



CURRENT COMMENT

"Why are people urged to subscribe to the Catholic weekly?" says Father Van der Heyden, in an excellent article we reproduce elsewhere on Catholic social reform in Belgium. "It need not be to secure the local church news; for that is, as a rule, secured quicker in the secular daily than in the ex-professo Catholic weekly." (Even this much is hardly true of our Winnipeg dailies, whose Catholic church news is often ludicrously incorrect and is frequently borrowed, when it is correct, from our columns.—Ed. N. R.) "It is the foreign and distant news of things Catholic, the comments and appreciations on Church matters with which the American" (and Canadian—Ed. N. R.) "dailies regularly regale their unsophisticated readers, that must be set right by the Catholic weekly. It is in correcting the false impression the newspaper devotees often glean from the dailies, that it has one of its chief 'raison d'être.'" This our readers know, we have always done fearlessly. In fact, some of them think we are too much inclined to find fault. But at least we do not criticize on the wrong side, as the "Visitor" and the "Northwestern Chronicle" are proved to have done by Father Van der Heyden. Mr. Arthur Preuss has added one more to his many claims on the gratitude of all sincere Catholics by securing so factful an article for the pages of his admirable "Review."

What did not enter into the purview of the writer of that article, although he would be the first to admit it if reminded thereof, is the fact, patent to all thoughtful Belgians, that the social success of their government is due to the influence of the Catholic University of Louvain. This celebrated university, founded in 1266, suppressed by the French Revolution, and re-established in 1817, resumed its thoroughly Catholic life in 1835 when the Catholic university of Mechlin was incorporated with it. Great as was the glory of Louvain in the sixteenth century, when its professors of theology checked the devastating onslaught of Protestantism, its practical benefits to the Belgian people are perhaps still greater now. It sends forth every year graduates in theology, philosophy, mathematics and the natural sciences, who are, above all else, staunch Catholics. They are the judges, members of parliament, doctors, engineers, lawmakers of the kingdom. Thus Catholic intellect, illumined by the splendors of Catholic faith, sways, as it ought, a truly Catholic country. In this, Belgium is a model for the rest of the Catholic world. Of course Catholics everywhere must have Catholic schools and colleges, but they ought also to aim at having Catholic universities with something like the great prestige of Louvain. Doubtless we must rely chiefly upon personal holiness, but it is well to remember how Cardinal Newman reconciles the rival claims of sanctity and intellect. "Here then, I conceive," he says in his sermon at St. Monica and her son St. Augustine, "is the object of the Holy See in setting up universities; it is to reunite things which were joined together by God and have been put asunder by man. It will not satisfy me if religion is here and science there, and young men converse with science all day and lodge with religion in the evening. Sanctity has its influence; intellect has its influence; the influence of sanctity is the greater on the long run; the influence of intellect is the greater at the moment. Therefore, in the case of the young, whose education lasts a few years, where

the intellect is, THERE is the influence. Their literary, their scientific teachers really have the forming of them. Let both influences act freely, and then, as a general rule, no system of mere religious guardianship which neglects the Reason, will in matter of fact succeed against the School. Youths need a masculine religion, if it is to carry captive their restless imaginations and their wild intellects, as well as to touch their susceptible hearts."

In the New York "Sun" Seumas MacManus relates this characteristic anecdote, appropriate at this moment when the echoes of the "Glorious Twelfth" are still reverberating around us.

In the gay city of Belfast, where lovers of civil and religious liberty are so prone to try upon Papists the persuasion of well aimed paving stones, to awake them to the error of their ways, Lord Dudley, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has been making a speech and giving some hints, each as broad as a barndoor to the gentlemen who put so much trust in the pathos of the paving stones.

He told them with considerable bluntness that if Ireland would progress, narrow intolerance must be shut off.

"Every one of my audience," he said, "knows well to what I refer."

His audience, far from taking it in as he must have anticipated, cheered him thunderously, and a burly hero of a hundred fights from Sandy Row arose to his feet and shouted:

"Bully for you, sir; pitch into the Papishers."

To the amiable gentlemen in this and other parts of Canada who still harbor the delusion that they are right in perpetuating that absurd anachronism, we earnestly commend Mr. Seumas MacManus's further remarks:

Orangeism is now on its last legs. It has been for a hundred years, fostered by the landlord and the ascendancy party in Ireland as the best means of keeping Irishmen of different religions asunder and holding themselves in power.

Of late years the eyes of every intelligent Orangeman have been opening and they have found that they have been made fools of to serve the personal interests of people who in their hearts despised them. Year by year the ascendancy party were being shorn of their power, and as they lost their power, they lost, too, all interest in Orangeism, which now totters and will soon disappear.

His Holiness the Pope is the big bogie of all Orangemen; and their most fervent prayer, which they love to pray in public places and from the housetops, is that the Pope may have a front seat and a short poker in the next world—only they put it in blunter terms.

Portadown, with Belfast, is one of the greatest and last strongholds of Orangeism. A Portadown man arrested in London a short time ago for cursing the Pope and brought before the magistrate, was being remonstrated with.

"I do not know," the magistrate said, "why you curse the Pope. Though I myself am not of his following, I think the Pope is not such a bad man that he deserves to be cursed. Do you in your heart, think that he is so bad?"

"Your honor," the Portadown man replied in all earnestness, "you may be right, it might happen, indeed, that he is not the rascal they make out; but let me tell you," he added, "talking the magistrate into his con-

fidence, "let me tell you that he hasn't a good name about Portadown."

The Liverpool "Catholic Times," of July 1, has this to say of a now famous Catholic knight.

Dr. Edward Elgar on June 21, received the degree of Doctor of Music from the University of Durham. In the list of Birthday Honors published last Friday the name of Dr. Elgar appears among those on whom His Majesty has conferred a knighthood. Sir Edward's new honor has met with unanimous approval, and is recognized as one of the very few bestowed for personal merit as distinguished from political service. The London "Morning Leader" describes him as "our greatest modern musician," and like sympathetic references have appeared in other leading journals. The author of "King Olaf," the "Dream of Gerontius," "The Apostles," etc., lives at Malvern, and the present incident has recalled an episode of his school-days savoring somewhat of prophecy. It is said that the following dialogue took place with a former tutor: Master, "what is your name?" Boy: "Edward Elgar." Master: "Add the 'Sir.'" Boy: "Sir Edward Elgar." The new knight has received the warm congratulations of many of his co-religionists.

Mr. Clement Scott, whom the London "Daily Telegraph" calls "the most notable figure of his time in the domain of dramatic criticism," died on June 25, after receiving the last rites of the Church from the Rev. Kenelm Digby Best, of the Oratory. Mr. Scott had been for many years a fervent Catholic. During his last illness he tried in every way to prepare for the supreme moment of death and often spoke of the eternity to which he was hastening. In view of these facts, "it is somewhat remarkable," says the Catholic Times, "that though all the obituary notices of Mr. Clement Scott mentioned that his father was a Protestant minister, scarcely any state that the deceased journalist was a convert to the Catholic Church. Like the late Mr. Blowitz and the late Mr. George Augustus Sala (both Catholics), Mr. Clement Scott was supreme in his own journalistic department—theatrical criticism—that is whilst in the heyday of his strength. In 1872 began his association with the London "Daily Telegraph," which won for him celebrity as an able and discerning critic of the drama. He might, says the "Newcastle Daily Chronicle," have been called the English Sarcey, for at one period his word was almost law on the subject of plays and players. Mr. Scott had been for some time in declining health, but still managed to produce contributions for the weekly paper "Free Lance," founded by him. He was a clever adapter of French pieces, a vigorous writer of lyrics and stirring poems, and a picturesque essayist."

Mr. Hartshorne, Manager of the American-Abell Engine and Thresher Co., which has warehouses and yards on Dufferin avenue near the Exhibition grounds, has written to the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Co., as follows:

"We would ask you either to improve the roadbed on Dufferin avenue, put on proper cars and give us a proper service, or we will petition the City Council to have the line removed as a public nuisance. At present a Red river cart would be preferable to your Dufferin avenue cars. We have put up patiently with a good deal of inconvenience, and a great deal of rough riding, making all allowances for a pioneer street

railway service, but we have reached the limit."

The W.E.S.R. having turned a deaf ear to Mr. Hartshorne's request, he appealed to the Board of Works, with the result that the city engineer was instructed to furnish the board with a report on the condition of the service complained of.

It were well if some enterprising citizens of St. Boniface were to adopt a similar line of action with respect to the solitary, dirty, worn out car, and the miserable service they are treated to by that same W.E.S.R. The car has become so delapidated that it breaks down every now and then, and even when running cannot do so on time, with any degree of regularity, a very serious inconvenience to those who come from Winnipeg and find themselves stranded at the Norwood Bridge, perhaps a mile and a half from their destination. It is true that the work of laying rails on the bridge began more than a fortnight ago, but, as there are only seven men employed, it proceeds at a snail's pace. Moreover, that part of the track which spans the hollow north of the hospital, will have to be raised to the level of the roadbed on both sides, which has been recently raised above the flood level; else the rails will be continually clogged with falling clods of loose earth, and the road will remain very dangerous to vehicles of all kinds.

Dr. James J. Walsh's two articles, in the June and July "Catholic World," on "Modern Electricity and Orthodoxy," ought to be republished separately by some Catholic Truth Society. They contribute a splendid vindication of the harmony, not the conflict, between science and religion. After showing what profoundly religious men were Ampere and Clerk Maxwell, and how Lord Kelvin, the greatest of living physicists, holds that modern science, far from being atheistic or materialistic in its tendencies, actually affords evidence of a Creative and Directive power, Dr. Walsh quotes Professor Guthrie Tait saying in an address delivered as one of the vice-presidents, before the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the most representative body of scientific men in the world: "On the other hand, there is a numerous group, not in the slightest degree entitled to rank as Physicists (though in general they assume the proud title of Philosophers), who assert that not merely life, but even evolution and consciousness are mere physical manifestations. These opposite errors, into neither of which it is possible for a genuine scientific man to fall, so long at least as he retains his reason, are easily seen to be very closely allied. They are both to be attributed to that credulity which is characteristic alike of ignorance and incapacity. Unfortunately there is no cure; the case is hopeless, for great ignorance almost necessarily presumes incapacity, whether it show itself in the comparatively harmless folly of the Spiritualist or in the pernicious nonsense of the Materialist."

Persons and Facts

Dr. Fortunat Lachance arrived here Thursday morning on a visit to his relatives and friends. He will spend the ensuing year as house surgeon in Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal.

Mr. Arthur Bleau, of the Archbishop's palace, returned from Montreal on Thursday. His many friends sympathize with him over the recent death of his mother.

Sir Henri Taschereau has been appointed to be a Privy Councillor—an interesting event in any case, but doubly so where the name thus honored is that of a family which has contributed one of its members to the Privy Councils of the Church. Sir Henri, who is now on a visit to England, and is accompanied by Lady Taschereau, took the oaths in person before the King.—The Tablet, July 2.

Mr. Francis McNutt has been appointed one of the six Camerieri di Cappella Spada di numero in the Pontifical Court. He is the third non-Italian and the first American to be appointed to this the highest dignity to which a layman can aspire. It is a life appointment, and requires constant residence in Rome.

The "Revue Biblique," which has become the officious, but not official organ of the Biblical Commission, has been transferred to Rome, and is now installed in the Dominican House in Via San Sebastiano.

Mr. Daniel S. O'Connor is preparing a new critical edition of Blessed Sir Thomas More's English works. The first volume will contain his "Early Poems," "The Life of Pico della Mirandola," "The History of Richard III.," the "De Quatuor Novissimis," and "The Dialogue Against Heresies." The second and third volumes will be mainly occupied by the controversy with Tyndale. Another volume will give the "Dialogue of Comfort against Tribulation." Literary experts need hardly be reminded that More's "Utopia," the most celebrated of his works, was written in Latin, a fact which Mr. Halleck, in his History of English Literature does not seem to know.

Miss Susan Strong, the American prima donna and one of the most brilliant of contemporary concert singers, has become a Catholic.

Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, a younger son of the seventh Marquis of Lothian, has been promoted to an Admiral of the Fleet in recognition of the great value to the navy and the nation of his fifty years of naval service. He entered the navy at the age of thirteen and is now in his 65th year. He became a Catholic at the age of fifteen. His mother, her two daughters and three other sons, had preceded him into the true fold: Two of his brothers, one of whom died some years ago, entered the Society of Jesus and one of his sisters was Madam Kerr, whose saintly life as a religious of the Sacred Heart is the subject of a well known biography. Thirty-one years ago Lord Walter married Lady Amabel, youngest daughter of the Sixth Earl Cowper, herself a convert to the Church.

"In all ranks of the navy," says a London morning paper, "Roman Catholics abound. One of their number, Admiral Lord Walter Kerr has been First Sea Lord of the Admiralty these five years; another, Vice-Admiral Sir Hilary Andoe, has been Admiral Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard; a third Rear Admiral Bickford, is, by the way, that 'nice Captain Bickford' whom R. I. Stevenson mentions in the Vailima Letters."

Last Saturday's Free Press contained a very interesting historical sketch of the Red River veterans who took part in the then Colonel Wolseley's expedition of 1870. All surviving members of that famous corps are invited to attend a reunion of the Red River Expedition Association next Thursday, July 28. Probably no force

ever raised in Canada comprised a finer class of men physically and otherwise. From the present popular Lieut.-Governor down through all professions and pursuits, these veterans have left their mark on the history of Manitoba and the Northwest. And, after 34 years, the survival of the vast majority of those 1431 men is a proof of their bodily fitness for the hardships of the expedition itself and of the pioneer days of this country.

Our esteemed Catholic contemporary, the Kingston "Canadian Freeman," triumphantly vindicates our friend Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, fair wages officer of the Dominion Labor Department, against an unfair attack in the House of Commons by Mr. George Taylor, chief Conservative whip. The Freeman editorial truly remarks that "if the fair wages officer was of another brand or color, his name and his acts would not be up for discussion so often, by blusterers in the House of Commons." The same paper is also to be congratulated on the way it reminds the Toronto "Toiler" that "Toronto is not the whole labor field in Canada, nor are Protestants the only wage earners or trade unionists in the Dominion—there are others."

A French Viscount, Monsieur de Fanchois, from the department of Morbihan, France, arrived here on Thursday and went on Friday to St. Rose du Lac. At the suggestion of Rev. Father Gaire, who saw him in Brittany, and who is expected here in a couple of days with 300 Norman, Breton and Savoyard immigrants destined for Red Deer, Alta., Viscount de Fanchois intends next year to settle with his wife and eight children in the neighborhood of that flourishing Alberta town.

Clerical News.

Rev. Joseph H. Arsenaault, who graduated from St. Boniface College last year and has since completed his first year of theology in the Grand Seminary at Montreal, is now spending his holidays with his many relatives in Prince Edward Island, at Urbainville, near Summerside.

Very Rev. P. Magnan, Provincial Superior of the Oblate Fathers and Brothers in the diocese of St. Boniface, left last Saturday morning for Europe. He remained over at Rat Portage for the Sunday services and then continued his eastward journey. His destination is Liege, Belgium, where the Oblates hold their general chapter next month.

Rev. Charles Chaput, S.J., late Prefect of Studies at St. Boniface College, left last Monday morning for St. Mary's College, Montreal, where he will take the chair of Philosophy, Second Year. He stopped over at Rat Portage, dining with the Oblate Fathers and spending the night and the following day with his Jesuit brethren in their new residence on Aulneau Island. On Wednesday he went on to Fort William and Port Arthur, where he remains till Sunday, when he will take the C.P.R. boat to Sault Ste. Marie. After a day or two there he will go on to Toronto, there to visit some friends, and will reach his destination in Montreal a day or two later. Father Chaput cherishes pleasant memories of his five years sojourn in Manitoba and hopes at some future time to see his many friends here again.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Emile Legal, O.M.I., Bishop of St. Albert, reached the city last Saturday on his way to the General Chapter of the Oblates at Liege, visited the Administrator, Very Rev. F. A. Dugas, at the Archbishop's palace that afternoon, officiated pontifically at the High Mass in the Holy Ghost Church on Sunday and took the eastward transcontinental that evening.

Rev. Fathers Proulx and Chosses, S.J., returned from St. Agathe on Monday.

Rev. Jas. Dugas, S.J., went last Saturday to take a few days

of much needed rest at the Jesuit summer residence in the Lake of the Woods.

Rev. Father Lavigne, of Neche, came here at the end of last week to place one of his sisters in St. Boniface Hospital, where she may have to undergo a very serious operation. The worthy pastor of Neche, who so lately lost his venerable mother, is deserving of all sympathy in this new affliction. He is a guest at the Archbishop's house.

Rev. John McDonald, S.J., returned last Monday from Rat Portage, where, during the preceding week, he preached twenty sermons in English and French. On Sunday last, in the Church of Our Lady Rev. Father Dugas, S.J., rector of St. Boniface College, sang High Mass, Rev. Father Croizier, O.M.I., lately come from England, was deacon, and Rev. I. d'Orsemmens, S.J., subdeacon. Rev. Fathers Arcand, Leclair and DeMangeleere, S.J., sang at the organ loft. Father McDonald preached.

Rev. Father Moeller, of Rainy River, was here this week.

A brief of His Holiness Pope Pius X. raises the diocese of Porto Rico into an archiepiscopal see with two suffragan bishoprics. The Right Rev. James H. Blenk thus becomes the Most Rev. Archbishop of San Juan, the capital of the island.

Rev. Father Proulx, S.J., leaves on Friday for Port Arthur, where he will for a few days take the place of the parish priest and then preach the annual retreat to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Rev. Father Plante, S.J., is preaching a couple of retreats at Belcourt, N. Dak.

Next Wednesday evening, July 27, Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., will lecture in this city before the Dominion Educational Association. Subject: "Some Thoughts on Education."

Rev. Father Blais, who came to the city a few days ago with a party of French Canadians who have been living in the Eastern States and Quebec, returned last Wednesday to the east. The immigrants whom Father Blais brought to Winnipeg will settle in various parts of the West.

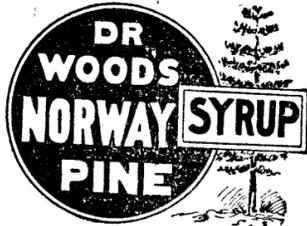
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Rev. Father Dugas, S.J., and Rev. Father Messier, S.J., returned on Wednesday from Rat Portage. The other Jesuit Fathers and Brothers returned on Thursday and Friday and begin their annual retreat on Friday evening.

Rev. S. Veilleux, S. J., returned from Marquette, Mich., on Wednesday.

Ste. Rose du Lac Notes

These words keep ringing in my ears: "On that day there was opened a fountain of mercy to many in Israel" and in these days there has been opened a fountain of grace in our midst, and the weary, way-worn sheep of the flock and stragglers not a few have listened to the voice of the good Shepherd, speaking by the mouth of his missionaries. The 60 English speaking people who followed the retreat, and many others to whom that language is almost as well known as their own, thoroughly enjoyed the fine English sermons of the Rev. Father Gladu, while his French ones struck home to the hearts of his hearers. If you viewed the village from a distance, it seemed like a fair or a picnic, horses and carriages innumerable, and when Father Camper arrived his dear Indians had to come and pitch their tents so as to be within reach of him. They would follow his eloquent voice all over the world, as the children long ago followed the pied piper of Hamelin. From before 6 in the morning until after 10 at night, devout worshippers ceased not in the church. Our separated brethren must have thought the song had come true



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"Every day will be Sunday bye and bye." The French speaking people being the most numerous, had the advantage of sermons from both preachers in their own language. The mission being so splendidly attended and with so much piety and self-sacrifice, was a great consolation to the heart of the good Oblate Father under whose care this Rose of the prairie has grown up from a humble, unnoticed blossom, to be a beautiful tree round about whose branches many an exile from other lands has found a home where he may serve his God in peace and comfort under the free flag of England.

Our school children had most successful examinations at the end of the scholastic year; we congratulate the Mission Sisters on the result.

Two Sisters from St. Boniface have been visiting their sick in this neighborhood.

On Wednesday the 13, we celebrated our annual picnic, which began as usual by Mass sung in honor of St. Joseph at which distinguished visitors from Dauphin were present and a numerous congregation. Let the shades of evening, and the gathering rainclouds draw a veil over the close of that day.

So the poor giant got no benediction when he died; this seems sad to us who never knew him, for in one way he was nearer to Heaven than any one of us when he walked this earth.

We are pleased to see a new serial commencing in the North West Review, but we are afraid the learned author is flying a little too high over our heads, most of our ancient history being contained in the "Book of Genesis."

St. Pie Letellier Notes.

PARENT—TURNER.

At the Catholic Church at Letellier on Monday the 18, at 9.30 a. m., P. J. Turner and Miss Leona Parent were united in the bonds of matrimony, by Rev. Father Jutras. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Parent. Mr. Turner was supported by his brother, Mr. E. Turner, of Emerson. The bride looked pretty, and was dressed in white organdie, trimmed with lace and pearls, she also wore a large white hat with ostrich plumes. After the ceremony the happy couple returned to the home of the bride's parents where about fifty relatives, and friends of the young couple sat down to the wedding breakfast, among them being Rev. Father Jutras. The bride received many handsome and costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. Turner left on Tuesday for their home in Alberta.

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KING EDWARD AND THE MINER.

The Casket.

One of the features of the room of Sandringham, which the king has devoted to his superb collection of sporting guns, rifles, hunting knives, and pig sticking spears is an ordinary pick which occupies a place of honor, and to which a pretty story with an American end is attached. When the king was a sixteen year old lad, he visited a Durham coal mine, and while there was shown by a Durham miner how to pick coal, which with boyish interest and vim, he proceeded to do for a full hour before consenting to leave the place. More than forty years later, the king, when staying with Lord Durham, at Lambton Castle, had a number of the Earl's tenants, and employees presented to him, among others the miner under whose directions he had picked coal four decades previously. The old miner brought along the pick with which the king as a boy had toiled, and Lord Durham, who knew the old miner well, informed his royal guest that the miner had received many offers for the tool, especially one of \$1,000 from a well-known American multi-millionaire who had a castle in Scotland, offers which Collins—that was the name of the old fellow—in spite of his being a laboring man, and as such the reverse of rich, had refused.

"I should like to buy that pick," exclaimed the Prince of Wales—it was shortly before his accession to the throne—shaking the old fellow warmly by the hand, "and I am only sorry that I cannot afford to pay a bigger price than that offered by your American friend."

"But I would not accept anything for it, sir," interrupted Collins. "I brought the pick here in order to offer it for your acceptance as a present, and I should be only too glad if your royal highness would consent to take it."

"All right, old friend," exclaimed the prince, "I will accept your gift keep it for the present, and I will send for it when I get home."

About a fortnight later the old miner received a letter addressed to "Henry Collins, Esq.," and stating that Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn had been commanded by the Prince and Princess of Wales to request his company at dinner at Sandringham. The letter likewise inclosed railroad tickets and directions as to what train to take. At the bottom of the card, which bore the prince's crest, was a postscript in the prince's handwriting, as follows: "Please bring the pick."

Arriving at the Wolverton station, Collins found one of the royal carriages awaiting him, and on reaching Sandringham, he was welcomed in the hall by the Prince, who after presenting him to the princess and to the other members of the royal party, conducted him in person to a bedroom, as was the hospitable custom in those days of King Edward with guests visiting Sandringham for the first time. An hour later the old miner found himself seated at the royal table at dinner, the other guests being Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, and the present Prince and Princess of Wales. In spite of the newness of his surroundings, the sturdy old miner, in his seventy-fifth year, did not betray the least embarrassment, but behaved with a simple dignity, modest, and at the same time, complete absence of subservience that might have constituted a lesson in breeding to many a parvenu. He created a most favorable impression, and after dinner the whole party adjourned to the gunroom, where the pick now occupies a place of honor, and where it was duly installed.

Collins remained at Sandringham for the night, and left the following afternoon, after Queen Alexandra in person had shown him around her model dairy, her kennels, and her garden, King Edward taking him over the home farm. And when he left he carried away with him beautiful autograph portraits of his royal host and hostess and of their children.

That is the delicate way in which King Edward and Queen Alexandra acknowledged the obligation which the old miner had placed them under by presenting them with a pick for which he had refused a

thousand dollars of American money, and which he insisted on giving them. And there is no doubt that nothing that Edward VII. could have done would have pleased or gratified the old fellow more than being treated by his future king as he himself had behaved—namely: as a gentleman.—Marquise de Fontenoy.

THE FOURTH OF JULY CASUALTIES.

Fifty-two killed and three thousand and forty-nine wounded "to make an American holiday."

Unhappily it is only too certain that hundreds of the wounded are fatally wounded.

Last year there were four hundred deaths from lockjaw officially recorded, caused by Fourth of July fire-works accidents in the United States. Of all the people known to have had lockjaw last year, through the explosion of blank cartridges and giant crackers only seven recovered. Four hundred died what is probably the most terrible the most painful of deaths.

Of all wounds there is none so deadly as that inflicted by the explosion of fireworks. We may come into frequent contact with the tetanus bacilli. They may even be introduced into the flesh by a sword or bullet wound; but the flow of blood and the possibility of prompt and thorough antiseptic treatment keep down the average lockjaw cases from such causes. When the germs are blown into the flesh by the explosion of fireworks, it is another matter; there is no flow of blood and little opportunity for thorough antiseptic treatment. The full mortality resulting from Monday's celebration will not be known for about a fortnight.

We do not wish to be guilty of the impertinence of telling our neighbors how they should or should not keep the Fourth of July; but there is no reason why we should not profit by their experience. There is a growing tendency in this country to celebrate Dominion Day explosively.

Without expressing any opinion whatever about firing giant crackers and blank cartridges, as a means of celebrating the Fourth of July in the United States, we decidedly think that it is a fool way of celebrating the First of July in Canada. Our people generally have not acquired the cracker and cartridge habit of holiday-making, and it is to be hoped they will not acquire it.—Montreal Star, July 5.

THE POPE AND CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL.

An effort has been made to convince newspaper readers here and abroad that the relations between the Pope and his Secretary of State are strained, but a well-informed Roman correspondent shows conclusively that there is no foundation for such a story. This correspondent writes:

As to the relations between the Holy Father and Cardinal Merry del Val, they remain just what they were since his Eminence was raised to the Sacred College six months ago. Then the Holy Father declared that His Eminence had shown consummate tact in the management of affairs, and that he hoped to have the Cardinal as his Secretary of State throughout his whole pontificate; while the Cardinal, humbly acknowledging that Pius X. had raised him from nothing to the dignity of a Prince of the Church, promised that he would serve His Holiness even at the cost of his life. It is absolutely certain that the feeling of confidence on the one hand and of unreserved devotion and obedience on the other between Pius X. and Cardinal Merry del Val are deeper today than they ever have been. Moreover, His Eminence has not made a single move in this deplorable contest with France without the express approval of His



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Holiness—in fact it is more correct to say that His Eminence has been nothing but the instrument in the hand of the Pope. Nor did Pius X. strike out a new line of policy in his present dealing with the French government, as the Times and other papers insinuate. A few years ago the King of Portugal almost yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him by the French government to visit Rome, and he was only deterred by an uncompromising communication from Leo XIII. to the effect that such a visit would be construed as an act of hostility to the Holy See and that it would be promptly followed by the recall of the Nuncio from Lisbon. But even more to the point is the fact that the protest recently sent to France, and communicated to other powers is almost identical with a similar protest prepared last year by Cardinal Rampolla at the command of Leo XIII. when the visit of the French President to Rome was definitely decided upon.

ATTENTION, GEOGRAPHY CLASS.

Our system of public instruction does not always show its impress upon those who become public men. The late Venezuelan question called out queries that were of interest to our minister to that country, who made note of them.

In December, 1892, a western member of the United States Congress arose in his place and seriously asked, "Where is Venezuela, anyhow?" This was pending a proposition to consolidate the missions to Venezuela and Guatemala, the impression being that the two republics were adjacent countries.

Another member, equally well up in geography and equally enthusiastic in his advocacy of "economy" wanted to consolidate the missions to Venezuela, Equador and Peru. (See map of South America).

It was during the same year that a St. Louis merchant wrote to our minister at Caracas to find out "the most available seaport of Venezuela on the Pacific." A cattle dealer in Colorado inquired "whether in order to visit Maracaibo, it would be necessary to sail via Europe." Soon afterward a tobaccoist in Virginia wrote to ask "whether it would be advisable to ship samples via the Isthmus of Panama."—C. Citizen.

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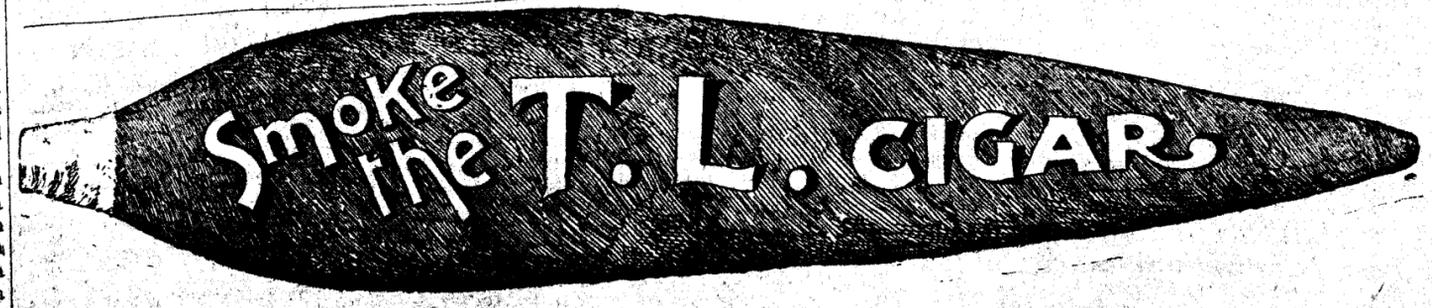
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Calendar for Next Week.

- JULY.
- 24—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Our Lady of Succor. Commemoration of St. Christina, Virgin and Martyr.
 - 25—Monday—St. James, Apostle. Commemoration of St. Christopher, Martyr.
 - 26—Tuesday—St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin.
 - 27—Wednesday—The humility of the Blessed Virgin (transferred from the 17th inst.)
 - 28—Thursday—St. Nazarius and his companions, Martyrs.
 - 29—Friday—St. Martha, Virgin.
 - 30—Saturday—Votive office of the Immaculate Conception. Commemoration of Saints Abdon and Sennen, Martyrs.

THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

One of the chief objects of His Grace's journey to Europe was to have an interview with His Majesty the Emperor of Austria in order to obtain assistance for the Galician missions in this country. We learn, from a letter received this week by the Very Rev. Administrator, that Mgr. Langevin and his companion, Father Lacombe had the honor of an audience with Emperor Francis Joseph on the 29th of June. This audience was granted as a special favor to the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Boniface.

The list of private audiences was complete when our Archbishop arrived in Vienna, but as soon as His Grace sent his card to the palace an exception was made in his favor. We have every reason to hope that the result of this momentous interview, in which the Emperor was most gracious, will be an increase in the number of Catholic missionaries to the Galicians of the Canadian Northwest. When Mgr. Langevin wrote he said he would soon have an interview with the Ruthenian Archbishop of Lemburg, whose influence is very great because he is the official head of the Ruthenian Uniates.

BISHOP BREYNAT.

His Lordship the Right Rev. G. Breynat, O.M.I., stayed here a few hours last Sunday on his way to the General Chapter of the Oblates at Liege, which opens in the middle of August. He will travel with His Lordship Bishop Legal by the French transatlantic steamer, "La Touraine." Mgr. Breynat, who is Vicar Apostolic of Yukon-Mackenzie, comes direct from Dawson, where he met the Very Rev. Raphael Crimont, S.J., the newly appointed Prefect Apostolic of Alaska. In the course of the past year Bishop Breynat has visited all the missions of the vast territory under his jurisdiction. He went as far as Peel River within the Arctic circle.

His Lordship has no fixed residence, although his longest sojourn of three months, has been at Providence Mission, situate at the outlet of Great Slave Lake flowing into the Mackenzie River. Although this post is nearly 62 degrees north, yet, owing to the immense sheet of water near it, it enjoys almost a temperate climate. All ordinary kinds of vegetables grow there, and even wheat ripens three years out of five. Mgr. Breynat intends to introduce a fast ripening

wheat that may take less than ninety days to mature. The wheat he has in view is a 90 day wheat, but the longer daylight of the summer in those subarctic regions may shorten that period.

The Missions of the Mackenzie district were very unfortunate last year. The grain and vegetable crop was unusually poor; the first frost set in very early, by the 29th of September, closing up lakes and rivers and ruining several of the large scows used for the transportation of mission goods; the catch of fish, which is the staple diet in that region, was very small, large game was scarce. Fortunately, however, there was a profusion of rabbits.

The winter up north seems to have been the very opposite of our winter here, which, as we all remember, was abnormally long and severe. There, on the contrary, it was comparatively mild. The rapids of the Mackenzie River opposite Providence Mission generally remain icebound till June; but last winter they broke their icy fetters in January. There fell so little rain and snow that this summer is a very dry one, quite a contrast to our flooded lowlands and general abundance of snow last winter and rain this summer.

When asked if he thought the General Chapter would last long, Mgr. Breynat said that there were a great many questions to be considered. Of late years the congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate had experienced unparalleled growth in members and missionary work. New undertakings had been thrust upon it, so that it had to develop new lines of apostolic endeavor in many parts of the world. In one sense the expulsion from France was a blessing to other countries, since it opened out new fields to earnest workers.

After the General Chapter Mgr. Breynat will go to Rome and remain there till the close of the Jubilee on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. He expects to return here about the middle of February.

THE CLOSING OF BROADWAY EAST.

Last Saturday the Winnipeg Tribune, which deserves great credit for its consistent advocacy of the people's rights, delivered this crushing broadside in large black letters on its front page.

Why should the elected representatives of the city be found with the corporation as against the people?

For hours a body of our best citizens bombarded the council with facts and logic, demonstrating why such a sacrifice as the closing of this thoroughfare should not be made. It was like pouring water on the backs of ducks.

There sat the aldermen dumb as oysters. Not a word was offered in defence of the sacrifice. Not even Mr. Hugh Sutherland, the executive agent of the corporation, had a word to say. He, doubtless, had noses counted, and knew that his corporation was safe, and it was therefore deemed superfluous to offer a word of explanation or defence.

It is not often that such a spectacle has been witnessed in this city. Usually our representatives have something to say.

If an overhead bridge or viaduct were impossible or impracticable it would not be so bad, but it is not.

Why then should the city give up to the corporation? Surely corporations have plundered the public enough without asking the present sacrifice. This is a matter that ought to be noticed by the people.

If the hostile demonstration Thursday evening was not sufficient to convince the aldermen, let a few thousand citizens march to the city hall the next time the question is up and show the council exactly how they feel on a question where public interest is being sacrificed to corporation greed.

The aldermen ought to be made to feel that "the subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures."

Why should not the aldermen be with the people instead of prostrate before the corporation? Why?

On Tuesday morning, the Free Press editor, after devoting two whole days to serious cogitation, wrote a curious article on "Public Indifference in the Matter of Broadway East." He began by saying that:

A local contemporary represents the city as stirred to its depths at the prospect and deeply indignant at the City Council's apparent intention to meet the views of the Canadian Northern Railway. Unfortunately this is not an accurate presentation of the facts in the case. There are some citizens very much opposed to the closing of Broadway East: there are some anxious to see this done; but the predominant feeling in the city is one of complete indifference. This is regrettable, but true. In spite of the publicity which has been given to the matter we venture the assertion that nine out of every ten electors of Winnipeg have but a very hazy idea of what it is the Canadian Northern wants the city to do and are entirely guiltless of any opinion as to whether this request should be granted. They are too busy with their own affairs to bother about a question of this sort even though it is of great importance to the future welfare of this town. They will leave the City Council to deal with it. If years hence they find that a great mistake has been made they will ease their minds by vigorously blackguarding the City Council of 1904. Much good that will do!

He then proceeds to prove his point by showing how the electors of Ward Two, which comprises Broadway East, allowed Alderman Haggart to be elected in place of the lately deceased Alderman Russell, although they knew the former is as heartily in favor of the closing of that street as the latter was opposed to it. This inconsistency is still further accentuated in the following passage.

The sight of worthy citizens, who helped to put Mr. Haggart in the City Council two months since, because he was a good fellow, turning up in force at the council chamber in the hope of preventing the same Mr. Haggart from carrying through the business he was put into the Council to do, is calculated to move the community to mirth. It is little wonder that the members of the City Council are willing in this matter to follow the lead of Mr. Haggart, who is fresh from the people and may claim, with much appearance of justice to represent their views.

Having thus exemplified the old adage that chaf and banter are often more effective than passionate expostulation—ridendo mores corrigunt—the Free Press swings deftly round to the Tribune's view: Speaking for itself, the Free Press is no more satisfied now than before that the closing of Broadway East is necessary to the securing of proper terminals by the C.N.R. It would like to see the whole matter referred for consideration to a commission of engineers. Until such a body reports that an overhead bridge is impracticable, the Free Press will continue to believe that the failure to construct such a bridge is due simply to an unwillingness to pay the price that an engineering work of this magnitude would call for. If the By-law is passed by the City Council—and of this there is not now much doubt—we are satisfied that a very few years will elapse before the citizens will awaken to a realization of the fact that a great mistake was made in giving away to the C.N.R. the only wide street connecting Winnipeg with St. Boniface and the country beyond the Red. But it will then be too late to do anything. Once Broadway street is closed it is lost to the public for all time.

The point about the overhead bridge or viaduct is well taken. One of the opponents of the closing suggested to the City Council that the difficulty of securing a sufficient height above the C.N.R.



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On Tuesday evening the Tribune clinched the argument by direct appeals to the pockets of Main street south-enders.

There is one point about the closing of Broadway East, which seems to have been entirely overlooked, but which when stated may have some effect in rousing people to action as it affects their pockets, and that seems to be the only consideration that will appeal to a large percentage of the public.

Have the owners of property on Main street, say from Portage avenue south, ever paused to consider the effect on values that will result from the closing of Broadway?

Nothing is surer in the course of events than that St. Boniface will one day be incorporated into Winnipeg. Unless it is, property on Main street will deteriorate in value, because the city cannot expand towards the East, and Main street will degenerate into the fringe, and property will go down in value. If on the other hand, what is almost inevitable happens, and St. Boniface becomes incorporated into the city, then there will be a tremendous expansion east, and Main street, instead of going down in value and becoming the eastern fringe of the city, will enormously increase in value and continue to be what it has been the chief thoroughfare of the city. But what will happen if Broadway east is closed? Main street from Portage avenue to the Assiniboine will be ruined. This is an aspect of the case that should not be overlooked. When the time comes to annex St. Boniface, the magnitude of the blunder will be realized, if Broadway is closed now. That the public do not see these things and do not protest with all their might and save the situation is past understanding. As a contemporary says, it is not that the subject has not been fully ventilated. Much has been done to arouse the people from their lethargy. A grave crime will be perpetrated against the city if the closing is consummated. It looks as if the most effective way of blocking the intended surrender would be for several thousand citizens to go down to the city hall and let the aldermen see what public feeling on the question is. Just why the aldermen should want to perpetrate the crime against posterity is one of those things that, like the ways of Providence, are "mysterious," although it should not be past finding out.

To be sure, all intelligent readers understand that this final touch about "mysterious" motives is pure rhetoric. The Tribune itself, put its accusing finger on those motives last Saturday when it said that Mr. Hugh Sutherland "had noses counted and knew that his corporation was safe."

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF EIGHT NUNS.

On Monday morning at 6 o'clock, an hour when the majority of Montreal's citizens were preparing for a day of labor, one of those impressive scenes, which are only to be witnessed in the Catholic Church, was enacted in the beautiful and historic chapel of the Congregation de Notre Dame, on St. Jean Baptiste St., says the Montreal True Witness. Eight members of the order who in the same chapel fifty years ago made their first vows and entered upon their career as followers of the saintly Mother Bourgeoys, celebrated their golden jubilee and added their names to the honor roll of jubilarians who now number forty, most

of whom are in active service, some occupying high offices in the administration that guides the destinies of the order, which has its institutions in all leading centres of Canada and the United States.

The scene in the chapel was one of rare beauty and impressiveness. Every seat was occupied by the members of the order. At the main altar the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell celebrated the Mass of thanksgiving, while at the two side altars the Rev. Father Thibault, S.S., chaplain to the community, and the Rev. Father Bouhier, S.S., of Montreal College, also celebrated Mass. The musical portion of the service was furnished by the novices, and their prayerful and plaintive voices touched all hearts.

The venerable jubilarians were seated near the sanctuary railing. Previous to receiving Holy Communion, each in turn, supported by the Rev. Mother-General Annet and the First Assistant Mother-General, the Rev. Sister Mary Josephine, renewed their vows pronounced half a century ago. The honor roll is as follows:

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THE ITALIAN IMMIGRANT.

It is interesting to notice how appreciation of the Italian element of our population grows. It is not so long ago since the Italian immigrant was looked upon as a grave menace to our country. Even labor saw in him one of its deadliest enemies. We well remember a few years ago seeing a transparency in a Labor Day parade openly insulting Italy "as the land of artists and scabs." Recent events, (notably among the subway laborers of New York) prove that the Italians are now as strenuous union men as any. The New York Evening Post, has an article in a recent issue on the "Italian Immigrant" wherein after mentioning some objections to him, it says:—

"In spite of this there is not the slightest doubt that Italians are most valuable additions to our population. No one who has watched them work needs any testimony concerning their industry. They are almost ideal exemplars of temperance. In their own homes they like to sip the light wines of their own country; the public saloon however, has no attraction. They are peaceable too, in spite of their current impressions that they are much given to crimes of personal violence. An Italian associated with the New York Prison Association is authority for the statement that, whereas 75 per cent. of all crimes committed in the United States are unpunished, 75 per cent. of those committed by Italians result in convictions. The reason is found in the open character of the offences. A stiletto is excellent circumstantial evidence. The rapidity with which the Italian accumulates property is a great point in his favor. The savings of Italians in New York banks aggregate \$15,000,000; they hold \$20,000,000 worth of real estate in the Italian sections. In ways not always noticed they are benefitting their adopted country. They bring better manners than ours, greater thrift, a keener social sense, with a considerable adaptability to our manner of living. Already they compare favorably with any other class of immigrant, and when their colonies shall be broken up, and intermarrying becomes more frequent, they will certainly become a very valuable civilizing element in our composite social order."

The Post states that the Italian immigrant has not the passionate attachment to the Catholic Church which made the Irish immigrant of a generation ago conspicuous, but



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The Post forgets that the history of the Italian and the Irish peoples has been very different. There is no reason to doubt that, with enlarged opportunities for the practice of their religion in this religion in this country, the Italians will become as important an element in the maintenance and spread of the true faith as the Irish have been and are.—Sacred Heart Review.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

The man who aspires to eminence among his fellows needs to have a ready wit, not to say nerve always with him. To illustrate. In a certain aspiring village—no it is not Hyattsville—it was recently proposed to have the town council prohibit under a heavy fine the running at large of cows in the streets. The entire village promptly divided into two factions over the proposition and the feeling became exceedingly bitter, the cow owners, their relatives and friends being naturally opposed to legislation which would materially diminish the pasturage of their charges. A merchant of the village was running for alderman and being a politician as well as a thrifty individual, he had kept very quiet on the subject that was agitating the public mind until one day as he was waiting on a customer a rather greasy looking delegation filed into the store, and stood around with his customer, when the spokesman addressed him.

"Jimmie, we have come in to see how you stand on this here cow question."

The merchant was taken aback, especially as he had not the most remote idea as to which side of the question the delegation belonged. But blood will tell and the quick wit he inherits from a long line of Irish forbears saved the day. Coming around from behind the counter he slapped the spokesman on the shoulder and turning to the crowd with a genial smile he remarked:

"Boys, I'm glad you called for I want you to know that I am with you."

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The Caseys and Kileys,
And all o' the rest of the Macs
and the O's?

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The struggle out yonder
Where the Jap and the Russian
are flirtn' wid Fame,

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Or "Michaelwoniski"
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Russians at all, if ye're
wise,

And the Jap "Tomorhara"
Or "Teddimagara"
Are simply good Connaught men
there in disguise.
-T.A.D., in Catholic Standard and
Times.

THE INCREASE OF SUICIDES.

To a recent issue of the Inde-
pendent, Mr. George P. Upton, as-
sociate editor of the Tribune of
this city, contributed some statis-
tics of suicide, which in any other
country inevitably would excite
alarm.

For suicide is clearly on the in-
crease, as might be supposed. It
is advancing by leaps and bounds.
During the last thirteen years no
less than 77,617 cases of suicide
have been reported in the news-
papers of the United States.

Charging the increase to the
paganization of the masses is
justified moreover, when we look
abroad. Admittedly a tremendous
de-Christianization has taken place
in France during the last third of
a century.

It appears from the foregoing
that in suicide the United States
leads the world. With a popula-
tion of 80,000,000—fifty million of
which is non-Christian—she leads
the world in murder, in divorce, in
social scandals, in vice and far-

reaching embezzlements, public and
private, and now in the number of
her suicides. In seeking for causes,
Mr. Upton says: "In the old days,
also the Church treated suicide
victims much as it did murderers,
and not only condemned them to
eternal punishment, but to earthly
ignominy by refusing them Christ-
ian burial; but, with the weakening
of ecclesiastical authority, and a
growing doubt of eternal punish-
ment, and sometimes, uncertainty
as to the definite nature of the
hereafter, this restraint has large-
ly disappeared."

BISHOP NOTIFIED OF APPOINT-
MENT IN MID-OCEAN.

While on the ocean bound for
New York and two days from
port, the venerable Archdeacon
John Magnan, P.P., V.G., Ken-
mare, Ireland, a passenger on the
Carpathia, was notified of his ap-
pointment as bishop of Kerry.

NEW ANTI-CATHOLIC MEAS-
URE.

A new Anti-Catholic measure in-
troduced in the French Chamber of
Deputies threatens with destruc-
tion the famous basilica of the
Sacred Heart, erected on the
heights of Montmartre by the con-
tributions of the faithful as an act
of expiation for the disorders of
the Commune, following the Fran-
co-German war.

THE USE OF LATIN.

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CHAPTER TWO—Continued.

The river Liris, now the Garigliano, flowed all gold in the western sun; some dozen of meadows behind them, between rows of linden trees, oleandres, and pomegranates with laurel, bay, and long bamboo-like reeds of the arundo donax, varying the rich beauty of its banks: "Daphrones, platanones, et aeriae cyparissi." A thin and irregular forest of great contemplative trees; flowerless and sad beech, cornel, alder, ash, hornbeam, and yew towered over savannahs of scented herbs, the glades of many tinted grasses. Some clumps of chestnut trees, hereafter to spread into forests, but then rare, and cultivated as we cultivate oranges and citrons, stood proudly apart. A vegetation which has partly vanished, gave its own physical aspect to an Italy, the social conditions of which have vanished altogether; and were even then passing, and about to pass, through their last appearances. But much also that we in our days have seen both there and elsewhere, was there then. The flower or blossom of the pomegranate lifted its scarlet light amid vines and olives; miles of oleander trees waved their masses of flame under the tender green filigree of almond groves, and seemed to laugh in scorn at the mourning groups of yew, and the bowed head of the dark, widow like, and inconsolable cypress. All over the leaves of the woods the autumn had strewn its innumerable hues. In the west, the sky was hung with those glories which no painter ever reproduced and no poet ever sang; it was one of the sunsets which make all persons of sensibility who contemplate them dumb by making all that can be said of them worse than useless. A magnificent and enormous villa, or castellum, or country mansion—palace it seemed—showed parts of its walls, glass windows and Ionic columns, through the woods on the banks of the Liris; and upon the roof of this palace a great company of gilt, tinted and white statues much larger than life, in various groups and attitudes, as they conversed, lifted their arms, knelt, prayed, stooped, stood up, threatened and acted, were glittering above the tree-tops in the many-colored lights of the setting sun.

"Ah! let us stop; let us rest a few moments," cried the child, smiling through her tears at the smiles of nature and the enchanting beauty of the scene; "only a few moments under the great trees, mother."

It was a group of chestnuts, a few yards from the side of the road; and beneath them came to join the highway through the meadows, and vineyards, and forest-land, a broad beaten track from the direction of the splendid villa that stood on the Liris.

Paulus instantly sprang from the carruca, and, having first helped his mother to alight, took his sister in his arms and placed her sitting under the green shade. A Thracian woman, a slave, meantime descended from the box, and the driver drew the vehicle to the side of the highway.

While they thus reposed, with no sound about them, as they thought save the rustle of the leaves, and the distant ripple of the waters, and the vehement shrill call of the cicada, hidden in the grass somewhere near, their destinies were coming. The freedman suddenly held up his hand, and drew their attention by that peculiar sound through the teeth, (st), which in all nations signifies listen!

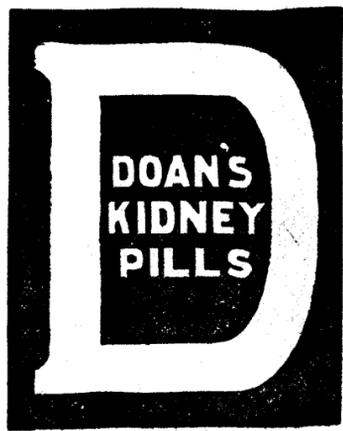
And, indeed, a distant, dull, vague noise was now heard southward, and seemed to increase and approach along the Appian road. Every eye in our little group of travellers was turned in the direction mentioned, and they could see a white cloud of dust coming northward. Soon they distinguished the tramp of many horses at the trot. Then, over the top of the

hill which had intercepted the view came the gleam of arms, filling the whole width of the way, and advancing like a torrent of light. The ground trembled; and, headed by a troop of two Numidian riders, and then a couple of troops or turmae of Batavian cavalry, a thousand horse, at least, of the Praetorian guards, arrayed, as usual, magnificently, swept along in a column two hundred deep, with a rattle and ring of metal rising treble upon the ear over the continuous bass of the beating hoofs, as the foam floats over the roll of the waves.

The young girl was at once startled from the sense of sickness and grief, and gazed with big eyes at the pageant. Six hundred yards further on a trumpet note, clear and strong, gave some sudden signal, and the whole body instantly halted. From a detached group in the rear an officer now rode toward the front; a loud word or two of command was heard, a slight movement followed, and then as if the column were some monstrous yellow scaled serpent with an elastic neck and a black head, the swarthy troops which had led the advance wheeled slowly backward, two instead of five abreast, while the main column simultaneously stretched itself forward on a narrower face, and with a deeper file, occupying thus less than half the width of the road, which they had before nearly filled, and extending much further onward. Meantime the squadrons which had led it continued to defile to the rear; and when their last rank had passed the last of those fronting in the opposite direction, they suddenly faced to their own right, and, standing like statues lined the way on the side opposite to that where our travellers were reposing, but some forty or fifty yards higher up the road, or more north.

In front of the line of horsemen, who, after wheeling back, had been thus faced to their own right, or the proper left of the line of march was now collected a small group of mounted officers. One of them wore a steel corselet, a casque of the same metal, with a few short black feathers in its crest, and the chlamys, or a better sort of sagum the scarlet mantle of a military tribune, over a black tunic, upon which two broad red stripes or ribbons were diagonally sewn. This costume denoted him one of the Laticlavii, or broad-ribbed tribunes; in other words, although to judge by the massive gold ring which glittered on the forefinger of his bridle hand, he might have been originally and personally only a knight—he had received either from the emperor, or from one of the two Caesars then governing with and under Augustus, the senatorial rank.

The chlamys was fastened across the top of his chest with a silver clasp, and the tunic a little lower down with another, being open below as far as the waist, and disclosing a tight-fitting chain-mail corselet, or shirt of steel rings. The chlamys was otherwise thrown loose over his shoulders, but the tunic was belted round the corselet at his waist by a buff girdle, wherein hung the intricately figured brass scabbard of a straight, flat, not very long, cut-and-thrust sword, which he now held drawn in his right hand. In his belt were stuck a pair of manicae or chirothecae, as gloves were called, which seemed to be made of the same material as the girdle; buffalo skin greaves on his legs and half-boots (the calcei, not the soleae or sandals) completed his dress. He was a handsome man about five-and-thirty years old, brown hair, an open but thoughtful face, and an observant eye. He it was who had ridden to the front and given those orders, the execution of which we have noticed. He had now returned and kept his horse a neck or so behind that of an officer far more splendidly attired, who seemed to pay no at-



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attention whatever to the little operation that had occurred, but, shading his eyes with one hand from the rays of the setting sun, gazed over the fields towards the villa or mansion on the Liris.

He was clad in the paludamentum, the long scarlet cloak of a legatus or general, the borders being deeply fringed with twice-dyed Tyrian purple, (Tyria bis tincta, or dibapha, as it is called by Pliny); the long folds of which flowed over his charger's haunches. This magnificent mantle was buckled round the wearer's neck with a jewel. His corselet, unlike that of the colonel or tribune already mentioned, was of plate-steel, (instead of rings), and shone like a looking-glass, except where it was inlaid with broad lines of gold. He wore a chain of twisted gold round his neck, and his belt, as well as the hilt of his sword, which remained, undrawn by his side in a silver scabbard, glittered with sardonix and jasper stones. He had no tunic. His gloves, happening, like those of his subordinate, to be thrust into the belt round his waist; left visible a pair of hands so white and delicate as to be almost effeminate. His helmet was thin steel, and the crest was surmounted by a profuse plume of scarlet cock's feathers. But perhaps the most curious particular of his costume was a pair of shoes or half-boots of red leather, the points of the toes turned upwards. These boots were encrusted with gems, which formed the patrician crescent or letter C, on the top of each foot, and then wandered into a fanciful tracery of sparkles upon the leg. The stapedae, or stirrups, in which his feet rested, were either of gold or gilt.

The countenance of the evidently important personage whose dress has been stated was remarkable. He had regular features, a handsome straight nose, eyes half closed with what seemed at first a languid look, but yet a look, which, if observed more closely, was almost strutting from the extreme attention it evinced, and from the contrast between such an expression and the indolent indifference or superciliousness upon the surface, if I might say so, of the physiognomy. There was something sinister and cruel about the mouth. He wore no whiskers or beard, but a black, carefully-trimmed moustache.

After a steady gaze across the fields in the direction we have already more than once mentioned, he half turned his head toward the tribune, and at the same time pointing to our travellers, said something. The tribune, in his turn addressed the first centurian, (dux legions) an officer whose sword like that of the legatus, was undrawn, but who carried in his right hand a thin wand made of vine-wood. In an instant this officer turned his horse's head and trotted smartly toward our travellers, upon reaching whom he addressed Paulus thus:

"Tell me, I pray you, have you been long here?"
 "Not a quarter of an hour," answered Paulus, wondering why such a question was asked.
 "And have any persons passed into the road by this pathway?" the centurian then inquired.

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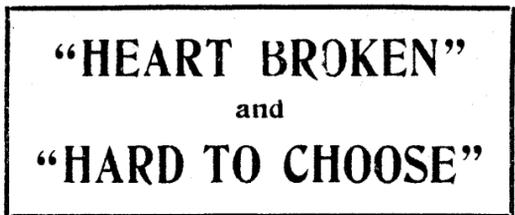
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL REFORM IN BELGIUM.

The Review, St. Louis.

The "Visitor," the Catholic paper of the Providence diocese, and the "Northwestern Chronicle," the St. Paul diocesan organ, are entitled to a medal each; the former for the wonderful knowledge which it displayed in an article treating of "Christian Democracy" in Europe, and the latter for coming to the assistance of the "Visitor" in diffusing that knowledge.

Passing over much matter in the article that would all read much better in a Protestant paper than in a Catholic periodical, we beg to quote these lines which especially concern the progressive little country whose hospitality the writer is just now enjoying:

"We are bound to aver that the Catholic Conservatives (in Belgium) have done next to nothing, in the way of social legislation, towards the betterment of the laborers' condition. They have been all-powerful in both houses now for fully twenty years, and, while their personal and charitable deeds are deserving of sincere consideration, they have enacted but a very few laws for alleviating the lot both of the lower middle-class and what is called the proletariat."

Now, if we had read these lines in any other but a Catholic paper, we should have said: The scribe who penned them is either an ignoramus or a bigot; for what the Belgian Catholics, as a political party at the head of the government for the last twenty years, have done for the laboring classes, so far surpasses anything done anywhere else in Europe or America, that only a man who gets his cue from the editorials of the Socialist and Masonic press, or one who is imbued with the spirit of the worst enemies of all that is Catholic, could come out with such a boldfaced falsehood. What then, are we to think of a Catholic writer, in an American Catholic weekly, whose duty it is to take up the cudgels for Catholic interests, making a statement so sweepingly condemnatory of a Catholic government, as if that government had utterly failed in its trust? What, for instance, would a Democrat think of a Democratic paper, of his choice, if the party of which it is the recognized organ were assailed in it in such a way? We believe that said Democrat, if he has any backbone, and thinks anything at all of his party, would, after one or two repetitions of like flings, fling the paper to where it could no longer offend his eyes and ruffle his temper, and, no other exponent of his cherished political principles being at hand, would subscribe to a Republican journal; for it is not half so hard to be smitten by one's enemies as by one's own. What use is there in a Catholic burdening his budget with the price of a subscription to a Catholic weekly, if it takes up, and makes its own, the slurs on Catholics of the Judeo-Masonic press, instead of posting itself and refuting them. Why are people urged to subscribe to a Catholic weekly? It need not be to secure the local church news; for that is, as a rule, secured quicker in the secular daily than in the ex-professo Catholic weekly. It is the foreign and distant news of things Catholic, the comments and appreciations on Church matters with which the American dailies regularly regale their unsophisticated readers, that must be set aright by the Catholic weekly. It is in correcting the false impression the newspaper devotees too often glean from the dailies, that it has one of its chief "raison d'être." If it only partially accomplishes that duty, why, there is no need for having it; for the daily has also its days when it gives articles favorable to the Church. Its editors are capable men, well posted, and as such, unless conspicuously hostile, they know better than to make statements disparaging to Catholics and not borne out by facts, such statements, for instance, as the one made by the Providence "Visitor" and reproduced by the "Northwestern Chronicle."

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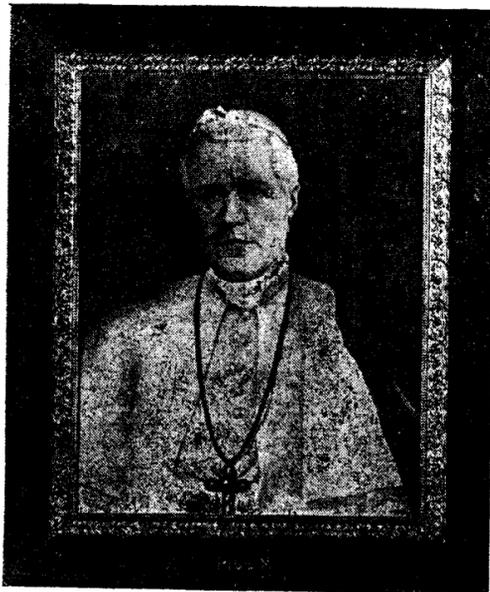
of social legislation towards the betterment of the laborers' condition!" Forsooth! We have before us a list of forty-five laws in favor of the laboring classes, enacted by the Catholic government during the twenty years of its power. Computed in cash, the advantages of these laws for the working people represent an outlay of ninety million francs per annum, and that, we beg to remark, in a country not by a thousand square miles the size of Maryland. Of these ninety million francs, the State spends fifteen million yearly in pensions for aged workmen, and fourteen millions in remunerating workmen's sons whom conscription calls to the army. The national treasury is yearly the loser of thirteen millions because of the special, ridiculously low rates accorded to workmen going to and coming from their work. These rates granted to workmen only, are on the basis of a descending scale, ranging from one-third of a cent per mile for distances under three miles, to one-twelfth of a cent for distances of sixty miles and over. Moreover, thanks to the aid furnished by the State and to the prosperity of the country under the clerical administration, thirty thousand families of laboring men have become the owners of their homes during these twenty years; and these homes, as well as the homes of all the working people, are exempt from any and every house tax. The deposits in the post-office saving-banks have increased from 186,356,733 francs in 1885 to 760 millions in 1904. This amount is divided between nearly 2,000,000 depositors—a proof that it is the money of the poorer people; for it gives one P.O. bank-book for every four inhabitants.

We might go on aligning columns of statistics to show what the government of the parish priests has done for the most interesting and most numerous class of its citizens—the common people. However, we hardly think that there is need of saying more. Nevertheless, we might add two facts that were lately brought to our notice. One of these goes to show that if the clerical government has done "next to nothing to alleviate the lot both of the lower middle-class and of what is called the proletariat," these classes seem to be singularly adverse to escape—notwithstanding a density of population greater than of any country in Europe—from under the sway of a government so outrageously indifferent to their wants; for of the 178,360 emigrants who embarked on the Antwerp boats for the United States last year, less than three per cent. were Belgians. Of the ninety-seven per cent., the vast majority were Germans and Poles. The other fact is that Mr. Carnegie said of this little country: "Belgium, considering its size, is the most wonderful of industrial countries. The extent of its commerce is something astounding. Its imports and exports per capita are far ahead of those in England; its exports are twice as large and its imports still larger." Would this be the case if the government had done next to nothing during the course of these twenty years for the immense majority of its people? We think not; at least not in a country with 544 people to the square mile and with no extraordinary natural resources. Mr. Carnegie was evidently better posted on Belgian conditions than the writer in the Providence "Visitor" who would do well to put into practice what he no doubt preaches to his readers, to look for Catholic news in Catholic papers, and, incidentally for Belgian Catholic news in Belgian Catholic papers. To make up for lost time and opportunity, he might read with profit the latest edition of Father Vermeersch's work, "La Legislation et les Oeuvres en Belgique."

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