence from indulgence in intoxicants. Moderation will not do. For even the occasional user of alcoholic beverages cannot hope for appointment to office at the hands of the chief executive.

Madame Rosa d'Erina, the well known Irish singer, seems to be immortal. She has just completed a remarkably successful tour of the Pacific Coast. At her first song recital in San Francisco she sang to an audience of 2,000 persons in the Alhambra Theatre, under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society. In Sacramento at a sacred concert in the Cathedral her audience was almost as large. In San Diego on March 17 there was not even standing room. She was invited to visit Honolulu, but declined.

Rat Portage, as a name, is no more. The City Council of that municipality has voted to change its name to Kenora. Father Dawson, O.M.I., will feel relieved.

Speaking at a meeting of the Association of Catholic Charities in New York, on the 3rd inst., Mr. Robert W. Hebbard secretary of the N.Y. State Board of Charities, said:

"In the private or religious charities of the State the Catholics stand at the head. Fifty millions of dollars are spent annually in charity in this State, of which two-thirds belongs or comes from private associations. I might add that nearly two-thirds of this comes from the Catholics."

William E. Cramer, the venerable editor of "The Evening Wisconsin" of Milwaukee, was baptized the other day by Father Hayden of the Church of the Gesu, in that city. Mr. Cramer is in his eighty-seventh year, and has been seriously ill of pneumonia. His wife is a Catholic, and well known for her charities. The beautiful marble Pieta in the Gesu Church, sculptured by Dupre, is a gift from her. The granite pillars, which are a striking feature of the church, are also the gift of Mrs. Cramer. She was instrumental in bringing the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to Milwaukee, and her influence induced her husband to give them the grounds on which the institution stands. Recently she has been active in aid of the Italian mission, and is its most generous contributor.

Following the example of Cambridge, Oxford University has conferred on the distinguished English Catholic composer, Sir Edward Elgar, the honorary degree of Doctor of Music.

The will of Miss Anna Maria Moran of Toronto whose estate is valued at \$5,164, leaves the following bequests: House of Providence, \$1,000; St. Michael's Hospital, \$1,000; Sunnyside Orphanage, \$500; offerings for Masses at Convent of Precious Blood, \$100; Rev. Dr. Tracy, parish priest of Dixie, offerings for Masses \$500.

The Red and Assiniboine Rivers began to break up last Saturday, the 8th inst., and the ice ran out during a couple of days with comparatively little rise in the level of the Red River. This is earlier than the average break up, which, taking the record of the last thirty years, is April 17.

Mr. Edward F. Dunne, the new Mayor of Chicago, who was installed last Monday, was formerly a judge in Arizona and has always been a prominent Catholic. Nearly thirty years ago a famous lecture of his advocating separate schools for American Catholics had an immense circulation among our co-religionists across the line.

For many years past Notre Dame University bestows its "Laetare Medal," so named from the first word of the in-

troit of the fourth Sunday in Lent, upon some distinguished member of the Catholic laity in North America. Hitherto the recipients of this great honor have stood for eminence in some specific field of literature, science or art, or for notable philanthropy. This year the celebrated Catholic University chooses for her Mid-Lent tribute a Boston merchant, Mr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, New England's leading Catholic business man. The senior member of the firm of Brown, Durrell & Co., of Boston and New York, the largest wholesale dry goods house of its kind east of Chicago, He is a faithfully consistent son of the Church and a zealous promoter of every religious work. He was largely responsible for the establishment of the Boston Working Girl's Home in charge of the Grey Nuns. He is a director and one of the chief supporters of the Working Boys' Home. He gave the site and most of the funds for the Boston Cottage at the Catholic Summer School, Plattsburg, N.Y. As president of the Boston Catholic Union, he was instrumental in providing a stately building for that society, which is the most prominent Catholic social organization of that city. He has contributed generously to the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and was the originator of the proposal to secure one hundred annual contributors to that institution. At the banquet on the occasion of Archbishop Williams' golden jubilee, attended by Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Satolli, Mr. Fitzpatrick was chosen to deliver the address of the Catholic laity. He is in his 61st year.

The reviewer of the New York Sun is not impressed with the essays on the Bible that won Miss Helen Gould's \$1,000. "The chief discovery," he says, "seems to be that the Catholic Scriptures include some books which are regarded as apocryphal by Protestants, a fact which might have been ascertained without awarding \$1,000 prizes. The essays are mainly bibliographical; the one that took first prize is marked by a bigotry which fully explains the refusal of Catholics to serve on the committee of award, and justifies Catholics in their general abstention from the competition." That criticism from a secular journal is severer than has come from any Catholic source. The fact is Catholics have regarded the whole affair as too one-sided to merit serious consideration from them.—Catholic News.

MELBOURNE NOTES
Melbourne! Who knows Melbourne in Manitoba? Some might know its homonym in Australia; but this far-away little spot between Sydney and Carberry seems to be at the bottom of the world. Well, it isn't, my dear reader; for there is here a man, intelligent, active, devoted to his 24 lovely pupils. Just imagine two dozen of them in a well built country school, striving to prepare for examinations.

What a sum of self-sacrifice does it not mean for the man who every day to reach the school, walks the hill up and down through snow, wind, and—sand! . . . much more than wanted to remind him that he is dust and will return unto dust.

Sure there must be some special attraction in the work, to have a teacher shut up 6 hours a day between four walls, with a youth so interesting . . . in its own way! Oh! no doubt there is, but sure not the kind you just fancy. Yes, there is for a noble heart the fascination of two mighty words: "Duty and Devotedness." These two high mobiles that inspired Montalembert and Lacordaire—When asked for their calling they proudly answered: "I am a teacher."

Now this is our chance, that such a broadminded teacher is ours in our hamlet. His name? Mr. George Collins, first class certificate teacher.

But he is not our only treasure here. Who will say what a lot of good an exemplary Catholic family might do in a place, when father, mother and children endeavor to reproduce in their happy home the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Nazareth. When every day in the midst of our fruitful prairies, angelic voices rise at night to sing hymns of love and praise to the Almighty. When Catechism is the first on the programme of studies; and when, from time to time, the Catholic missionary stops, and is consoled to find well prepared hearts to receive Jesus in the Holy Communion.

Well, dear reader, to have a sample of that ideal family just come to Melbourne and spend a day with Mr. J. M . . . 's worthy family. The nicest hospitality will be yours, as it was the good fortune of your unworthy servant. A drive with the gentle owner of a well improved three-quarter section farm will assure you, that Melbourne is not at the bottom of the world—what I intended to prove. A COUNTRYMAN.

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