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## AN EXTRAORDINARY CURE IN THE COUNTY KILKENNY.

BY THE REV. JOHN ROSSITER, M.S.S.

Liverpool Catholic Times.

Whilst giving a mission in the diocese of Ossory quite lately, I was told that a young boy had been miraculously cured in the parish some time before.

I asked one of the local clergy was it true. "There is no doubt whatever about it," he replied. I was not a little interested; but, acting on the principle, "Omnia autem probate," I desired to examine the evidence, and asked him to come with me on the morning after the mission to see the family, so that I might have from their own lips a full and authentic account of the matter. I will relate what I heard, and I am sure it will interest many others as much as it interested me.

The young boy's name is Thomas Brennan, and he is now in his sixteenth year. His father, a well-to-do farmer, was brother to a much-esteemed parish priest of the diocese, who is now dead. He is a man that is much respected in the locality. Kilkasey, where he lives, lies in that hilly tract in South Kilkenny known as the Walsh mountains.

The people there are very religious, and are blessed with a strong Irish faith. James Brennan and his wife are as intelligent as they are sincerely pious. Their whole conversation is redolent of religion, and the atmosphere of their home is the atmosphere of faith. Sitting in their little parlour, they related with evident sincerity the full facts we had come to investigate, the one supplying what the other omitted.

It was last All Hallows Night their boy was cured. Eleven months before, one night in bed he felt a sudden pain in his left foot just at the instep. Every day it got worse. He became very ill, had a violent headache, and was practically confined to bed for three months. His health now got better, but the leg grew worse and worse, not that it pained him any longer, for it had lost all sensibility, and now seemed perfectly lifeless. The blood had ceased to circulate in it, apparently, for it was always cold as a stone from the knee down. They noticed it getting gradually small and shrunken, until it became much smaller than the right leg. The sinews at the back of the leg contracted so much that the foot became quite distorted, the heel was drawn upward out of its natural place, and the toes were drawn inward under the foot, and remained rigidly fixed in that position, pointing to the ground. The leg was now several inches shorter than the other—four inches. I was assured. The poor little fellow hobbled about on a crutch and a stick; and at every movement, said his mother, the lifeless limb dangled at his side like a

broken reed. Everyone who saw him said the poor lad was a cripple for life.

The parents now put their whole confidence in God, believing that He alone could restore him. They prayed much themselves; they asked the priest's prayers. On the day of the episcopal visitation in June the father took the little cripple to the Bishop to get his Lordship's blessing. The Bishop's kindly words, and the paternal interest he took in the lad, gave the father new confidence. More prayers were offered. Novenas were made in more than one convent. But so far no answer to their prayers had come. One day a sailor who is frequently in England called to see the family and spoke of the wonders wrought at St. Winefride's Well. They were very eager to obtain some of the water, and he promised to procure it for them. Whilst awaiting the water they decided on making a novena before the Feast of All Saints. The little boy began the novena with confession and Communion. He received Holy Communion again on the Festival itself, the last day of the novena. Every day during it he was taken in a car by his father a distance of three miles to assist at Mass; and the parish priest, at the father's request, offered Masses for his recovery at the same time. By the Feast of All Hallows the water from St. Winefride's Well had come. That night the whole family knelt down together to besiege Heaven with united prayer in behalf of their poor invalid, the little fellow himself devoutly joining in the prayer from his chair by the fireside. They first recited the Rosary and then St. Winefride's Litany and other prayers to her. The mother now uncovered the ailing limb. It was as cold, and lifeless, and misshapen as ever, as they all saw. She carefully bathed it all over with the water, and then the little fellow, with the aid of his crutch and stick, limped away to bed.

When he was gone to sleep, and all others had followed, the mother alone kept vigil. It was already far into the night, and all had been long asleep, but she was still on her knees, pleading for her dear little invalid. I asked what prayer she said. "I prayed to the holy martyr St. Winefride," she said. "and to Our Blessed Mother in Heaven, to intercede for us with the good God and ask Him to cure my poor child if it was His holy will."

Early next morning the mother was downstairs attending to the morning duties. A voice behind her called out "Mother!" She turned around, and there was the little fellow himself, without crutch or support, standing erect on his two feet on the floor. "Mother, I'm cured!" he said. Cured! She saw it with

her own eyes. "Oh how I felt when I looked at him," she said to me. "I almost fainted. I went straight and threw myself on my knees to thank the good God, but I cried so much I could scarcely say a word." Immediately the father came and eagerly examined the foot. "Was it quite well?" I asked him. "It was just like the other," he answered. I inquired was there any trace of the thing remaining. "Just this much," he said: "for some days he felt the leg a little weak or tender, and he continued to use a stick. But then he threw it aside completely."

I asked to see the young fellow himself. At the time he was out in the fields at work. But he soon returned, and was at once brought in for inspection. We did inspect him; and if this time last year, this youth was a little cripple that moved about on a crutch and a stick, I bear witness that he is now as robust and burly a lad as there is in the whole Walsh Mountains. He possesses to-day as sturdy a pair of legs as ever carried a gay "gorsoon" to fair or pattern. I questioned him, asking if he ever felt any tenderness now in the leg. Not the least, he said. "What did you feel the night you were cured?" "I felt nothing at all. When I went to bed I fell asleep, and slept till morning. When I awoke I noticed the leg warm like the other. I found I could stir it, and I got up and walked down."

Here, then, is the whole case as I heard it from the lips of the family in their own house.

In a recently reported case of the cure of a man at Holywell, I observe the doctor who had previously attended him disputed with good St. Winefride the merit of the cure, and said it was only the finishing touch, the "coup-de-grâce," he got at the Well.

In this instance there is no doctor in question. The Walsh Mountain folk evidently have more faith in God than they have in doctors. The boy's father, although even the Bishop advised it, would not see a doctor. The testimony, however, as to the nature and gravity of the boy's ailment will satisfy any ordinary mind as being quite ample and convincing.

Returning from the mission I met a gentleman who knows the locality, and I related the occurrence. "Who gave you these facts?" he inquired. "James Brennan," I said. "Well," he said, "believe it if James Brennan said it. I know him well. He is a man who would not tell an untruth to save his life." It will be noted that it was not the Brennan family alone that were witness of the little boy's previous pitiful state; but their friends and neighbours, several priests and even the Bishop, had seen him. The parish priest had seen him and spoken with him every day for the nine days of the novena. He saw him again immediately after the cure, and

can vouch for the truth of the father's statement.

It is not to lead others to expect such miracles that I relate this one. But if God is pleased in exceptional cases to depart from the ordinary ways of His Providence to reward the trust of those who confide in Him so much, and to stimulate the faith of others, it cannot be His Will that it be kept a secret. This very striking case has had an invigorating influence on the faith of the good Walsh Mountain folks. Not unlikely, it will have a similar effect on the faith of others when it reaches a wider area.

### THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Speech of the Hon. C. Sifton in Toronto Caused Considerable Comment.

Morning Telegram.

The address made by Hon. Clifford Sifton on Tuesday night in Toronto at the Hardy banquet is causing considerable comment in reference to what he said on the settlement of the school question.

In that address Mr. Sifton said, in regard to the school question: "It is a question which is not in politics now. It was a question which tested the statesmanship of the leaders more than any other question. It hung over the last year of Sir John Macdonald. It baffled four successive Conservative prime ministers that followed Sir John, before it was settled in six months by our leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was settled and this is the important point, upon terms which Manitoba could not honestly refuse."

In regard to the "settlement" which Mr. Sifton speaks of a prominent clergyman of the Roman Catholic church was seen yesterday and upon being asked if it were his opinion that the settlement of the school question was a final one, he replied: "What settlement? There has been no settlement of the school question, and I know of no change in the situation. There has been absolutely nothing done in concurrence of our just demands and the arrangement fixed up by the present government is of no importance whatever. What we demanded was simply the opportunity to educate our children according to the dictates of our conscience, and this we have not received. The Protestants have obtained this privilege in Quebec and the system is working without friction and Roman Catholics who are in the majority have not tried to coerce their fellow citizens in the minority. They were given separate schools and therefore why should we not have the same privilege?"

Upon being asked if he thought Mr. Sifton was correct in saying that it was a dead issue, he answered:

"Mr. Sifton is speaking for himself only. There can be no final settlement unless the heads of the Catholic church in Manitoba acquiesce. It takes two to make a bargain."

A representative of the Telegram interviewed His Grace Archbishop Langevin in his palace in St. Boniface yesterday regarding the matter. After reading the report of Mr. Sifton's speech His Grace said that he would not at present like to

express any opinion on the subject. The question was too momentous and the opportune moment for speaking publicly had not arrived. The clergy of his denomination were not partisans. As private citizens they had their own political party but as clergymen they would support which ever party granted them their just rights.

The Telegram representative ventured the remark that Mr. Sifton seemed to regard the question as dead. At this the Archbishop laughed significantly, but declined to commit himself in words.

### IMPERIALISM ELOQUENT.

Hon. George E. Foster, at the citizens' farewell Ottawa banquet to Lord and Lady Aberdeen on the 1st inst., thus brilliantly sketched the present status of the British Empire:—

"It has been often said, not so often now as some years ago, that Britain was growing decrepit and infirm, that her power was waning, and that the time was rapidly approaching when Macaulay's New Zealander should take his seat on London bridge and survey the ruins of an Empire greater than Rome had ever been. I deny the assumption and I protest with all my heart against the inference. The expansive, the assimilative, the cohesive power of Britain is neither dead nor stagnant. The plastic crust from which in centuries past has burst forth that splendid energy that has ever and anon vivified the world has not stiffened to adamant. (Applause.) The typical vigour, the eruptive enterprise, the steady overflow of the higher life and potency are there still, and the march of Empire is ever forward. (Applause.)

To-day her drum-beat sounds on the far distant Pamirs, we hear the boom of her guns and see the flash of her steel in the rock passes of the Afridis. Her banners gleam at Hong Kong and Wei-Hai-Wei, and her flag floats over the vast insular continents of the Southern Pacific. In the whilom Dark Continent bugle calls to bugle from Bala-wayo in the south to Omdurman in the north, and imperial outposts sentinel the Nile and the Niger, while her cannon at Halifax and cannon at Esquimaux, backed by 5,000,000 loyal subjects, stand guard and sponsor for the foremost and best of her possessions. (Tremendous applause.) Who dares to say that the Imperial eye is dimmed, the Imperial heart numbed, or that the irresistible might of her strong right arm is shattered? Rather do we affirm that the insular has become world-wide, that the merely national has broadened into the truly Imperial, and that the sphere of Britain's influence and the grandeur of her power are immeasurably advanced. (Applause.) Mr. Chairman, the proud citizens of Ottawa, the metropolis of so important a part of so imperial a realm, thank His Excellency for his kind sentiments and cordially unite in bidding him 'Farewell and bon voyage.' (Great applause.)

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**NOTICE.**

We have sent out circulars and bills to our subscribers requesting prompt payment of dues. If any who have already paid should receive a bill for arrears, we beg of them to attribute the mistake to some accident resulting from the recent change in our business management. In such cases the best defence is satisfactory proof of payment in the form of a receipt.

Those of our subscribers who have paid up will kindly excuse a momentary delay in the receipt of their premiums. There has been such a rush for these premiums that our stock was exhausted for a moment. It has since been replenished and the premiums will be forwarded as soon as possible.

**CURRENT COMMENT**

Quite in keeping with Lord Aberdeen's parting suggestion that our cabinet ministers should be better paid (although, in the aggregate, they receive almost twice as much as the heads of departments at Washington) was the motherly advice Lady Aberdeen once gave in Winnipeg to ladies in general, adding that her advice applied only to ladies that kept at least five servants, not half a dozen such ladies being present. It is easy to be generous with other people's money when you have sixty thousand pounds a year apart from your salary and perquisites and, being thoroughly fond of Scottish thrift, give away as little as you possibly can.

"The University of Ottawa Review" for October came to hand since our last issue. It is, as the editor himself says, an ecclesiastical number; nor is any apology needed therefor, since the elevation of Mgr. Lorrain to the hierarchy and the consecration of Mgr. Gauthier occurred recently in the neighborhood of the Dominion Capital. The frontispiece is a lifelike portrait of the

new Archbishop of Kingston from a photograph taken for the U. of O. Review. There are also good likenesses of Archbishops Duhamel and O'Brien, of Bishops O'Connor and Gabriels. The portrait of the Bishop of Pembroke is somewhat marred by that bugbear of the Canadian photographer, too much light obliterating the forehead completely. In the group of clergy at the Pembroke celebration we can easily make out Very Rev. Fr. Allard, O. M. I. and Rev. Father Lacombe, O. M. I. It was a good idea to insert a photograph of that University Band which immortalized itself by visiting Kingston and playing there during the consecration fêtes. Kingston people highly appreciated this delicate compliment and voted the Ottawa University Band the best that had visited the "Limestone City" for many years.

"A Significant Victory" is an able defence of college athletics. After manfully confessing the two severe defeats suffered by the University football team at the hands (and feet) of the Granites and Montrealers, the writer shows how the victory of Oct. 22nd over the Granites not only retrieved the traditional glory of Ottawa College but witnessed to the development of that "will-power which makes men of character." The more recent victory of Ottawa College over the Montrealers on the 12th inst., which occurred since the October number appeared, confirms the conclusions of the U. of O. Review.

A grim comment on the Hon. Clifford Sifton's triumphant rhapsody at the Hardy banquet over the pretended settlement of the school question is the fact that the Catholic school properties in Winnipeg, yea, even the playgrounds, from which (buildings and playgrounds) no sort of revenue is derived by anyone and by which an incalculable boon is conferred on the citizens of Winnipeg, who, without these schools, would not know what to do with our seven hundred Catholic school children, ARE TAXED THIS YEAR MORE HEAVILY THAN THEY WERE EVER TAXED BEFORE.

With reference to this taxing of educational institutions, the Montreal Star, a business paper which has no special leanings toward Catholicism, says in its issue of the 15th inst.: "To tax religion, or education, or charity, is only to put a double tax upon the best people and the best instincts in the community—it is to make the way of the aspiring young more difficult, and to dry up the streams of charity."

"The Welfare of Children" is the General Intention for December. The associates of the Apostleship of Prayer are called upon to pray for those who are the hope of the future. The spirit of the age makes for training of the young. Systems of pedagogy run riot all over the world. Everything is done for children except what they need most, care of their immortal souls, attended to properly only among Catholics. "If we consider the self-sacrifice required for this work," says the American Messenger, "the needs of the children and the lasting and far-reaching results of all

that is done for them, no work of charity can be more noble, urgent or meritorious."

The "Annales de la Bonne Sainte Anne de Beaupré" show a marked improvement since the Redemptorist Fathers have taken them in hand. The November number relates how devout Champlain was to good St. Ann, how the earliest Jesuit missionaries in Canada propagated this devotion and taught it to the Indians. Hurons and Micmacs vied with one another in invoking the intercession of her who trained the Mother of God.

It is more than a trifle amusing to witness the self-complacency with which Anglicans in Quebec speak and write of "the Church" and "the head of the Church" in that province, when they do not mean the real Church nor its consecrated Bishops who have rule from God over six sevenths of the population in that province but that faction-ridden fraction of the remaining seventh which is ruled by colonial imitations of the English ecclesiastical branch of the civil service.

"The Fordham Monthly," published by the students of St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y., is always edited with that tact and well-bred tone which distinguishes the better class of New Yorkers. The October number is full of promise and fulfilment. By "promise" we mean, not merely that the articles by young students are a pledge of future and greater excellence, but that we are promised, for the next issue, a series of thrilling war articles by Fordham alumni, and one in particular by Lieut. E. H. Martin, B. S., '92, who took part in the attack on Santiago. By "fulfilment" we refer to the many factful correspondences and College items, of such deep interest to old students and professors, and especially to Dr. Austin O'Malley's splendid defence of Catholic colleges, from which there will be much to quote at some future day. We note with pleasure, among the book reviews, a description of a most valuable practical manual on "Qualitative Analytical Chemistry of Inorganic Substances," by the Rev. J. W. Fox, S. J., one of the Fordham professors.

**THE MESSENGER.**

The "American Messenger of the Sacred Heart" for December reached us on the 17th inst. Its principal contributors are E. Mc. Auliffe, "A Winter Excursion" around Arezzo, Cortona and Orvieto; Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., who writes a soldierly account of "A month in Porto Rico," as chaplain of the invading army; Rev. Francis Goldie, S. J., author of a remarkable life of St. John Berchmans, who describes "A Pilgrimage to the Sainte Baume," the place in fair Provence where St. Mary Magdalen spent her life of penance; Fathers Urios and Llovera, S. J., who give, in letters to their Superior, "A glimpse of Mission Life in the Philippines"; Rev. Thomas Hughes, S. J., who writes entertainingly of "Quebec and the

French Canadians." Among the editorial paragraphs which, as usual, are pregnant and suggestive, we find this much needed reminder: "The Most Rev. Archbishop of Chicago has the happy gift of saying the last word, and we trust that his address at the reception given to Rev. Edward Kelly, of the Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, will be duly heeded. 'The time has passed,' he said, 'for Catholics to have to proclaim their patriotism, as if it were open to suspicion. An end has come to this apologizing which has been going on for the last one hundred years; for the Catholics, both priests and laymen, have shown themselves as devoted to their country and as ready to make all necessary sacrifices in its behalf, as any people who dwell beneath the starry folds of the flag.' Yes, we sincerely hope this will make a certain noisy school understand what Shakespeare says about people who protest so much that they draw down suspicion on themselves.

**A NEW PAPAL DECREE.**

The non-Catholic papers have, through sheer ignorance no doubt, been making a sad mess of some new decree from Rome as to the burial of Freemasons who were once Catholics. Our people, at least those of them who are blessed with common sense, will wait patiently till they can read the text of this decree, and meanwhile they will beware of hasty conclusions drawn by newspaper men who are ingorant of Catholic doctrine and practice. This, much, however, can even now be disentangled from the journalistic snarl. A Catholic, who has become a Freemason through self-interest, expresses his desire to be reconciled to the Church but unfortunately dies before the priest can reach him. Rome very properly decides that such a man, not being an impenitent Mason, can be buried in consecrated ground. There is absolutely nothing new in this decision; it simply confirms the teaching and practice of moral theology, viz., that a dying man receives the benefit of his good intentions. Nor does this decision remove, in the slightest degree, the Church's ban against Freemasons, Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias and other condemned secret societies. The only excuse for the man's burial in consecrated ground is that he wished to sever his connection with a condemned order. How this can be construed as an approval of secret societies is more than a logical mind can understand.

**A VERY GRATIFYING LETTER.**

Our suggestion as to the "Great Lakes" accepted by the Dominion Statistician.

Our readers will remember our contention that the sweeping designation "The Great Lakes" was a misnomer, because Great Bear, Great Slave and Winnipeg lakes are much larger than two of the five so-called Great Lakes. We suggested that the chain of St. Lawrence River Lakes be called "The Great Laurentian Lakes." It is very gratifying to find our suggestion accepted as "a very good idea" by an official expert of the highest au-

thority. As to those three outside lakes that excel in size Erie and Ontario, they hardly need a collective name, since they do not form a chain of lakes; but, if a general appellation be required, they might be called "The Great Lakes of the Northwest."

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Nov. 9th, 1898.

Rev. A. A. Cherrier, Editor-in-Chief, NORTHWEST REVIEW, St. Boniface, Man.

Dear Sir:—

In the issue of the "Northwest Review" of Oct. 18th, you refer to the lakes of Canada and quote the "Statistical Year Book" to show what the areas of Great Bear, Great Slave and some other lakes are. You then go on say "The importance of these figures, however, does not seem to be realized by Mr. Johnson, the Government Statistician," in as much as I refer to the Great Lakes as only meaning the St. Lawrence lakes. I think that your criticism is a good one, and your suggestion of calling them the "Great Laurentian Lakes" is a very good idea. I will recollect this in the next issue.

Yours very truly,  
GEORGE JOHNSON,  
Statistician.

**AN APPRECIATIVE SUBSCRIBER.**

The following letter, in response to our circular offering premiums to those who pay their subscription in advance, deserves the grateful acknowledgment of publicity.

Port Arthur, Nov. 11th, '98.  
Editor Northwest Review.  
Sir,

Enclosed please find P. O. Order for two dollars for one year's subscription for the Northwest Review.

Your Pin I do not require, and as for your beautiful prayer Book, I hope my prayers will be as acceptable to God from my Old one as from one taken from the legitimate earnings of a paper advocating His cause. I also hope all who can afford to pay promptly will do so and enable you to fight the battle with more vigor. This is the wish of yours truly.

D. DWYER.

**FIVE PROVINCIALS IN PARIS.**

Entertainment at St. Boniface College.

A nice, dainty, rustic bit of comedy, as unlike Molière's plays as it resembles latter end of the eighteenth century comedies, was presented last Thursday evening in the St. Boniface College hall under the French name of "La Cagnotte." The cast was particularly good and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the play. Space forbids reference to every character, but special mention must be made of Messrs. Beaubien, Hogue and Magnan, three of the worthy burghers of Ferté-sur-Jouarre visiting Paris.

The four acts of the comedy were interspersed with choruses by the college choir and recitations in English. Mozart's "Jesu dulcis memoria" was rendered with beautiful effect without any instrumental accompaniment. Mr. Arsenaux recited "The Bridge-Keeper" with no little dramatic power. Mr. J. Clarke showed in "The Orange and the Green" that he has great capabilities in the way of grace-

ful gesture and sympathetic expression. "The Bootblack," as given by Master P. J. Poitras, was very much liked.

Mr. Albert Bétournay presided, with his usual skill, at the piano.

The cast was as follows:—

- Lambourcy, landlord ..... P. Beaubien
Leould, h's brother ..... T. Plamondon
Colladan, ex-farmer ..... J. Magnan
Cordenbols, druggist ..... H. Heque
Felix Renaudier, young notary .....
..... R. Lagimodiere
Sylvain, son of Colladan ..... N. Bellavance
Bechut, secretary ..... J. Laliberte
Benjamin, restaurant waiter ..... J. L'Eveque
Dne Garcon, (2nd waiter) ..... J. Guay
Un Gardien, Mr. Tricoche ..... E. Migneault
Dne Garcon, (3rd waiter) ..... B. Chenier
St. Chatainel

ST. MARY'S AID.

The annual meeting of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society for the election of officers took place on Friday, the 11th. inst. The Rev. Father Guillet, having been requested to take the chair, commenced by reading the Constitutions and Bye-Laws lately adopted by the Society. The President, Mrs. Bawlf, requested to be relieved of the duties of that Office. Madame Cauchon, proposed by Mrs. Cass, seconded by Mrs. Guilmette, was unanimously chosen President; Mrs. Healy, First Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Weisse, second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Cass re-elected Treasurer; Mrs. Guilmette Secretary.

The ladies selected for the poor Committee are Mesdames Devine, Smith and Bourbeau; Hospital Committee, Mesdames Gardiner, Kilgour and Landers; Altar Committee, Mesdames Driscoll, J. Egan and Jobin. It was proposed by Madame Cauchon, seconded by Mrs. Devine, and unanimously carried, that Madame Forget be elected an Honorary member of this Society in recognition of her valuable and able services during her too short stay in our midst. A vote of thanks to the retiring Pres. was moved by Madame Monchamp, seconded by Mrs. Guilmette and heartily joined in by Rev. Father Guillet, who referred to Mrs. Bawlf's regular attendance and deep interest in the Society, but whose multiplied duties now prevented her continuing the position of President. The Secretary read the following report.

Report of St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society for year 1897-8.

The last annual meeting of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society was held on the 12th October 1897. After the report had been read and adopted, the election of officers took place. Mrs. Bawlf was re-elected Pres.; Madame Cauchon First Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Healy second Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Cass re-elected Treasurer and the Secretary re-elected. The Ladies chosen for the Hospital Committee were Madame Gautier, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Kelly. The poor Committee: Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Allman and Mrs. Dixon. Altar Committee: Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Jobin, Mrs. Cloutier. Owing to the Bazaar in aid of the St. Boniface Hospital scarcely any work was done or meetings held till the 10th November, when it was decided to hold the weekly gatherings henceforth on Fridays instead of Tuesdays. 20 meetings were held since that date, and with a better average attendance than in former years. The year's work resulted in the making up of 20 articles of underwear, 11 shirts, 2 pair sheets, 2 pair pillow covers, all of which were

distributed to the needy poor. Other articles given out were 35 yds. dress goods, 51 yds. flannel, 36 yds. flannel, 14 yds. cotton, 1 shawl, 10 caps, 2 coats, numerous mitts, rubbers, hose, moccasins, and 13 pair boots. Other work done by the members of the Society were the cassocks and surplices for the Sanctuary. Your Secretary was instructed to write the St. Vincent de Paul Society for a share in the proceeds of the lecture given by Rev. Father Drummond on St. Patrick's night, which was responded to by the receipt of a cheque for \$25.00. This was acknowledged by the passing of a vote of thanks by the Ladies Aid Society, which was duly sent. Visits to the applicants for help have been made from time to time by the different members to the number of about 12 or 15 and here surely is to be found true charity, in trying to diffuse sympathy and consolation to those of whom Our Lord and Saviour said "Ye have them always with you." In connection with the Local Council of Women of Canada, at the annual meeting held in January, your Secretary was called upon for a report of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid and Altar Society, which was read.

We have not been able this year to have our annual picnic in connection with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and our funds are therefore very low; we trust, however, to be successful in carrying out some other plan of raising the wherewithal to keep on a work so necessary in the Parish. Charity to the poor is the intention for this month recommended by our Holy Father, and the American Messenger says "By Charity to the poor, "is meant, not merely the aid or "alms given to the poor, it is the love which prompts the gift and makes it beneficial and acceptable. There is a way of "helping the poor man which "makes him shun the giver, "and there is another way "which makes him love the "giver more than the gift. It is "the way of true charity, which "is bound to beget love in others even where it cannot offer them "favours or benefits."

The Treasurer Mrs. Cass reports: Balance from last year \$ 8.28 Members, fees 37.00 Part Proceeds of Lecture by Rev. Fr. Drummond 25.00 Rev. Fr. Guillet 5.00

Total 75.28 Expenditure 75.69

Balance 00.19 All of which is respectfully submitted. K. Guilmette, Secretary St. M. L. A. and A. Society. 11th Nov. 1898.

Impoverished Blood.

A CONDITION THAT FREQUENTLY CAUSES MUCH SUFFERING.

Mrs. Henry Gifford, of Kentville, Proves the Value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in this Condition.

From the Acadian, Wolfville, N. S.

The case of Mrs. Henry Gifford, of Kentville, who some time ago was cured of a distressing malady through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, is of peculiar value as illustrating the rapidity with which this remarkable medicine operates. A representative of the Acadian who called upon Mrs. Gifford the other day to elicit information concerning her cure, found her to be a very intelligent lady, and a hearty advocate of the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Upon learning the object of his call Mrs. Gifford expressed herself as pleased at the prospect of having an opportunity to give publicity to her remarkable cure. "I have told all my friends about it," she said, "but have often felt that it was my duty to have a statement of my case published in the papers." Three years ago this spring my system was in a badly run down state. In this condition I was attacked by a heavy cold and an enlarged tonsil of great size and extreme painfulness was the result. For nine weary months I was unable to turn my head and my health became such that I could not exert myself in the least. Several physicians were consulted, but without the slightest benefit. The swelling was finally lanced but the operation only aggravated the matter as my blood was so impoverished that the incision did not heal but developed into a running sore. Despondency seized me and at times I almost wished that I was dead. At last by a happy chance I was advised to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using a few boxes the swelling disappeared and perfect health and buoyancy of spirits returned. Since that time Mrs. Gifford has had implicit confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and has used them for any physical disorder of herself or children with the same happy results. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, build up the nerves, and thus drive disease from the system. In hundreds of cases

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THE LATEST PROTESTANT APOSTLE.

Liverpool Catholic Times.

The title of Protestant lecturer is becoming synonymous with jail-bird, and it is usually supposed that convicts and ex-convicts are not inspired by Heaven but rather by the inhabitants of the other place. The Satanic army, if they delight in foul assertions and suggestions, might certainly feel proud of this Protestant reviler of the Catholic Church. According to trustworthy information from America he was found guilty on an indictment for swindling in the Court of Sessions, Erie County, New York, and was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in a local penitentiary. Four other indictments on the charge of swindling were found against him, but were evidently not pressed when the sentence of a year's imprisonment had been passed. Again we are informed that he acted as a Presbyterian minister in Australia,

and the result was that when he appeared in an American Court Presbyterian ministers were amongst the chief witnesses against him. The "Boston Herald" states that he manufactured a good character for himself, making it appear that that paper had spoken of him in the language of respect, whereas it had never done so. Nay, we are assured that he is a living lie, that Rathven is not his name at all but an alias, such as ex-convicts are wont of adopt. He declared at Southampton that he was ordained in the private chapel of "Vicar-General Quaine" at Kingstown, Dublin, in 1879. Dr. Quinn was evidently referred to; but our Dublin representative learns that Dr. Quinn had no private chapel. When such an individual uses blasphemous language against the Catholic Church, and accuses her ministers of the most horrible crimes, it cannot be surprising that in their just indignation upright men such as Mr. Freeley, of Southampton, should kick him out of their houses; but we would earnestly urge Catholics to be patient under the strain put upon their feelings. The infamy of the ex-convict's conduct will fall upon those who are aiding and abetting him and must disgust honourable men with a religion propagated by such disgraceful methods. Their baseness is indeed so undisguised that they might well advertise: "Wanted Protestant lecturers. Preference given to ex-convicts who have 'done' the longest terms."



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**BRIEFLETS.**

Rev. Father Cherrier went to Minnedosa last week.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface went last Saturday to Rat Portage.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I., left last Wednesday for Montreal on business.

The members of the Catholic Centre have been very successful at the recent elections for the Prussian Diet.

Rev. Father Gillies, who was in town last week, says that the crops in Qu'Appelle and White wood districts have been very good this year.

The Liverpool Catholic Times says the considerable increase of converts in every part of England is probably the result of the squabbles among the Anglicans.

Yesterday, being the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, the Grey Nuns solemnly renewed their vows after a triduum preached by Rev. Fr. Paquin, S.J.

Rev. Father Perquis intends soon to give up his parish and enter the Trappist Order. St. Léon will then be under the White Fathers (Canons of the Immaculate Conception.)

Mayor Bétournay, of St. Boniface, has been asked to offer himself again for re-election. Mr. C. H. Royal, barrister, is mentioned as a probable candidate for councillor in Ward Three.

The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster has addressed a letter to the clergy of his diocese, directing that prayers be offered up for the continuance of peace between England and France.

"A City of Confusion—The Case of Dr. Briggs" is for sale at the Winnipeg Book and Stationery Co's shop, 364 Main St. Open-minded Anglicans and Presbyterians will find it thought-provoking.

The Morning Telegram had a very full account of the acting at St. Boniface College last Thursday. Besides those actors mentioned in the Free Press report, the Telegram singled out for special praise Messrs. La Gimodière and Plamondon.

The Russian authorities "black-ed out" certain passages in the September "Irish Rosary" which they deemed likely to stir up a rebellion, although these passages were necessary incidents of an article on the shrines of Wilna. The editor reproduces the obliterations in fac-simile.

Last Wednesday, at 8 a. m., Sister St. Adélar (Rosanna Chartier, from St. Anne des Chênes) made her profession at the Grey Nun Mother House in the hands of His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, and in presence of Rev. Fathers Gravel, Béliveau and Gillies. The Sisters, assisted by the Misses Tregilgas, sang the Veni Creator, the Te Deum. "Qui m'otera mon héritage," "Mon partage est délicieux," and "J'appartiens à Marie."

At 7.30 the same morning Sister Gertrude (Eliza Collin, of St. Vital) of the Auxiliary Nuns, went through the same ceremony in the community room before His Grace and the above mentioned priests. Sister Elisée

(Térese Chaboyer, from St. Laurent) took the habit the same day.

The Countess of Minto is a granddaughter of the Earl of Grey of Reform Bill fame and at one time Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

A gentleman who was up to Dauphin Tuesday reports that the work of laying the steel on the new Sifton extension is progressing rapidly, about a mile and a half being the daily rate. Thirty-five miles of the track have been completed during the past season.

The Earl of Minto, when he was known as Lord Melgund, accompanied the Marquis of Lansdowne when the latter visited our Catholic institutions here in 1885. Our present Governor General had even then the look of a thorough soldier, a bronzed veteran of the Empire, who had served in Turkey, Afghanistan, at the Cape and in Egypt.

We have received from the Government Stationery Office, Ottawa, "Statutes of Canada, 61 Victoria, 1898, vols I and II" and from the Department of the Interior a very fine map, in sections, of the Yukon District and the routes thereto. The entire map, on the scale of six miles to the inch, would cover more than 12 x 12 ft. and is extremely well executed.

An interesting conversion to the Catholic Church, says the "Cork Herald," has just taken place in the person of Mr. Reginald Grimshaw, son of Mr. O'Donnell Grimshaw, of Belfast. The family is a well known Protestant one. Mr. Reginald Grimshaw is a cousin of Dr. Thomas Grimshaw, C. B., Registrar General of Ireland. He was received into the Church by the Right Rev. Dr. Henry, Bishop of Down and Connor.

At the annual meeting of Branch No. 163 of the C.M.B.A. held Tuesday evening the following officers were nominated and elected for the ensuing year: President, P. O'Brien; vice-president, A. Picard; second vice-president, F. H. Nevin; recording secretary, J. Markinski; assistant secretary, J. Schmidt; financial secretary, J. E. Manning; treasurer, J. Shaw; marshal, J. Chisholm; guard, F. Welrity; trustees, F. W. Russell, J. Schmidt and F. Thiers

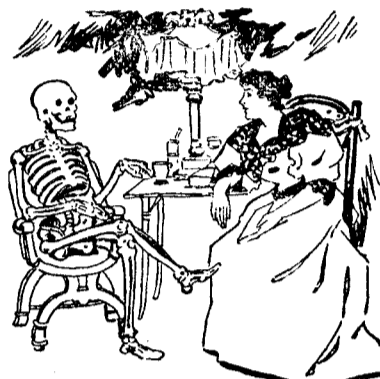
Rev. Bro. Mulvihill, O. M. I., who has been laid up for a few days in St. Boniface Hospital with a bilious attack, reports that the Oblates' residence at St. Laurent, Man., which was destroyed by fire on the 23rd of last February, is now replaced by a larger and more commodious building nearing completion. The convent for the Franciscan Missionary Sisters is also far advanced. Both these buildings are solid structures of stone, due in a great measure, though the good Brother is too modest to say so, to his own efforts in collecting funds and superintending the work.

**THE DELUGE.**

Catholic Record.

The learned men of Europe and America, especially those who take an interest in the monuments and inscriptions which have been discovered in Egypt, Babylon and Assyria, are giving much attention to a recent discovery made by the Rev. Father Schell, the renowned French Assyriologist. This consists in a new Babylonian account of the Deluge. It is a writing on clay brick tablets which are said to date from five or six centuries before the time of Moses, or about the time of Abraham, or at least of Isaac. The story has been deci-

phered for the most part, and it is found to be polytheistic, as it makes the heathen gods bring about the deluge, but, when stripped of its polytheism, the history of the deluge which it gives is very similar to that recorded in the book of Genesis. In all these respects the story is very like that which was discovered by Mr. George Smith in Nineveh, and which was brought over to England and placed in the British Museum a good many years ago. These discoveries show that the history of the deluge was known at a very remote period to the Asiatic nations from Syria to Persia. They go far, also, in confirming the authenticity and antiquity of the writings of Moses.



When a young woman sits down and ponders over her future life, there is one all-important subject which she should not forget. In a day dream she may build castles in the air with a happy home, laughing children and a loving husband in the foreground. At that moment she may be facing death. Matrimony and motherhood hold out no happiness to the young woman who suffers from weakness and disease of the distinctly feminine organism. The woman who suffers in this way will be a weak, nervous, sickly, petulant wife, an incapable mother and an unamiable hostess. Not knowing the truth, her acquaintances will not understand that she is deserving of pity rather than reproach.

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Board and lodging will cost six dollars a month. For the boys who attend Provencher Academy there will be an additional charge of fifty cents a month; and for those who take music lessons, \$3 a month. Bedding, mending and washing will be extra. The Sisters are willing to attend to these extras on terms to be arranged with them. The boys who attend the Preparatory Department of St. Boniface College will have to pay the tuition fees of the College. Applications should be made to

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