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## A SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

THE REV. FATHER CHERRIER'S  
25 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD—  
A TWO DAYS' CELEBRATION.

Free Press.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of a priest of the Catholic Church is always an event of more than passing interest, and in a parish like the Immaculate Conception of Winnipeg, where the pastor and the people are bound together with special ties of affection and esteem, the arrival of such an epoch in the life of the parish priest is long looked forward to and prepared for by the congregation. This has certainly been the case with the silver jubilee celebration of the ordination of the Rev. Father Cherrier, and the result is that a series of meetings and services were arranged, extending over two days, in the course of which the zealous pastor received many evidences of the high place he occupies in the esteem of those over whom he has pastoral charge, and also of his confrères in the clergy. The first of these gatherings took place Tuesday afternoon, when in the parish school house, Father Cherrier was entertained by the pupils and the members of the Children of Mary Sodality. A very attractive programme was carried out, consisting of musical and elocutionary items, all appropriate to the occasion, and concluding with the presentation of an address and a substantial amount in gold, which spoke volumes for the heartiness with which the young members of the flock have entered into the spirit of the festival. The address, which was read by Miss Winnie Tobin, referred particularly to the great interest Father Cherrier takes in the school, and voiced the appreciation of the little ones of the sacrifices he has made for the cause of education in the province. Father Cherrier made a feeling response, in which he spoke of his solicitude for the welfare of the children, and bid them all be faithful to the teaching they received in the school. He highly praised the members of the Children of Mary Sodality for the good work they were doing in the parish by precept and example, and he thanked them all for the beautiful words in which they had clothed the expression of their sentiments towards him, which, he assured them, found a warm response in his heart.

In the evening there was a large gathering of both priests and people in the church. His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface was present and the seats in the sanctuary were occupied by a representative body of the clergy. The service opened with a canticle admirably rendered by the choir, after which an eloquent sermon was delivered by the Rev. Father Jolys, parish priest of St. Pierre, Man., who spoke of Father Cherrier's double crown of priest and pastor. He gave a glowing description of Father Cherrier's career, picturing him first as a young ecclesiastic teaching in St. Theresa's Seminary in the province of Quebec, afterwards coming to this country and tak-

ing charge of the parish of St. Boniface and subsequently being appointed principal of the college. Then 15 years ago he came to the Winnipeg side of the river and ever since has remained the faithful and devoted pastor of the Immaculate Conception. Throughout his career here he had enjoyed in a special degree the confidence of his ecclesiastical superiors; he had been one of Archbishop Taché's principal lieutenants and he enjoyed the confidence of the present Archbishop in the fullest sense of the word. After the sermon came the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which the following music was rendered by the choir: Lambillotte's "Quis Ascendet," "Ave Maria," solo by Mrs. Bernhardt; Mozart's "Magnificat," and Bach's "Tantum Ergo." At the close of the service the Rev. Father Giroux, parish priest of St. Anne's, presented to Father Cherrier an address on behalf of the secular priests of the archdiocese, the address being accompanied with a golden chalice and ciborium, which were a masterpiece of the goldsmith's and jeweller's art. Father Cherrier responded in feeling terms, accepting the gift as the expression of the love and friendship which united the clergy of the diocese and which was crowned with a fond attachment to their common pastor, the Archbishop.

His Grace then added a few heartfelt words, corroborating what had been said regarding his perfect confidence in Father Cherrier, and eulogizing him for the devotion he had shown as a young man, when he gave up brilliant prospects in his native province to enter on missionary work in the Northwest.

Rev. Father Dugas, parish priest of St. Boniface, then presented Father Cherrier with a purse from his old parishioners in the Cathedral City, and Father Cherrier having expressed his appreciation of this remembrance, the interesting proceedings terminated.

### SECOND DAY'S CELEBRATION.

The morning and evening saw the church packed with parishioners and friends anxious to do honor to the great occasion. The morning saw the celebration of the central religious feature of the festival, namely grand High Mass, in the presence of the Archbishop of the diocese, and with all the solemnity with which this august service can be surrounded. The celebrant was Father Cherrier himself, and he was assisted by Rev. Father Béliveau, as deacon, and Rev. Father Rousseau, as sub-deacon, whilst in the sanctuary besides the Archbishop were Mgr. Ritchot and a goodly representation of both the regular and secular clergy of the archdiocese. The choir may be complimented on the way in which they rendered the musical portion of the service, which was as follows: Lejeal's "Kyrie," the "Gloria" from Mozart's first mass in C, Leonard's "Credo" and "Agnus Dei," and the sublimely beautiful and touching "Sanctus" and "Benedictus," from Rosewig's mass. The offertory piece was "Quis Ascendet." After the first gospel His Grace the Archbishop preached an eloquent and stirring sermon on the words: "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech." He spoke of the permanency of the priesthood, its dignity, the sacrificial character of the ministry, the long prepara-

tion for and daily abnegations of the priestly life, and he warmly thanked Father Cherrier for his unswerving devotion to duty, adding that he found in him filial obedience and intelligent execution of his slightest wishes.

In the evening the sacred edifice could hardly contain all those who attended. The proceedings opened with a selection on the organ, artistically rendered by Mr. A. Betournay, followed by a vocal solo by Mr. O. H. Day.

The Rev. Father Drummond then addressed the audience. He said that in congratulating his dear friend, Father Cherrier, rather than indulge in compliment and eulogy he preferred to view the subject from a higher plane. Twenty-five years of priesthood seemed to him to represent two things—stability of mind and stability of character. Stability was that in which man resembled most his Creator; an unformed man was naturally weak and unstable, and even amongst those who had some information there were various degrees of knowledge, and by knowledge he understood the science of things through their causes. A multitude of scraps such as made people pass for learned now-a-days, was not knowledge but mere information. Of this information the man who had no book learning had not much; if he had book learning of the modern kind he had very little knowledge. The most learned of men who had not religion was ignorant of the very first principles of things and could not co-ordinate them into a reasonable system. Compared to the most learned of unbelievers, the Christian who knew that there is a God, had the foundation of all philosophy. William Ellery Channing, one of the greatest minds the United States had produced, used to say that true knowledge consisted in the possession of a few great ideas, and the Christian who knew there is a God, that the human race had fallen through original sin, and been redeemed by the sufferings and death of Christ, and thus prepared for a happy resurrection, knew infinitely more than the learned scientist who did not possess these fundamental truths. Now among Christians none were so full of great ideas as well-educated Catholic laymen. The Catholic system of education formed the judgment, that master faculty which enabled a man to seize on the strong points in every question. The modern taste for scientific and mathematical training at the expense of literary and philosophical culture was apt to dehumanize the mind and harden the heart. The truest judgments of life were not based on mathematical equality but on the balancing of probabilities and the weighing of evidence. Amongst all Catholic students the most perfectly trained were to be found amongst the priesthood. Priests lost no time in dreaming about a possible new revelation because they knew past history. Carlyle used to say that one of the great mistakes of modern so-called thinkers was imagining that intellect began of late years. The whole development of the human mind had really not advanced very much since the days of Aristotle; from Kant to John Stuart Mill and Sir William Hamilton efforts had been made, but mostly futile ones, to improve upon the

Stagyrite. Of learned priests there were two kinds, the man merely of books and prayer who was no doubt eminently useful since "more things are wrought by prayer than this world wots of," but who has little knowledge of men; but the more learned man was the priest who to his theological knowledge added daily contact with men. And in this respect the priest who had heard confessions for 25 years knew his fellow-men as no other person could possibly know them. He knew their virtues in a way that none would suspect and, of course, he realized their weaknesses. All that tended to solidify his judgment, and he might say that in this regard his friend Father Cherrier was truly remarkable. Twenty-five years of priesthood also tended to strengthen the character. Stability of character was what they admired most and valued most highly. This was one of the secrets of the worldwide influence of the English race. Whatever might be the faults of the Anglo-Saxon he was in social and business relations eminently trustworthy. The expansive, gushing acquaintance they mistrusted; the man who wears well they grappled to their hearts with hooks of steel. This was precisely the effect which the formation for the priesthood tended to produce. A boy commonly felt his first call at the age of 16 or 17, and then during seven or eight years he was continually weighing his future responsibilities. If a man at the age of 25 could not make up his mind as to whether he would sacrifice the pleasures and comforts of that married life which the Church blessed and defended, he would never be able to make up his mind on any subject. Having once made up his mind he looked upon all the allurements of the world as temptations to be passed by with a steadfast gaze upon the Lord whom he had chosen to serve. They could realize what must be the stability imparted to a character which had practiced that self-denial and this fixing of the heart upon God for 25 years. In this respect especially he would thank Father Cherrier for the noble example he had always given to his brothers in the priesthood. Much as they admired that stability and maturity of judgment which the outside world recognized in him they admired still more that stability of character which made him unswerving in the path of duty. Though his feelings were deep he never allowed himself to be swayed by them. He reminded them of Shakespeare's wish: "Give me the man that is not passion's slave and I will wear him in my heart's core, ay, in my heart of heart." They felt when they asked his advice they would be sure to benefit by it, and if they confided to him the secret troubles of their lives they knew he was discreet as the tomb. Might God bless him for his fidelity to truth and duty and grant him at least 25 more years of continued usefulness and faithfulness in the service of the Lord.

Mr. J. A. McInnis then read an address to Father Cherrier from his parishioners. The address spoke of his fidelity to duty, his kindness, his patience in trials, his wisdom in giving advice, his learned and impressive expounding of the gospel. It referred to his consistent stand for the cause of Catholic educa-

tion and his championship of Catholic schools, and asked him to accept the accompanying purse and the chime of bells which would soon be put up in the church as an evidence of their appreciation of his untiring zeal.

Mr. Peter O'Brien, president of branch 163 of the C. M. B. A., presented an address from that body, expressive of their loyalty and devotion to Father Cherrier, and tendering him a valuable silver service as a token of their fraternal regard and esteem for him as a valued brother member and their respect and appreciation of what he did for the branch as its spiritual adviser and constant advocate and support.

Mr. Béliveau, president of the St. Jean Baptiste association of Winnipeg, then presented an address from that body with a gold headed cane and silver umbrella.

Rev. Father Cherrier responded to all in his usual eloquent and touching manner. He spoke of the unity which exists between pastor and people in his parish; he acknowledged his obligations to them for the faithful manner in which they always sustained him in parochial works, and declared he was ready to devote the remainder of his days to their service if they should so desire. He expressed his appreciation of their allusion to what he had done for Catholic education, in which he had always been guided by his ecclesiastical superiors, and he hoped that before long a full measure of justice would be granted Catholics in this important matter. With regard to the chime of bells he had received a cable dispatch that they had been on their way three weeks, so they could reasonably expect that they would soon be here. To the members of the Catholic Mutual Benevolent association he also expressed his thanks, highly eulogizing this great Catholic organization and speaking of the great assistance it had frequently been to him. He was proud of his membership, proud of the relationship which existed between him and the other members, and only wished every eligible parishioner was enrolled in its ranks. To the St. Jean Baptiste association he spoke of the Christian principle on which their organization was built up and their grand motto: "Union is Strength." In conclusion he thanked all who had participated in the grand demonstration of the last two days; he would never forget all the kindnesses he had received and would never cease to pray for them all.

The Rev. Father Cherrier then held a reception, all those present pressing forward to shake hands and congratulate him, and thus this most interesting festival was brought to a close.

Conformably to the latest vote of the University Council the contract for the foundations of the Science Department has been let to William F. Lee. This work, which includes only the excavation, stone foundations up to ground level and sewerage, is to be completed before the end of November and will cost less than \$2,500. It has been deemed necessary to begin this foundation work this autumn, if the entire building is to be completed, as it is hoped it will, by October, 1900. The site is on Broadway, Winnipeg, directly in rear of the court house.

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**CURRENT COMMENT**

Loud complaints reach us from many quarters about the delay in the transmission and delivery of newspapers and periodicals from the Winnipeg post-office. We have not much to complain of with regard to our exchanges, which are delivered pretty regularly; but there is a New York Sunday paper, to which we subscribe personally, and which often reaches us one or two days later than it did ten years ago, although during this decade the time of railway transportation has been greatly shortened on all lines between this and New York. Those who know say the reason of this delay is that the Winnipeg post-office is shorthanded. Go in there any day, they tell us, and you will see huge stacks of newspapers waiting to be distributed. The officials are overworked because they are too few. Should it not be the first duty of the Postmaster General to secure efficient service by employing enough clerks and paying them well?

Our voracious contemporary, the Free Press, though so near the post-office, seems to have suffered more than the rest of the long-suffering public. They have merely to wait for their papers; it has actually lost a very important letter written to it six weeks ago by Mr. Tardivel. A letter from the same gentleman came to us by the same mail, but the one addressed to the Free Press—we have the latter's word for it—never reached that editorial office. Perhaps, as it had no "large legal seal," some Winnipeg postal clerk mistook it for a newspaper and threw it on the stack of waiting matter. Really the Free Press ought to lodge a formal complaint with the Post-office Inspector next door.

Quoth Saturday's Winnipeg Tribune:

The following literary diamond appears as an editorial note in the Free Press:

"Money makes the mare go, but it takes wind to make the yachts go."

This would be a credit to any three year old child.

If we may be allowed to interject a remark, we think our Bannatyne street sage is too hard on the old lady of Post-office

lane. To be fair, the Tribune should have said that this was only the middle one—or is it the most middling one?—of five consecutive jokes on the yacht race. The first was pretty good: "What the yachts really want is a big blow-out." The next, "The third attempt ought to be a lucky one for the Shamrock," was imprudent as all uninspired prophecies are, and in point of fact was not verified. Moreover, like all jokes constructed on general principles, it was weak. Albeit, generally speaking, the number three is supposed to be lucky, yet, where shamrocks are concerned, on the specific principle that a four-leaved shamrock is a lucky find, it is the fourth attempt that promises success. Joke number four, "The Shamrock has got her Irish up now, and will win to-day's race or know the reason why," is, we confess, so weak, that it never could have stood alone. But the fifth and last joke is really hot half bad and sheds a retrospective radiance on the others. Here it is: "Sir Thomas Lipton's income is said to be \$7.50 a minute. And yet he knows what it is to be unable to raise the wind." Can it be that the Tribune editor suppressed this felicitous adaptation of a venerable chestnut through pique at not having thought of it himself?

Coal dealers are very busy at this season. They naturally try to undersell each other. Beware of light weight, the rather if your dealer gives you a particularly low rate. One of our friends, who buys the black diamonds in large quantities, found to his dismay that the weighing scales left him two tons short. Better pay ten cents to have a load weighed in the public scales than lose five or ten dollars on shortage.

One good effect of Mr. Hugh John Macdonald's injudicious proposal to make illiteracy a test of ignorance is that it leads the supporters of the government to examine into the validity of the principle on which this test is based. When they are intelligent observers they discover what thoughtful readers of history discovered long ago, and what Sir John Lubbock once illustrated by the fact that in the palmy days of Athenian intellectual supremacy most of the Greeks, cultured thinkers though they were, could neither read nor write and would nowadays be ranked as illiterates. This is how the Morden Chronicle puts it: "Mr. Macdonald forgets that there are many illiterate men who are better intellectually equipped than lots of educated fools; and that there are many educated people that Manitoba would be glad to welcome who have no knowledge of the English language, much less of the Manitoba Act." Quite so. Three fourths of the inhabitants of the British Empire could not read the Manitoba Act, neither could a host of men infinitely abler than Hugh John who could teach him how to frame a consistent policy.

Since writing the editorial note on Mr. Tardivel's lost letter we have learned that the Post-office Inspector, having been written to by Mr. Tardivel, inquired last Saturday at the Free

Press office and was then told that the missing letter had not come. It has since turned up, as the following editorial note in yesterday morning's Free Press shows:

A letter addressed to the editor of the Free Press by Mr. J. P. Tardivel, of Quebec, dated Aug. 20, reached its destination yesterday. The miscarriage was the fault of one of the employees of this office. As we stated recently that the letter had not been received this explanation is made. The letter has in the meantime been published elsewhere, which precludes further publication.

How many tricks up his sleeve hath the heathen Chinese!

The promised prize for the best English translation of a Latin passage from the "Vox Urbis" goes to Mr. Ludwig Erk, late of Gretna, now of Roseport, Man. Mr. Albert Dubuc is a good second. The others who tried committed too many mistakes to deserve honorable mention. Had we allowed the translations to be in French, we might have secured a more thoroughly accurate translation than Mr. Erk's. This latter, though really very fair, overlooks the words "ab anglicis portibus," (from English ports), inserts the word "almost" before the translation of "quotidie," and translates the conditional clause, "quodsi eam impossibilem reddissent" as if it were an absolute assertion. The promised book will be mailed to Mr. Erk to-morrow. His translation, together with the original, is printed elsewhere.

**A WINNIPEG GEOMETRY.**

"Introductory Geometry" by H. S. Maclean, the able and genial Assistant Principal of Manitoba Normal School, is, viewed as a whole, a credit to western pedagogy. Part I., which comprises 161 pages, is an introduction to the study of geometry and explains all that need be known, at this stage, of solids, surfaces, straight lines, angles, circles, triangles, areas, symmetry, analysis and synthesis. Part II. gives the first book of Euclid, with the proofs shortened though never weakened. The author excels in clear, mathematical demonstration. The Copp, Clark Company, Toronto, deserve credit for the attractive appearance of this neat little volume. It is a pity that it contains no table of contents giving a bird's eye view of the whole work, though the index is helpful to those who are looking for one particular point.

A distinctive feature of this text-book is the prominence given to analytic exercises. The opening exercise of the first chapter reads thus: "Point out three objects that are very different from one another in shape. Make a list of the names of objects which resemble in shape a football. A chalk-box. Describe as fully as you can the shape of the objects lying on the table, viz.: (i) A cricket-ball. (ii) A box. (iii) A flat ruler. (iv) A new lead pencil. Is it necessary to say anything about the material of which an object is composed in describing its shape?" [Better: In describing the shape of an object is it necessary to say anything about the material of which it is composed?] "Give reasons for answer."

This sort of thing is very much admired by popular pedagogues of our day and country. It crops up everywhere in Merchant and Fessenden's "High School Physical Science." We are told by those who habitually use this latter book that these analytical exercises are far from being a success in practice. They suppose that all minds are similarly constituted. Intended as suggestions to the teacher, they may be useful, although a really efficient teacher would hardly need them; but, taking up so much space as they do in Mr. MacLean's small book, they are, we cannot help thinking, a mistake.

Take, for instance, that first exercise which we have reproduced in full. Its concluding requirement "Give reasons for answer" is an extremely difficult one for a boy or girl of thirteen or fourteen, such as this work is written for. The children might give one reason, which would be to the effect that the material of an object does not affect its shape; but to give reasons, in the plural, would be very hard, unless the teacher helps them; and if he helps them, why these exercises with all their childish details? From our point of view the "explanations," which follow the "exercises," are vastly better than the latter. It was discovered a couple of thousand years ago that the synthetic is far better than the analytic method for the purpose of imparting knowledge. That the shortest cut to science is the explanation, not the playing at a re-discovery, of principles; and, in despite of the present fad for plying the child with suggestive questions all cut and dried in a text-book instead of suiting those questions to the almost infinitely varied idiosyncracies of the pupils, we still think that the old way is the best.

Another point in which we join issue with the distinguished author of this otherwise admirable primer is his treatment of the syllogism. It is far from accurate, philosophically, to say that mathematical reasonings are like the syllogism he gives as an example. This is a qualitative syllogism, one in which qualities with all their many-sided possibilities are compared, whereas mathematical syllogisms are quantitative, that is to say, syllogisms in which the terms, when they differ at all, differ only in dimensions. Mr. MacLean's typical syllogism is "All Canadians are British subjects; Jones is a Canadian; therefore, Jones is a British subject." He says this syllogism "may be regarded as a type of geometrical reasoning," and then he gives as an example of the latter: "All radii of a circle are equal; OP and OQ are radii of a circle; therefore, OP and OQ are equal." Now, to a trained logician, there is about as much resemblance between these two types of syllogism as there is between a strait-jacket and a Roman toga. The only relation in the geometrical syllogism is that of equality or inequality, while the relations of Jones to Canadians and British subjects are as various as the hundred languages, three hundred religions and thousands of different human types that make up the British Empire. In the one case the only rule needed is,

that there be three terms and three propositions, the position of the terms is absolutely immaterial; in the other case, owing to the numberless degrees and varieties of inclusion or exclusion, no less than six or eight well known rules must be observed, or the syllogism is valueless.

**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

The rapid advance of the fall season heralds the approach of winter and the people who for several months have been finding their recreation and amusement in outdoor sports and pursuits will soon be seeking indoor entertainment. The two great centres of amusement for the next six or eight months will be the theatres, known as the Winnipeg and the Grand, and as a large percentage of the Catholics of the city are to be found amongst the patrons of the drama and the number would be larger than it is if our people were fully satisfied as to the character of the performances that are to occupy the boards during the season, we think it not out of place if we say a word or two occasionally about what is going on in this line in Winnipeg, so that those of our readers who take a legitimate interest in such matters—and that is nearly a hundred per cent of the whole—may have reliable information as to those performances which it will be best for them to witness and as to the character and ability of the various companies engaged in the performances. It is well known that some of the travelling troupes that visit Winnipeg come here with plays which are anything but elevating, and often barely escape being positively indecent, and as these companies rarely make more than a couple of appearances they are here and away again before the people have time to show their disapprobation of such performances, and it often happens that owing to lack of accurate information people attend exhibitions which they would not be seen at did they know beforehand what they might expect. On the other hand there are occasionally performances given in the city which really deserve the support of the people, but do not get it either because of some defect in the method of advertising or because they come here at a time when the people have by bitter experience reason to be wary of believing all that the posters or the newspapers may have to say. It will be our object to let our readers know as well as we possibly can where they can find really healthy entertainment, and also to warn them against plays of a trashy nature which are not only unwholesome, but often absolutely meaningless and tiresome.

We are glad to be in a position to state that at the present moment there is a company performing in Winnipeg which is in every respect worthy of the encouragement and support of all lovers of the legitimate drama. We refer to the Valentine Stock Company at the Grand Theatre. It is a great thing for a city like Winnipeg to get a thoroughly good stock company. Legitimate work and thorough

decency can be looked for from a company which has come to a theatre to remain for at least some months, and when that company comprises such talented exponents of the dramatic art as this one does it is an additional guarantee that everything they put on will be clean and free from all objectionable features. This company opened the season with the performance of "Romeo and Juliet," and it is putting the matter lightly to say they gave a most finished presentation of the great play. It is satisfactory, too, to know that this Shakespearian revival met with substantial support, so much so that they carried the play through the whole week, a most unusual occurrence in Winnipeg, proving that in capable hands the legitimate drama will at least hold its own with the sensational extravaganzas which are so much the mode nowadays. Rarely has there been a more talented aggregation in Winnipeg, and seldom before have we seen or heard of a stock company embracing so strong a body of artistes. It is satisfactory to know that they intend to remain here throughout the winter, and it is safe to predict that they will make the cozy little theatre on McDermott street a popular place of resort for those of our citizens who enjoy a good performance.

CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

The following letters from the Keewatin Catholic school are published exactly as received:

St. Louis School,  
September 26, 1899.

To His Lordship.

My Lord—It is to-day that I take the pleasure of writing you a few lines to give you the news of Keewatin. I can not write very well in English, but I will try not to have many faults so that you may understand it. I am very pleased that you gave us a priest in our little village, he is living now in the Sacristy, and he cooks his own meals there, and we have Mass every morning, and we had Mass of the Holy Ghost on Monday morning for the children of the school. The school reopened the 21st August. There are many little children and we are now 45 all-to-gather. We continue to say the three Hail Maries for your Lordship.

Your respectful child,  
BLANCHE LAPORTE.

St. Louis School,  
Keewatin, Ont., Sept. 26.

To his Lordship the Archbishop of St. Boniface.

My Lord—Although I do not know very much English, I will try and write you a letter, in the name of all my companions, to thank you for your kindness in having sent us a parish priest. He is going to live above the sacristy for the winter, the ladies of the congregation have fixed it up very nicely with the things they have collected in each house. We have Holy Mass every morning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Father said that he would teach catechism in church later on.

There are more than 40 children in school now, they are coming more regularly, and our dear mistresses hope they will do so all the winter. All the children that used to go to the Public School have returned to ours except one. We were all very sorry at not seeing your Lordship on your last visit to Rat-Portage, but we hope that when you come next, we shall have that pleasure.

To complete our present hap-

piness will you please give us your blessing for our parents, for our school and for ourselves.

We are ever your respectful and devoted children of St. Louis school.

MARIE-ANNE GIGUÈRE.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN CRISIS.

The Prize Translation.

Transvaalanae etiam res graves in dies fiunt; Kruger enim reipublicae praeside rigide obstante, ne anglicis petitionibus quid leges concedant, Anglorum irae succensae quasi ad bellum videntur, ita ut quotidie militum tormentorumque expeditiones ab anglicis portibus ad ultimam Africae coloniam proficisci audiantur. Uitlandera namque collegia petitionem aliam nuperrime emisissent, qua cuius in Transvaal quinto saltem anno commoranti electionis exercendae ius adscribi expostularetur; insuper religionis ac edendorum scriptorum libertas, atque anglico batavicoque idiomate ad publicas res utendi facultas. Quibus postulatis licet Joubert dux, vicepraeses, inclinare videatur, Kruger tamen omni nisu obstat.

Neque satis; belli enim minae finitimam iam Orange rempublicam ita pervadunt, ut Praetoria in urbe Steijn praeses, coetum oratorum Volksraad dimittens, belli fautores facilem controversiarum compositionem stulte equidem impedire affirmaverit: quodsi eam impossibilem reddidissent, futurum ut reipublicae fata Deo committerentur.—Vox Urbis.

Translated from THE NORTHWEST REVIEW of Sept. 5th, by Ludwig Erk, Göttingen, Man.

The situation in the Transvaal is becoming graver day by day. Kruger, the President of the Republic, having expressed himself strongly against any concessions being made by the Legislature in response to the petitions presented by the English, has aroused so much angry feeling in England, that a recourse to war appears to be imminent; so much so, that one hears almost daily of the transportation of troops and war material to the Cape Colony. The committees representing the Uitlanders have recently presented a further petition, in which they ask that the right of voting be granted to all who have resided in the Transvaal for at least five years, and in addition they ask for the freedom of the press and liberty in religion, with the right to use the English as well as the Dutch language in all public proceedings. But though General Joubert, the vice president, appears to be inclined to grant the required privileges, Kruger remains obstinate and resists with all his power.

Nor is this all; for the war spirit has become so widespread in the adjoining Orange Free State, that, when dismissing the legislative body "Volksraad" in the city of Pretoria, the president, Steijn, stated that the promoters of this war were foolishly placing obstacles in the way of an easy settlement of the points of controversy and that they had even made the latter impossible, and that nothing now remained but to leave the fate of the Republic in the hands of God.

Monsignor Falconio, Delegate Apostolic to Canada, arrived in Quebec last week and expressed himself as delighted with the enthusiastic welcome he received. The Montreal papers announce that he may perhaps take up his residence there and not in Ottawa as was previously supposed.

Rev. Fathers Coppin and Dalaere, both Redemptorists from Belgium, were among the passengers saved from the wreck of the "Scotsman."

AFTER EFFECTS OF FEVER.

MRS. ANGLE, OF MERRITON, SUFFERED SO SEVERELY THAT HER FRIENDS FEARED SHE WAS LIKELY TO BE A PERMANENT INVALID.

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THE LACOMBE CELEBRATIONS.

(Continued from last week.)

Father Lacombe, wearing the cassock which had been presented to him by the halfbreed ladies of St. Boniface, rose to reply. He had always dreaded the publicity of these well-meant celebrations and had hoped in vain to escape this one; but he would face the enemy, his friends, bravely. He spoke in French, in English, in Cree, and again in French, replying to the French Red River halfbreed address. His reminiscences were most interesting and varied. He wept several times especially at the Cree address, for Cree, he said, he said, was a language that could fill a hungry man's stomach as well as a good dinner.

These ceremonies had lasted till 1.30 p.m. They were followed by a grand banquet to which 75 or 80 guests sat down, among whom were Judge Rouleau, Mr. Oliver, M. P., and Father Morin, the great colonization missionary about to retire from the field, whom Mgr. Grandin thanked for his devoted services. Mgr. Legal and Father Leduc read replies to invitations from Bishops all over Canada, Superiors of Religious Orders, Sir William Van Horne, Mr. Shaughnessy (Prest. C. P. R.) and Mr. Whyte (Manager C. P. R.). Rev. Father Louis said a few well chosen words. Mr. Justice Rouleau presented, in the name of Calgary Catholics a purse of \$110 collected in a few hours. Then Fathers Morin and Verlooy spoke. Two Indian

chiefs voiced their sentiments in Cree, being interpreted by Rev. Father Vegreville. They dilated on Father Lacombe's self-sacrificing devotion. He was always ready to go to them in all weathers and amidst all kinds of dangers. When he dies there will be great wailing among the braves. Other feasts and celebrations blaze out for a while in great splendor and then vanish into smoke; but here we realize that the bishops and priests love the Indians and this gives us a great idea of religion.

Rev. Father Rémas, O. M. I., then asked permission to say one word. Everybody knew that this venerable Oblate was Master of Novices when young Lacombe entered the Order in 1851. What he wanted to tell them was that if he, Father Rémas, was still alive, he owed it to the charity of Father Lacombe, who brought him, when he was very ill, in a dog train from Lake Labiche to Lake St. Ann. Mr. J. Arthur Côté, a member of the Royal Treaty Commission for the halfbreeds, closed the proceedings by reading a brilliant prose paper on Father Lacombe, and repeated by request the ode he wrote and read last June on the 50th anniversary of Father Lacombe's ordination.

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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

OCTOBER.

- 15—Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. The Purity of Our Lady. St. Teresa, Virgin.
- 16, Monday—Votive office of the Holy Angels.
- 17, Tuesday—Blessed Margaret Mary, to whom Our Lord revealed His Sacred Heart.
- 15, Wednesday—St. Luke, Evangelist.
- 19, Thursday—St. Peter of Alcantara, Conf.
- 20, Friday—St. Joseph Kenty, Conf.
- 21, Saturday—St. Hedwige, Widow.

BRIEFLETS.

The Cathedral choir is preparing choice music for Christmas.

Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., returned from Rat Portage last week.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface started for Fort Ellice last Friday.

The Imperial Parliament has been called for October 17 to discuss the Transvaal situation and vote supplies.

Two Regular Canonesses of the Five Wounds have come from the east to the monastery of N. D. de Lourdes.

Rev. Wilfrid Lalonde will be ordained deacon by His Grace in the church at St. Pierre-Jolys on the 18th inst. at 7.30 a. m.

Next Sunday evening, the feast of St. Teresa, Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., will preach in St. Mary's Church, Winnipeg, on "Catholic Mysticism."

Rev. Albert Rousseau and Rev. Wilfrid Lalonde will receive priest's orders at His Grace's hands in the Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 22nd, at the 10 o'clock High Mass.

It is probable that the ordination next Sunday will take place in the chapel of St. Boniface College, though we cannot announce it with certainty till His Grace's return.

Rev. Father Louis, Prior of the Trappist Monastery at St. Norbert, returned on Saturday evening from his western trip undertaken with a view of founding a new monastery.

The annual retreat for the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg, began yesterday evening and will end on Friday morning. The preacher is Rev. Father Verlooy, C. S.S.R., of Brandon.

Rev. Albert Rousseau, B. A. of the University of Manitoba, who studied theology at the Ottawa Seminary, will be ordained deacon next Sunday. On the same occasion Mr. Lalonde will be ordained sub-deacon.

His Grace will visit St. Adolphe after the ceremony at St. Pierre, remaining till the next day, the 19th. On the 22nd, after High Mass here, Mgr. Langevin will return to St. Adolphe for the blessing of a new bell; on this occasion Rev. Dr. Trudel will preach.

By a curious coincidence last Wednesday, the day on which Father Cherrier celebrated his silver jubilee, he was unanimously re-elected, for the nineteenth consecutive year, Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Manitoba University.

Rev. Canon Beaudry and Rev. Father Gendreau have returned from their western trip. They witnessed the closing ceremonies of Father Lacombe's jubilee. The two travellers went as far as Victoria, and found marked im-

provement everywhere, especially at Vancouver. Father Gendreau returns to LaSalle and Canon Beaudry will start for St. Hyacinthe towards the end of the week.

Rev. Father Lavigne, of Neche, N. D., went back home last Friday. He has recovered sufficiently to benefit by local medical assistance while he resumes the care of his parish.

On the 15th inst the through train on the C. P. R. will go back to the old time, viz.: arrive from the east at 10.15 and leave at 11; arrive from the west at 14.40 and leave at 16.

Rev. Dom Benoit and Dom Brisson returned from Quebec last week. The former preached last Sunday in the Cathedral. They continued on to Notre Dame de Lourdes yesterday morning.

HIS GRACE'S VISIT TO PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The Portage la Prairie "Daily Graphic," with a two-column report of Archbishop Langevin's visitation on the 1st inst., came just too late for our last issue. Our space is too limited for the entire article; but we gladly cull from it and other sources a few items that were omitted in our brief report last week.

In the afternoon of Sunday, His Grace, with Fathers Paquin and Viens, was driven out to the cemetery by the trustees of the church, Judge Ryan, Mr. Blake and Mr. J. Costigan, and preached eloquently on death. On the return from the cemetery a dinner, prepared by Mrs. Ryan, was served in the basement of the church. Besides Mayor Garland, who sat on the Archbishop's right, and Judge Ryan on his left, there were 36 guests.

After Vespers and benediction in the evening, the parishioners' address was read by Judge Ryan, who stated therein that the debt on the church had been reduced from \$900 to \$500, and that, since Father Viens' arrival there had been a very marked improvement in the catechetical proficiency and good conduct of the children. His Grace's reply dwelt on the generosity and good-will shown not only by Catholics but by people of all denominations, reminded the congregation that they were still without Catholic schools and that the blessing of having

They are noisy but they are nice. Who would exchange the merry noise of children at play, for the childless home where the clock tick can be heard hour after hour in the dull silence? But there are a great many who would like to people the silent house with the children that fate has refused them. Fate is often in this case only another word for ignorance. Many a glad mother dates her happiness from the day she first began the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It often happens that with the cure of female weakness and the establishing of the delicate womanly organs in sound health, the way is opened for the joy of motherhood. "Favorite Prescription" is a specific for the chronic ailments peculiar to women. It cures them perfectly and permanently. No other medicine can do for women so much as "Favorite Prescription." Do not therefore let any other medicine be palmed off on you as "just as good." "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, opium, cocaine or other narcotic. It is strictly a temperance medicine.

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so zealous a pastor and so able an administrator as Father Viens was due in a great measure to the urgent representations of the Fathers of St. Boniface College who had repeatedly begged the Archbishop to relieve them of this mission and to appoint a resident pastor.

The music both morning and evening was of more than ordinary merit, the choir being composed of Mr. and Mrs. Pillion, Miss Burley, Miss C. Bemister and Mr. Greer, with Miss Ella Garland as organist.

THE VICAR GENERAL'S ACCIDENT.

On the first evening of Father Cherrier's celebration, last Tuesday, as Very Rev. Father Dugas, V. G. and pastor of the Cathedral, was returning on foot to St. Boniface with Rev. Father Cloutier, he stepped off the sidewalk on Broadway near the N.P. crossing, and fell sideways about four feet to the ground, badly spraining one foot. He was taken to St. Boniface Hospital, where he is improving as fast as can be expected; but of course it will be some time before he can go about freely. Coming just on the eve of the great bazaar he had been so long organizing, this is to him a very heavy blow and a great grief to his devoted parishioners. However it is consoling to remember that suffering is the cement that binds up the works of God.

ST. BONIFACE BAZAAR.

The St. Boniface bazaar, organized by the Lady Patronesses of St. Boniface Hospital, kindly assisted by the ladies of St. Mary's and the Immaculate Conception parishes, Winnipeg, will begin next Monday, the 16th inst., in the Auditorium Rink, behind the Hudson's Bay Co.'s stores, Winnipeg, and will last till the following Saturday, the 21st. Owing to the Very Rev. Vicar General's accident, the management of the bazaar will probably devolve on Rev. Father Cloutier, who is sure to make it a financial success. The untiring efforts of the Lady Patronesses of this praiseworthy undertaking have already given ample assurance of large sales. Entrance free in the daytime, 10 cents in the evening. Every evening the boys of the St. Boniface Industrial School will execute a varied programme of new physical exercises, all with musical accompaniment. There will be physical drill with dumb-bells, bayonet exercise, fancy marching in quick and double time, and choruses by the Indian choir.

HOW THEY OVERREACHED THEMSELVES.

A Paris dispatch of this morning states that Dreyfus's supporters were the chief cause of his conviction. The clamor raised by them prejudiced the court against him. It is probable, too, that the highly colored dispatches sent by them to this country and England, added no little to this dislike. The blame now being so heavily poured out against France by a horde of intolant preachers in this country is not going to help him in the least. We have several here in Louisville who assume to manage the universe, yet actually show themselves incompetent to manage their own business.—Midland Review.

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