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**CURRENT COMMENT**

We regret that unforeseen dif-  
ficulties have delayed this issue  
a full week.

The first article in the June  
"Catholic World" is a learned  
and fervent exposition of the  
theological basis, the practice  
and the immense advantages of  
Devotion to the Holy Ghost, by  
the Paulist Father McSorley.  
He quotes frequently from Leo  
XIII's encyclical on this subject,  
from St. Thomas and from the  
late Cardinal Mazzolla, S. J. He  
even quotes the Holy Father's  
letter on "Americanism" as  
pointing out that the great dan-  
ger of the age is naturalism,  
which, of course, is best combat-  
ed by the devotion to the in-  
dwelling of the Holy Spirit.  
Father McSorley concludes his  
really beautiful article with a  
list of 35 volumes explaining  
this devotion; eight of these  
volumes are by Jesuits, and the  
list is headed by "Lallemand, S.  
J.: Spiritual Doctrine."

L'Echo de Manitoba has dis-  
covered a mare's nest. Father  
Cherrier wrote, in his reply to  
Mr. Rochon, that "immediately  
after the passing of the 1890  
school law, we might have ob-  
tained the same arrangements as  
the so-called settlement of 1897  
offers us." Thereupon our mer-  
curial contemporary "chortles"  
with malignant joy. "What!  
you might have taken advantage  
of the 1890 law and during seven  
long years you did not! You  
deprived the Catholic children  
of instruction during all that  
time. Shame on you!" This is  
no new cry. In fact it is rather  
old and outworn. The obvious  
answer, which has been given  
repeatedly, is that we deemed it  
better to suffer for a time in or-  
der to get our constitutional  
rights recognized and solemnly  
affirmed by the highest court of  
the Empire, rather than to ac-  
cept a temporary sop and thus  
lose all hope of redress. The  
issue proved that our course was  
the wiser one. We have, for  
ever and aye, the decision of the  
Privy Council, and, as soon as  
an honest, fearless government  
comes into power, that decision  
will bear its fruit. If it has not  
done so hitherto the fault lies  
at the door of cowardly time-  
servers whom we need not name.

Among the many interesting  
pages which Donahoe's Maga-  
zine for June offers to its readers  
few will be found more attract-  
ive to Canadians of the North-  
west than those in which appear  
the portraits of His Lordship  
Bishop Pascal, O. M. I., and Fa-  
ther J. C. Sinnett. A sympath-  
etic sketch of the latter's success  
as a preacher of peace and love  
will recall to many that simple  
and winning eloquence of the  
heart which makes him so popu-  
lar. "Donahoe's" also publishes  
the opinions of famous public  
men in the United States on the  
future of the Philippine Islands.  
The Hon. Cabot Lodge's explana-  
tion of the origin and meaning  
of the phrase, "consent of the  
governed," as used in the De-  
claration of Independence, is as  
convincing as it is suggestive.

Though our version of His  
Grace's weighty letter to the  
Catholics of Winnipeg appears  
after it has been published in  
the Winnipeg Tribune, La Presse  
of Montreal and other eastern  
journals, it has the merit of being  
the only correct and official ver-  
sion. Several mistakes have  
crept into the other copies.

Mr. I. Pitblado retires from  
the position of Registrar of Man-  
itoba University because he  
finds his growing practice at the  
bar does not leave him time for  
university matters. For seven  
years Mr. Pitblado has filled the  
registrarship with great effici-  
ency. His clear head, retentive  
memory, business ability and  
uniform willingness to oblige,  
have won him golden opinions  
on all hands. While regretting  
his absence from the registrar's  
post, we heartily wish him God-  
speed in his entire devotion to  
his profession. To attain the  
highest honors therein he has  
but to persevere in the course of  
fidelity to duty which has made  
his youthful career so remark-  
able. The appointment of Dr.  
Laird as his successor must re-  
move from his mind all anxiety  
as to the details of his late  
charge. No other person con-  
nected with the University is  
better equipped, by nature and  
experience, to take up the many  
threads of the university loom.

**UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION**

The annual convocation of the  
University of Manitoba took  
place very successfully last Fri-  
day, not in the Legislative  
Chamber, as in years past, that  
chamber being occupied by the  
Legislature in session, but in  
Selkirk Hall, which every one,  
after the event, voted a much  
more suitable place for the great  
academic function.

The Council and the professors  
of colleges occupied the plat-  
form, the Chancellor, the Arch-  
bishop of Rupert's Land, being  
in the centre of the front row  
with the principal representa-  
tives of each college on either  
side of him. Father Drummond  
presented the graduates of St.  
Boniface College, Dean O'Meara  
those of St. John's College, Dr.  
Patrick, the new Principal of  
Manitoba College, presented his  
own graduates, and, in doing so,  
he used the continental vowels  
in his pronunciation of the Latin  
formula just as Father Drum-  
mond did; Dr. Sparling, Princi-  
pal of Wesley College, presented  
his graduates; Dr. Jones, acting

Dean of the Medical College,  
presented the medical graduates;  
and Mr. I. Pitblado, the Regis-  
trar, presented the L. L. B.'s, M.  
A.'s and Ad Eundem.

The Chancellor's opening ad-  
dress dwelt upon the great  
number of candidates writing  
for this examination. Dr. Pat-  
rick in his able speech took up  
this point and showed how  
large was the proportion of uni-  
versity students in Scotland.  
When Dr. Jones came to speak  
he accepted Dr. Patrick's figures  
and, comparing them with the  
figures for Manitoba, proved  
that, as he humorously put it,  
"in the words of the immortal  
Homer, Scotland must take a  
back seat." Had Dr. Jones known  
the figures for the Province of  
Quebec, where the proportion of  
students engaged in university  
studies is greater even than in  
Manitoba, he might have argued  
that this was a Canadian trait  
most strongly developed where  
the Canadian origin was most  
ancient. Mr. Aikins gave a very  
brilliant address, though he  
seems to have overrated the popu-  
lar enthusiasm for the South  
African war; his touching re-  
ference to that noble soldier, the  
late Major Arnold, was quite  
lost upon an audience that is  
evidently rather bored with too  
frequent reiteration of the mili-  
tary glory cry.

The interesting feature for our  
Catholic students was the pro-  
clamation of medals and schol-  
arships. The most highly valued  
distinction in the University,  
the Governor General's bronze  
medal for the first in the Latin,  
Mathematics and Chemistry of  
the Previous was awarded to  
Adonias Sabourin of St. Boniface  
College. With it goes a schol-  
arship of \$90. This is rightly  
considered the great University  
prize because it crowns the only  
course in which all undergradu-  
ates compete together. The  
scholarships of the Preliminary  
or Matriculation are won by  
those who are not yet under-  
graduates, while the schol-  
arships of the special courses or  
of the general course after the  
Previous are fought for only by  
groups of students, sometimes  
very few in number. This year  
there were about ninety candi-  
dates for the Previous examina-  
tion, and of these only two came  
from St. Boniface College, the  
rest were mostly from St. John's,  
Manitoba and Wesley Colleges  
with perhaps a few non-collegi-  
ates. Yet one of our two candi-  
dates secured the first place in  
a very close contest. We have  
won this medal two years in  
succession, for it will be remem-  
bered that Elzéar Beauré won  
it last year. Thus out of the 23  
winners of the Previous Medal  
between 1878 and 1900 no less  
than seven hail from St. Boni-  
face College, although the pro-  
portion of Catholic to Protestant  
candidates is, on a general aver-  
age, about one to twenty; this  
year it was 1 to 45.

Jean Arpin, (Senior B. A.) se-  
cured the medal for the Latin  
course of Mental and Moral  
Science, while in the Junior B.  
A. Elzéar Beauré won the first  
scholarship of \$120 and Alfred  
Bernier the second, of \$80. In  
this course of Rational Philoso-  
phy our students do not compete  
with any other college; the  
same remark applies to the  
French and History for French  
students, in which Sabourin was

first, while Joseph Lord took the  
second place with the \$60 schol-  
arship; but the exclusiveness of  
these two fields is only an acci-  
dent; any outsider might com-  
pete if he wished, and, in point  
of fact some years ago a young  
girl from St. Mary's Academy,  
Miss Berthe Dubuc, did compete  
in the French course so effectually  
that she captured the schol-  
arship and surpassed the St.  
Boniface Collegians.

Nor does the small number of  
the St. Boniface candidates de-  
tract from the value of these  
scholarships; else several of the  
other University contests ought  
also to be depreciated. This  
year in the Latin Philosophy  
there were three candidates for  
each year, six in all. On the other  
hand, the Junior B. A. year of  
the special course in Classics  
counted only two students, one  
from St. John's, Farrow, who  
captured the first scholarship,  
and one from Manitoba College,  
the Senior B. A. year of Natural  
Science exactly duplicates the  
Senior B. A. of the Latin Philoso-  
phy, since it counts three stu-  
dents, two from Manitoba Col-  
lege and one from Wesley, and  
only one of the three, W. J. An-  
drew, of Manitoba College, de-  
served a medal, although a sec-  
ond medal could have been  
merited in each case.

St. Boniface College also keeps  
up its reputation for thorough-  
ness in the Pass subjects. In  
the French all passed in either  
first or second class. In Physics  
Arpin headed the list of 33 Sen-  
ior B. A. candidates from all the  
colleges who passed success-  
fully, and Beauré, the only one in  
first class in his year, did the  
same for the 26 successful Junior  
B. A. candidates, while Albert  
Dubuc came second.

In the second part of the Ma-  
trication, Beaubien took first  
class marks in Greek, Virgil and  
Caesar, and the French subjects  
for French Students.

When the crowd had dis-  
persed after the singing of "God  
Save the Queen," a discussion  
took place among the members  
of Convocation as to the mean-  
ing and drift of the new statute  
on election of representatives of  
Convocation. This statute not  
having yet become law, the vot-  
ing will take place on the old  
basis, i. e., each member may  
vote for seven of the 21 nomi-  
nated persons. When the new  
statute comes into force, each  
voter will vote for no more than  
six candidates, although ten are  
to be elected; this leaves a chance  
for the minority to get some  
votes. In this respect a more  
generous feeling is beginning to  
assert itself. One of the most  
violent partisans of the majority  
seems actually to have been shamed  
out of his ruthless contempt  
of minorities. Pursuant to the ad-  
vice of one who had received the  
assurance that, if we Catholics  
only nominated one candidate,  
that one would be elected, Mr.  
A. J. H. Dubuc was the only  
Catholic candidate nominated.  
We are curious to see if the ma-  
jority will really be generous.

Father Fillion spent a couple  
of days here this week and was  
pleased to hear of the success of  
his parishioner, Mr. Adonias  
Sabourin, who won the Previous  
medal for Latin, Mathematics  
and Chemistry. Father Fillion  
grounded Sabourin in the ele-  
ments of Latin, and the success  
of his pupil reflects great credit  
on his training.

**CEREMONY OF BLESSING**NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE  
HOLY GHOST, BY ARCHBIS-  
HOP LANGEVIN.

Free Press (amended).

An important event in the  
history of the Catholic church  
in the northern part of this city  
took place on Pentecost morning  
when the new Church of the  
Holy Ghost, on Selkirk avenue,  
was blessed by His Grace, the  
Archbishop of St. Boniface, as-  
sisted by many of the clergy from  
St. Boniface and Winnipeg. The  
service began at 10 o'clock. The  
hundreds of people, mostly Gal-  
icians and Germans, saw the  
grounds in front of the church  
tastefully decorated with trees  
planted for the occasion, while  
over the door of the church was  
printed in large letters the in-  
scription, "Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini." Long  
strips of red, white and blue  
bunting were stretched from end  
to end of the church, giving the  
interior a festive appearance.

His Grace and the clergy were  
robed in the basement of the  
church; they then went outside  
to the main entrance, the south  
door of the church. Several  
psalms and prayers were there  
sung, and then the procession  
passed around the church, the  
archbishop and the clergy lead-  
ing. His Grace performed the  
ceremony of benediction, sprink-  
ling the walls with holy water,  
both inside and outside. Enter-  
ing the door again they were  
welcomed by young girls strew-  
ing the steps and the entrance  
with cut flowers. The clergy  
and the people then sang the  
litany of the saints. After  
further prayers in the church,  
the celebration of the mass be-  
gan. The mass was sung by  
Father Cherrier, of the Immacu-  
late Conception church, assisted  
by Father Dorais, principal of  
the Industrial school, St. Boni-  
face, as deacon and by Father  
Bourgeois, of St. Boniface Col-  
lege, as subdeacon. His Grace  
was assisted at the throne by  
Father Beaudin of St. Mary's  
Church and Father Drummond  
of St. Boniface College. The  
others of the clergy present were  
Father Delare, of Brandon; Rev.  
Dr. Trudel, representing His  
Grace's secretary, the Brothers  
Louis, Albert, Thomas and Jos-  
eph, of St. Mary's school, besides  
the Fathers Albert and William  
Kulawy, of the Church of the  
Holy Ghost, and Father Ench  
who is serving the missions of  
Gretna and Morden.

The choir sang Bonner's mass,  
and at the offertory they sang  
Hanna's "Veni, Creator."

The sermon was preached by  
the Archbishop, speaking on the  
subject of confirmation, and on  
the celebration of the day. He  
dwelt especially on the unity of  
faith whose centre ever was and  
ever will be the See of Rome,  
whether this church be called  
German, Polish, Russian, French,  
Italian or English. The languages  
he said, may differ, but there is  
one centre of them all. When  
Galicians, Polish or other people  
come from the old country, they  
may be asked what they are,  
and we always hear but one  
answer, they are Catholics. So  
here they have to hold together  
and be faithful to their creed.

His Grace then gave confir-  
mation to about 65 persons. After  
the confirmation, His Grace ad-  
dressed the people in a few  
words concerning the schools,  
telling them to care for the edu-  
cation of their children, and ad-  
ding that the best education they  
can get is not in the public  
schools, which are really neutral  
schools, because they do not  
teach any religion. They should,  
he said, do their utmost to send  
the children to the Catholic  
schools. The Brothers at St.