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APPOINTMENT OF THE HOLY  
SEE ARCHBISHOP OF ST.  
BONIFACE.

To Our Dear Catholic People of  
Winnipeg, Health and Benediction in the Lord.

Dearly Beloved Brethren.

A few weeks ago a delegation of the Catholic ratepayers of your city approached in your name and with my approval the Winnipeg Public School Board, with a view to bettering your position in school matters: but this step forward has been interpreted by too many people, and I feel in conscience bound to come and justify this act, so important, so praiseworthy and at the same time so necessary.

Need I declare, first of all, that politics had nothing to do with this action, which was necessitated by our present distressful condition, and which Christian parents, anxious for the temporal and eternal welfare of their children, could not but eagerly have recourse to. So much the worse for the politicians who will take upon themselves to misinterpret your actions and even suspect your intentions! Is it not the fate of the best actions in this world to be ill-construed?

"Our politics," has said one of your representatives, "is to try to recover our school rights by appealing to all men of good will in this country."

I will not deal either with the unjust and ridiculous supposition that you were tired of the school fight, that, at last, you had decided to surrender unconditionally, as disheartened soldiers turning their back to the flag. Dishonesty or ignorance could alone have thought of such a revolting accusation against Catholics who have, more than others in this diocese, borne for so long years the brunt of the battle without ever flinching, and without a moment of relief.

Dearly beloved brethren, I am proud to-day to find an opportunity of saying publicly that your courage, your perseverance and your generosity, have been such that if every Catholic in the land would follow your example, and make of the school question the first of all, the only question of the day for us Catholics, it would be soon settled. But what was the significance of that conference with the Winnipeg Public School Board? Your friends will ask us. It is the following:

(a) For ten years you have suffered under the yoke of unjust laws which have not only deprived you of your school rights secured to you by the constitution of the country, the solemn and sacred "federal pact," but you have also had saddled upon you heavy taxes for the support of public schools, which are practically neutral schools, to which your conscience forbids you to send your children.

The Reverend Sisters of Jesus and Mary, who teach your children with such great devotedness and a success that brings to them children from outside, have not received any salary for about two years!

(c) Two of your school-houses threaten ruin, and the others are not spacious enough to receive the children that crowd in from all parts of the city.

(d) More than that, we are even obliged to pay taxes for our school properties!

There is no doubt that, for ten years, the Government of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg have made money out of our poverty, since they saved the allowance that our schools, working with evident success and efficiency, and educating hundreds of children during this lapse of time, were fully entitled to.

Who then will wonder, dearly beloved brethren, if you have desired to approach the Winnipeg Public Schools Board with a view to bettering your position, without giving up in the meantime the sacred principles that are so dear to you?

What have you been asking for?

You have asked for a condition of things similar to that in which your fellow Catholics are placed in the Catholic centres in the province, and this without modifying, in the least, the position of non-Catholic parents and children.

But what is the situation of Catholics in Catholic centres? It is a "modus vivendi" which has certainly bettered the condition of Catholics since 1897 without, nevertheless, settling the school question, and which should be attributed to three causes.

The first cause and the principal one, the cause without which nothing would have been done, is the direction of the Sovereign Pontiff, His Holiness Leo XIII., who tolerates that the Catholics of this country endure or submit themselves, "for the time being and without renouncing their school rights," to certain restrictions of their religious liberties, restrictions required by

the unjust school laws of 1890 and subsequent amendments.

The second reason of this "modus vivendi" is the fact that the federal and provincial authorities, though always anxious to maintain the unjust principle of the law, even with the amendments that were attempted in 1897, have nevertheless shown, in various cases, their desire of coming to our relief, and they have, in fact, granted us some advantages which, together with an application, yet too rigorous, of the law, constitute a "modus vivendi" that should be termed more exactly a "modus non moriendi" (a staving off of death).

These explanations being given, it becomes easy to understand why you sent, a few weeks ago, a deputation to the Winnipeg Public School Board.

You simply sought also for a "modus vivendi." On the strength of your desire to comply with the wishes of the Sovereign Pontiff by submitting UNDER PROTEST to certain restrictions of your liberty, and relying also upon the sense of equal justice for all which seems to prevail, at this moment, in the country, you hoped for a favorable solution. But, alas! your hope has been deceived.

Your representatives have fulfilled their delicate mission with prudence, tact and zeal, and they cannot be too much praised for it; but if they met with courtesy, they had also to listen to several objections which none of us expected to hear, because they were found to hurt our Catholic feelings, and these objections sounded rather mean when uttered by public men who know how we contribute to the support of their schools.

The final result was, as you know, a refusal of your propositions, although most just and moderate. This refusal has been substantiated by a rigorous application of the law, or of an amendment to the law, which would have perhaps offered to a better disposed majority, a majority more anxious for the interests of justice and peace, an opening favorable to us.

To sum up the whole situation I must say, dear beloved brethren, that your position, compared to that of your non-Catholic fellow-citizens, or even to that of the Catholics of the rest of the diocese, forms a striking contrast that calls for the sympathy of all true lovers of justice, and it shows also how unjust are those who reproach you for a wise and praiseworthy step, which was dictated by

your conscience as Christians and free men.

Your action proves also how false it is to assert that our school question is settled in Manitoba!

As the official representative of the minority, I enter a solemn protest against this false assertion. Be of good courage, dearly beloved brethren. Almighty God cannot but bless a people so noble, so moderate and so sincere in claiming their rights. Continue to contribute generously, according to your means, for the support of your schools, bearing patiently in the meantime the heavy burden of the support of public schools. Who knows if one day your fellow-citizens will not blush to see their own children educated at the expense of your poverty? Love your schools, encourage them in preference to all others. One should not desert a flag when it is assaulted on all sides. Send faithfully your children to our schools. Let us hope for a triumph of justice in the near future. We battle and suffer for justice's sake, our forefathers have suffered more than we do. I could tell you, as St. Paul setting before the Hebrews the example of Christ (Heb. xii 4): "You have not yet resisted unto blood"

If God is for you, who shall be against you? Men and human institutions will pass away; but the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever. Ps. 118. Do your duty conscientiously, and we will find the means of supporting our dear Catholic schools of Winnipeg, which are more prosperous, more efficient, and more frequented than ever! We will soon begin a crusade of prayers that will obtain for us a final victory.

May the heavenly blessings promised to faithful people come down from heaven upon you and your children like a celestial dew and be for you the prelude and pledge of eternal joys.

Allow me, dearly beloved brethren, to end with the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians, II Cor. xiii 13: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the charity of God, and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

Given at the Archbishop's Palace of St. Boniface, the 2nd day of June, 1900, on the eve of Pentecost.

ADELARD, O.M.I.  
Arch. of St. Boniface.  
By order of His Grace,  
ARTHUR BELIVEAU, Priest,  
Secretary.

## NOTES FROM STE. ROSE.

We have built our new school house and have the second storey on the convent alongside. Although we have had no rain to speak of, we are as beautifully green as we know how to be. Morning and eve the leafy trees are mirrored in our limpid waters and every night the Whip-poor-Will reiterates his plaintive note as the setting sun draws his rosy curtains around him. Ste. Rose rejoices now in a stoppinghouse; no travellers pass this way, we are not on the high road to anywhere, not even to fame, as yet; all those who come here must stop; we are, until now, the Ultima Thule.

Our good old friend Mr. Neault who died last November, is not forgotten, almost every week a Mass is given out to be said for him, and today being our day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, High Mass was sung for his soul's eternal repose, when 28 persons, mostly his children and grandchildren, approached the Holy Table. How many of us will be so well remembered when we die!

"But thou, when I am dead, pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. So, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me, night and day."

said good King Arthur when he lay a-dying, to bold Sir Bedevere, "the latest left of all his knights."

Some people seem to think that Lord Roberts, now for a considerable time in South Africa, conveyed to the Queen in some mysterious manner a few hints with regard to her conduct concerning the Irish, such as visiting Ireland and the wearing of the Shamrock. Why try to rob Her Most Gracious Majesty of the merit of an inspiration altogether her own? Poor, dear "Bobs" has enough to do out there on the veldt without cablegramming points to the Queen. Besides, it has been proved, almost beyond dispute by an Episcopalian minister, that she is herself a descendant via the Stuarts from one of the many races of Irish kings, therefore is Irish, and has consequently a little mother-wit of her own; we have heard the English are sadly wanting in this, have no lightness of touch as it were, like the French and Americans. And yet, it strikes one as rather neat, for a man who did not know how to express himself when talking to ladies, what Kitchener said to the Queen, when before he left for Africa, she taxed him with not caring about them: "Is it true my Lord" she asked, "what they say about you, that you don't like ladies?" "Only one, Your Majesty," he replied.

Rev. James P. Fallon, O.M.I., brother of Rev. Dr. Fallon, O.M.I., of St. Joseph's Church, Ottawa, was recently ordained deacon by Archbishop Falconio, the Papal delegate, in the chapel of Ottawa University.

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**CURRENT COMMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free Press (amended).

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

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

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

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

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



Mary's who are at present in charge, are true representatives of models of Catholic teachers.

His Grace spoke in English, and Father Albert Kulawy made two brief but eloquent sermonettes in the German and Polish tongues.

After the ceremonies had been completed, dinner prepared by the ladies of the congregation of the Holy Ghost was given to the clergy in the basement of the church. After dinner several short speeches were made. Father J. W. Kulawy first spoke, thanking the Archbishop for his kind encouragement and Father Cherrier for his generous co-operation. His Grace replied, commending the zeal and abnegation of the two devoted brothers, Fathers Albert and William.

Father Cherrier, who was the first pastor of the Polish and Galician people, then addressed a few hearty words of congratulation to the Fathers Kulawy on the great improvements they had made, which accrued to the benefit of the Church and the city.

Father Drummond thanked the ladies for their skillful catering and hoped they would use their all-potent influence in fostering vocations to the clergy among the Galician and German boys. St. Boniface college would always welcome good and bright boys.

The basement of the chapel was handsomely decorated with English and Canadian flags. The services of the occasion attracted a very large congregation, the church being overcrowded.

#### THE TRIBUNE'S CRITICISM OF A COLLEGE PLAY.

Though the following report of the Winnipeg Tribune's dramatic critic is more than a week old, having appeared just when our last issue was ready for the press, we make no apology for printing it. Seldom does it happen that an amateur performance by college students is so carefully criticized by an experienced stage critic of recognized ability and independence. Reports of college plays written by amateur friends are generally full of indiscriminate and therefore worthless praise; but in this case we have both praise and gentlemanly dissent expressed by one whose work reveals exceptional powers of analysis. The fact that two of the three actors singled out for special commendation by the Tribune critic are French Canadians, ought to dispose of the false impression current in Winnipeg that English is not taught in St. Boniface College. It was noted by the audience that the accent of several of the actors was distinctly English in the most exclusive sense of the word:

Winnipeg Tribune, May 30.

A presentation of "The Private Secretary," new to Winnipeggers, was given by St. Boniface college students in the concert hall of the college last evening to a large and intelligent audience. Those who have witnessed this play as it is produced at the theatres would scarcely credit the fact that it is possible to bring out all its salient points without the introduction of a single female character. And yet this was done, and it may be said further, that it was done with such ability that seldom has this comedy drawn forth more laughter and applause than it did in the hands of these young students. The production was an undoubted success. For amateurs to attempt the presentation of a play like "The Private Secretary" requires a good deal of courage and mutual confidence. There are few people who do not imagine they could shine

on the stage, but fewer again who could convince an audience by an attempt, or who, if they could see themselves as others see them, would not laugh at their own efforts. Adaptation, as well as ability and labor are, therefore, very necessary in the success of such a production, and this feature, as well as the two others, was very apparent. The dramatis personae were well arranged on the whole, although from a critic's view one or two little faults might have been found, and these will be referred to later.

The principal character, "Robert Spalding," was taken by Mr. Henry L. Cormier, who acted the part with great ability. His make-up was excellent and he looked the simple inoffensive creature of singular circumstances, and spoke his lines with telling effect. Many professional actors have played the part with less result in the matter of mirth making.

But Mr. Cormier had no monopoly as a star. Mr. Albert Weber, as "Herr Stockmar, Tutor of the Vernons," shared the honors of the evening. This character does not appear so prominently in the usual stage edition, but it is an excellent conception, being as great a burlesque on the spiritualistic idea as "Robert Spalding" is on the tutor.

Another of the youthful actors worthy of special praise was Mr. Joseph Guertin as "Mr. Cattermole." In the blustering, overbearing parts he was perfect, although perhaps he lacked somewhat in his sober conversations. Like the two others mentioned, Mr. Guertin has great stage ability and he often brought out the witty points with professional ability. The character of "Sidney Gibson, the tailor of Bond Street," in the hands of Mr. Alf. Tierney, was not shown to the best advantage. The ignorant, assuming cockney, whose chief "hobby" in life was to be "hinterdoosed to society," is one of the funniest and best conceptions of the whole play and although Mr. Tierney made a good share of the fun, a little more murdered English and cockney dialect, on which this character must principally depend for distinction, would have been a decided improvement. Mr. Tierney, in the writer's opinion, would have made an excellent "Douglas Cattermole." He looked and his make-up was more like that of a dashing spendthrift of the Cattermole ideal than of a foolish tailor. Mr. Earl Ohmer in the last named part was a little too youthful in appearance for the fast young man, and the same may be said of his companion, Mr. James Walsh, in the part of "Harry Marsland," and yet they both, and especially the latter, showed a good conception of their respective parts. Mr. John Burns as "Mr. Marsland" and "Mr. Stead, the lodging house keeper," is also worthy of special mention. He played both characters with ability. The smaller parts were all filled creditably as follows: Frank Vernon, Francis Dupon; Charles Vernon, Pierre Poitras; Knox, an officer of the crown, Joseph Lajoie; John, Marsland's servant, Lauréat Martineau; a gardener, Ovide Moreau.

That the audience was highly delighted with the performance from beginning to end is something for the performers, as well as the instructors, to be proud of, when all the drawbacks against a successful production of such a play, which they had to contend with, are considered. Well as the stage was arranged, it, of course, could not compare with the usual theatre stage for facilities, and cramped arrangements in this respect always tell to some extent on the general effect. But there was scarcely a delay that could be recognized. For a first night performance the result must have exceeded the expectations of the most confident well-wisher of the students.

During the intervals between acts an excellent programme of music was furnished by the boys' chorus and the glee club as follows: Overture, "The Bells of Kemmare," M. F. Cusack, song and chorus; "May God Preserve Thee, Canada," R. S. Ambrose, College Glee Club; "The Loving Smiles of Home," H. Millard; "God Save the Queen," Piano accompaniment by A. Bertrand.

### A PIONEER'S STORY

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH MR. B. L. MASTIN.

AFTER LONG YEARS OF PERFECT HEALTH HE WAS ATTACKED WITH KIDNEY TROUBLE AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS BRING HIM NEW HEALTH.

From the Pictou, Ont., Times.

Mr. B. L. Mastin, of Hollowell township, Prince Edward county, was a caller at the Times office the other day and during his visit told of his great suffering from kidney trouble and rheumatism, accompanied by dyspepsia, cold feet and a generally broken down constitution. Mr. Mastin is one of the first settlers of Prince Edward county. He is in his seventy-first year and is the father of a grown up family of well-to-do farmers. In the course of the conversation Mr. Mastin said:—"I had never known what it was to be sick. I have always had good health and worked on my farm every day until some months ago, when I was taken with severe pains in my back and shoulders. I consulted a doctor but received little benefit. I was told by one doctor that I had rheumatism and kidney disease, but his treatment did not help me and I continued getting worse." My appetite failed me and I fell away in flesh. I became irritable and could not sleep well at night. Nobody can conceive the intense pain I endured. Not deriving any benefit from the food I ate and having a constant pain in my stomach I soon became aware that I had dyspepsia, and the pain in my back and shoulders intensified by the stone-like weight in my stomach, made life to me unbearable. I was also a great sufferer from cold feet, nearly every day my feet would get like chunks of ice, and unless I was constantly by the fire the soles of my feet would feel as though they were wet. One day I told my wife I was going to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Having read so much of these famous pills, I thought that what they had done for others they might do for me. I procured a box from Mr. E. W. Case, druggist, and to my great delight before I had used quite one box I had improved. When I had finished a couple more boxes I felt like a new man and I gladly tell this for the benefit of all who suffer as I did." Continuing Mr. Mastin said: "My rheumatism is all gone and I can come and go and enjoy as good health as well as I ever did." With these remarks Mr. Mastin got up to go, but added that his wife was receiving much benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. "I took home a couple of boxes the other day and she thinks they are splendid."

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### ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION.

On June 10th at Notre Dame de Lourdes, His Grace the Archbishop conferred the deaconship on Father J. B. Morlat, the sub-deaconship on Fathers Pierre Pouvat, Vincent Bardin, Jean Marie Comte, minor orders on Brother Paul Benoit, and tonsure on Brothers Norbert Dufort and Arsène Lauzière.

At Treherne, the same day, Mgr. Langevin gave confirmation and blessed a bell in presence of a great crowd composed largely of Protestants.

On Monday His Grace went to St. Alphonse where he confirmed about one hundred children. Then he visited Mariapolis, where he blessed another bell.

This morning he gave the tonsure to Mr. Avila Ruel at the Industrial School.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.

At 8.30 on Whitsunday morning, the yearly First Communion took place in St. Mary's Church. The Mass was said by Father Drummond, who preached after the gospel on the importance to the children of this great act, which must stamp their whole lives with the impress of faith and love. Twenty-five girls and fourteen boys received their Lord for the first time. All were within the altar rails and knelt on the altar steps to receive. The ceremonies were admirably conducted by the Brothers of Mary and the Sisters of Jesus and Mary, and the children behaved with evident piety and recollection. A vast number of people also received Holy Communion on this occasion. In the afternoon His Grace, the Archbishop, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the First Communicants and on 4 other persons, after which he addressed those who had thus received the Holy Ghost, admonishing them to lead a holy life such as our Lord expected of them, and since they had been confirmed they were full soldiers of Christ, and could go out into the world strengthened against the temptations of Satan.

### Town of St. Boniface.

#### SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of St. Boniface has decided to make and construct, and will make and construct (unless as to any of the respective works a petition as hereinafter mentioned is received), the local improvements or works hereinafter mentioned.

The town will issue local improvement debentures sufficient to raise an amount equal to the respective cost of said works, or such of them as shall be proceeded with, and will assess and levy annual frontage rates (such rates to be equal and uniform frontage rates on the properties fronting on the side of the streets on which said works are respectively made or constructed), sufficient to pay interest and raise a sinking fund to repay the loan or amount of said debentures in seven (7) years, interest being calculated at four (4) per cent. per annum in computing such annual rates.

And unless within one month from the publication of this notice the owners in such respective case hereinafter mentioned, representing at least three-fifths in value of the real property fronting on the hereinafter named portions of the said streets to be benefited by such respective improvements) petition the Council against the same and the as-

essment of the costs thereof, the Town of St. Boniface may, without further notice, proceed with the construction of such local improvements, or any of them as aforesaid, and levy local frontage improvement rates as aforesaid.

The local improvements and the streets and parts of streets upon which such local improvements are proposed to be made are as follows:

A 4-foot plank walk on the north side of Horace street, from Taché avenue to St. Joseph street. Estimated cost, \$230.

A 4-foot plank walk on the south side of Dumoulin street from St. Joseph street to the Town Hall. Estimated cost, \$130.

A 4-foot plank walk on the west side of St. Joseph street Provencher avenue to Dumoulin street. Estimated cost, \$95.

A 4-foot plank walk on the south side of LaVérandrye street from College street to St. Joseph street. Estimated cost, \$255.

A 4-foot plank walk, beginning on the west side of Laflèche street, from Provencher avenue to LaVérandrye street, then on the south side of LaVérandrye street from said Laflèche street to Archibald street, then on the west side of Archibald street from LaVérandrye street to Mission street, then crossing Mission street and continuing on the east side of Montcalm street northwards to the Town limit. Estimated cost, \$1,105.

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St. Boniface, 12th June, 1900.

#### For Small Boys.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Boniface, yielding to repeated requests from various quarters, have determined to undertake the management of a boarding-house for boys between the ages of six and twelve. Special halls will be set apart for them, where, under the care and supervision of the Grey Nuns, they will be prepared for their First Communion, while attending either the Preparatory Department of St. Boniface College or the classes of Provencher Academy. This establishment will be known as "Le Jardin de l'Enfance" (Kindergarten).

The results already attained in similar institutions of the Order give every reason to hope that this arrangement will fill a long felt want.

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.

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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

JUNE.

- 17—Second Sunday after Pentecost, and Sunday within the octave of Corpus Christi, which is solemnized today.
- 18, Monday—Of the octave.
- 19, Tuesday—Of the octave.
- 20, Wednesday—Of the octave.
- 21, Thursday—Octave of Corpus Christi Commemoration of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.
- 22, Friday—Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 23, Saturday—St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (transferred from the 5th inst).

BRIEFLETS.

Rev. Father Giroux, of La Broquerie, is in town.

Fathers Von Heertum, Viens and Lebrault visited His Grace last week.

The first Imperial Limited train of the summer arrived here from Montreal this morning.

Our weekly contribution from a banker in England is crowded out this time and will appear in our next issue.

Father Rousseau, who has been curate for Father Cherrier, is transferred to St. Norbert under the venerable Mgr. Ritchot.

Last Friday some of the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, accompanied by two of the Sisters, took an outing to St. Agathe.

Attorney sternly: The witness will please state if the prisoner was in the habit of whistling when alone. Witness: I don't know. I was never with the prisoner when he was alone.

Vesuvius is becoming more active. The station of the cable road which leads to the summit has been destroyed. Four English travellers were overtaken by the lava and seriously injured.

The deepest ocean sounding heretofore reported was 30,930 feet, northeast of New Zealand; but the U. S. steamer "Nero" has lately found 5,260 fathoms or 31,560 feet, between Guam and Manila.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Bellevue, left on Friday morning for Notre Dame de Lourdes, where he conferred the sacrament of Holy Order the next day on some members of

When a man falls headlong from a roof, we think only of the hazardous character of his employment. It does not occur to us that thousands of men at sea or on land are hourly climbing to dizzy heights without a fear and without a fall, and that the real danger is not in the employment but in the weakening of the nerves and giving way of the muscles. That danger is just as great to the man on the sidewalk or in the office as to the man on the roof. When the stomach and the organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased the blood becomes impoverished, and nerves and muscles grow weak for lack of nutrition. More fatal diseases probably begin with "weak stomach" than with any other cause. The first symptom of disordered stomach calls for prompt use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a vegetable medicine, absolutely non-alcoholic and non-narcotic, and is unequalled for the strength it gives to blood, nerves and muscles.

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the Congregation of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception.

Stovel's Pocket Directory for June reached us yesterday. It was no doubt kept back in order to publish the altered C. P. R. time table.

Tomorrow morning, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the children of the cathedral parish will make their First Communion and be confirmed.

The tallest man in Maryland lives in Carroll County, near the town of Westminster, and, with a strange appropriateness, his name is Miles Long.

The collect "ad petendam pluviam" (for rain.) which all the priests in the diocese began to say at Mass last Wednesday, is having its effect in several showers since that date. But we need a good deal more rain.

On July 19th next the four archbishops of New York, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Santa Fe, and the three bishops of Wheeling, Savannah and Los Angeles, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their foundation. Nesqually had its golden jubilee on the 7th inst.

Father Lalonde, lately curate at St. Norbert, left last week to take charge of the mission of St. Maurice, vacant by the lamented death of Father Poulin. Father Lalonde was accompanied by Mr. Silvestre, who, owing to headaches, has to interrupt his studies at St. Boniface College.

For those who are interested in the best kind of street pavement it may be mentioned that New York has 745 miles of macadam, 339 of granite, 238 miles of cobblestones, 230 miles of asphalt, 84 miles of trap, 45 miles of Belgian block, 19 miles of brick, 13 miles of gravel and 0.08 miles of wood pavement.—Scientific American.

Reviewing the report of the interoceanic canals commission, the "Scientific American" shows that the difficulties presented by the Nicaragua Canal are extremely formidable, that the Panama project is not impracticable, and that the question as to which is the best canal for the United States to construct is still very much in the air.

In France, says the [London] "Globe," motor cars are called by a literal translation from the English word "scorchers"—"chauffeurs." It is a curious coincidence that the same word has been in use for many years in France to denote an army "crammer." There is also something appropriate about the double meaning, for both the crammer and the car are a species of "coach."—The Tablet.

Mr. J. E. P. Buron, M. A., of St. Jean Baptiste, left yesterday for Paris, Lyons, Rome and other points on the continent. His translation of Father Holand's "Ownership and Natural Right," an answer to Henry George, has just appeared; it is printed by a Belgian firm. Mr. Buron has added to this masterly work a chapter of his own on the social question as it now stands. He went through his whole University course in St. Boniface

The total production of wine in the old world last year is estimated at 3,338,101,704 gallons, of which 1,265,601,664 gallons were produced in France, 766,107,509 in Italy, 594,393,750 in Spain, and 158,505,000 produced in Roumania. Yet John A. Mooney proves, in the "American Ecclesiastical Review," that it is almost impossible to get pure wine for the altar unless you can make sure of honesty in the maker and honesty in the transmitter.

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