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CURRENT COMMENT

Through the courtesy of the publishers of the Northwest Contractor, we are able to favor our readers, this issue, with a cut of the proposed new German Catholic Church, soon to be erected on College Avenue, Winnipeg. The German Catholics of Winnipeg are indeed to be congratulated in the first place, for their commendable zeal in undertaking to build so large and costly an edifice, and secondly for the handsome design they have chosen. The German Catholics, wherever found are a progressive, law-abiding people; and are numbered among the Church's most zealous, loyal and obedient children. It is a characteristic of the German to do nothing by halves; he wants the best and the best only. The building will be constructed entirely of white brick, relieved at the corners by blocks of artificial stone. The dimensions will be as follows: Width 74 feet; length 155 feet; with transept projecting 19 feet from the main building. The ceilings are to be finished in pressed steel, and the building will be roofed with metallic shingles. The architect is Mr. L. de Jurovski, of Winnipeg.

Archbishop Glennon thus writes of the Vatican exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition:

"The Papal Exhibit at the World's Fair, is of a nature emphasizing the fact that the Vatican is a storehouse of the world's most precious historical treasures. Twice during the world's history has art attained a position of unrivalled excellence. Now of these two great periods the Vatican has fortunately become the receptacle of their most remarkable productions, and it is within its walls that is left for our study the synthesis of the art-world's best work."

The Pope, it would appear, is determined to make of Rome the centre of Biblical study. It is a curious commentary on the hollowness of Protestant claims with respect to their greater love for the Bible that the Pope is actually taking measures to preserve and defend the sacred volume against the Higher Criticism, whilst they are busy defending the good book against the fierce attacks of many of their own ministers. Quite recently the Rev. Robt. Russell Booth, Presbyterian, declared that of these assaults continued, in time to come "there will be but one refuge and that will be the Roman Catholic Church, which, whatever it has added to the word of God, has taken nothing from it."

Only a few days ago four of the most eminent of the Protestant preachers in the United States preached highly sensational sermons utterly antagonistic to Christian belief. Two of them ridiculed the Bible, one denied the doctrine of the Resurrection, whilst the fourth scouted eternal punishment. The instability of Protestant preaching is well illustrated in the following anecdote told by the Baltimore Sun:

"One day a member of a certain church, who had listened attentively for five years to the preaching of his pastor, took to the divine his Bible, which was truly a sight to behold, with whole books clipped out here or a passage gone there. Indeed, between, the covers there was little else left but a few shreds of paper. The pastor was horrified, and rebuked his parishioner for using the Bible so shockingly. To this rebuke the parishioner made the following meek retort: 'It is all the result of your preaching. When I went home from church each Sunday I cut out of the Bible that which you

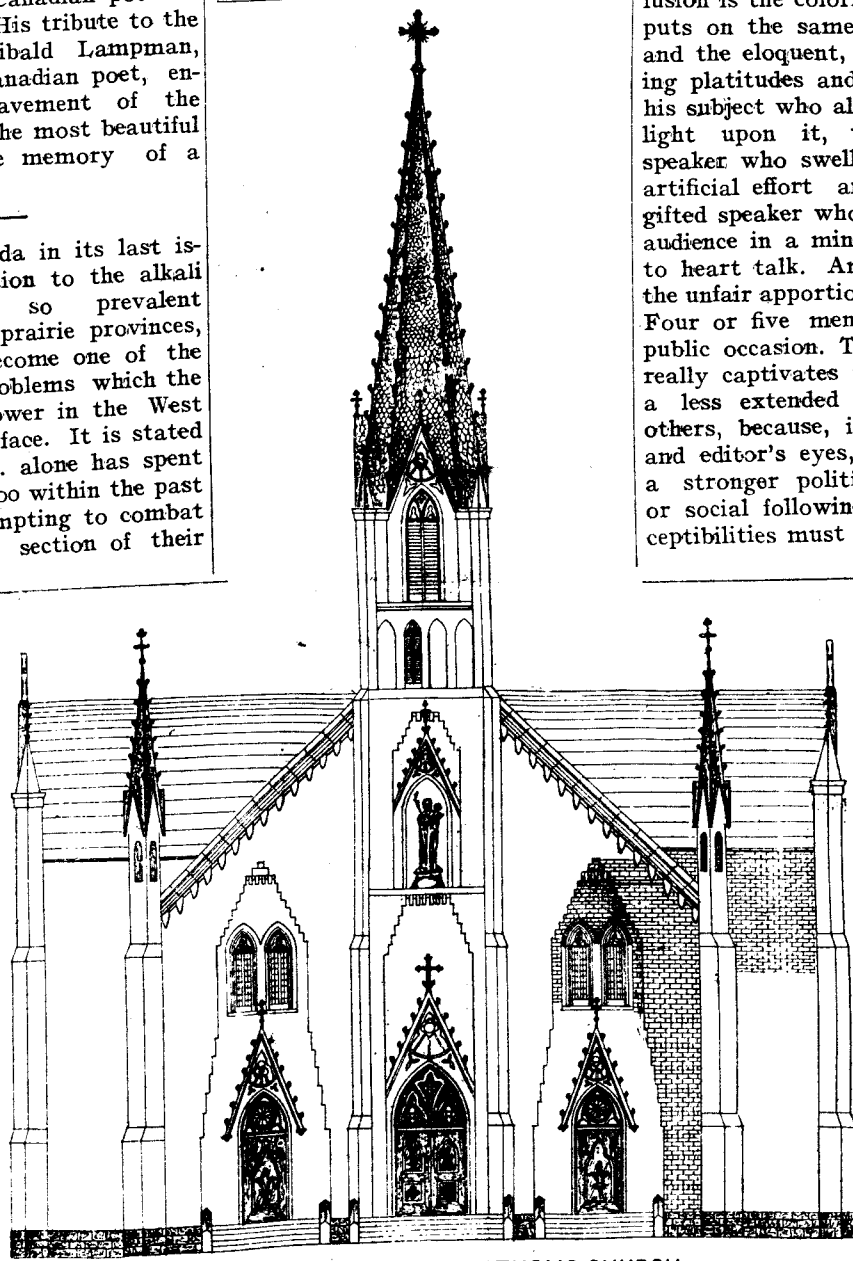
had criticized in your sermon of that day. That verse on the Trinity was an interpolation; so out went the strong verse. Then the canonicity of this book and that was doubtful; so out went this book and that. John did not write the gospel of John; so out went what was called the gospel of John. This bit of history was not history, only allegory; so out went the false and deceiving thing. Positively, sir, I have been faithful with my shears, and this is all the Bible I have left—the two covers and a few tatters."

One of our American Catholic exchanges—The New World—includes William Wilfrid Campbell in its list of Catholic poets. No, Campbell is no Catholic, but a minister of some Protestant denomination. He is, however, a Canadian poet of much excellence. His tribute to the memory of Archibald Lampman, another great Canadian poet, entitled "the Bereavement of the fields," is one of the most beautiful ever paid to the memory of a Canadian author.

Industrial Canada in its last issue draws attention to the alkali water scourge so prevalent throughout our prairie provinces, and which has become one of the most serious problems which the user of steam power in the West is called upon to face. It is stated that the C. P. R. alone has spent close on to \$350,000 within the past 9 months in attempting to combat this evil, on that section of their

by certain time-honored tests which others find out after a long and painful experience. If any art is habitually transmitted by heredity and tradition surely it is the art of governing men. Of course we are far from maintaining that great art is confined to the ruling or leading classes. There does not seem to be much room for heredity in Mr. Carnegie's case, although he, too, may have had among his unknown ancestors some "kings of men." All that we insist on is the hoary antiquity of the principle that a first class ruler loves to use men cleverer than himself. It is only the second or third rate ruler that dreads being overshadowed by the greater talents of his subordinate chieftains.

"The Critic" in Town Topics deserves credit for plainness of speech



PROPOSED NEW GERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

line between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw. Seven months is the life of the ordinary locomotive on this section of the road, as compared with four years in the province of British Columbia, where the water is pure.

With a view to eliminating the primary cause of the trouble the Company are now erecting water-softening plants at different points on their road.

Mr. Carnegie, in an address the other day, to the students of Edinburgh University, prided himself on knowing how to discover and use men cleverer than himself. Apparently Mr. Carnegie deems this faculty of his a modern growth but it is really very old. History shows that the greater rulers of men have excelled, not in personal cleverness, but in the power of knowing men and singling out those of their helpers who had the greatest gifts in each line of special work. This has always been the strongest defence of hereditary monarchy. Hereditary kings may not be as clever as self-made men, but they have been brought up to distinguish between ordinary and extraordinary talents, they are trained in their youth to gauge character

with regard to Mr. Morang's lecture on Joseph Howe. Mr. Morang had been heralded as an excellent lecturer before his appearance here a fortnight since, and after he had come and spoken the daily papers pronounced his lecture a great success, regretting only the audience was not sufficiently large. But the "Critic" punctures the bubble in this honest fashion.

"Mr. Morang, if I may be pardoned the criticism, should not deliver lectures, he should only prepare them for someone else to deliver.

That would be asking a great sacrifice from him but I am sure he is sincere in his desire to increase a knowledge of Canada's great men among the people generally, and he has not the gifts that make a popular lecturer.

The matter offered was splendid, it was well arranged, and not too long, but many of those sitting in the rear seats did not hear half of what he said, and even those nearby lost the end of many sentences, and it was a constant effort to follow the speaker.

To attract young people, and they are the ones that should most especially be attracted by

lectures of this class, the speaker should have a good voice and some idea of declamation.

Some of the magnificent passages from Howe's speeches and letters lost more than half their force from being read in a hesitating voice and without any of the dramatic force that must have been one of the chief charms of the great 'Joe Howe.'

Such a criticism is a blessing to everyone concerned: to the lecturer, that he may either confine his attention to writing and publishing, or else take lessons in voice culture and management; to the public, that they may not be deluded. Deluded they generally are by most newspaper reports of sermons, speeches and lectures, not necessarily as to the matter, though even that is imperfectly reported, but especially as to the manner of the speaker. The most common delusion is the colorless report, which puts on the same level the prosy and the eloquent, the man of smiling platitudes and the master of his subject who always throws new light upon it, the conventional speaker who swells his voice with artificial effort and the naturally gifted speaker who buttonholes his audience in a mind to mind, heart to heart talk. Another delusion is the unfair apportionment of 'space.' Four or five men speak on some public occasion. The only one that really captivates the audience gets a less extended notice than the others, because, in the reporter's and editor's eyes, the others have a stronger political or religious or social following, and such susceptibilities must be taken into ac-

ter; the three C's, (character, conduct and conscience) do. The culture of the taste and the development of the soul are the only important things. This curious hodgepodge of self praise and imitation of Catholic pedagogical principles ought not to faze our usually fearless contemporary. After all, D. & W. are not infallible. W. has no right to choose his weapons and then run away if you choose others. Dr. P. and Prof. R. may not have convinced the public school teachers, but they certainly impressed the public with a distrust which interested apologies did not remove. The public school system fails still more completely in the three C's than in the three R's. "Development of the soul" forsooth! Is there one of their teachers that can describe the soul, its spirituality, its immortality? Why, their very text books of Psychology (which means "Science of the Soul") ignore the soul altogether. "Moral tone!" Look at the moral tone of your public boys and girls. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

To the author of "Sam Slick" belongs the distinction, unique for Canada, of having a literary club dedicated to his memory. This club marks the growing estimation of the work which he performed, and the fading away of the idea that he was simply a humorist. That he was a political philosopher who strove continually to broaden the outlook of his fellow countrymen, to make them look at politics from the standpoint of the Empire and not of the parish, and that he did so under the guise of a ready-witted itinerant Yankee peddler has not yet been fully realized. To those who know nothing of "Sam Slick" except the name we commend the reading of his works if they would enjoy an intimate acquaintance with one whose best work is full of practical, pithy sayings, occasionally rising to eloquence. No later writers show the intimate acquaintance with Nova Scotia, its scenery, its people and their manners, which Haliburton possessed. Then, too, Haliburton was the greatest of our Canadian humorists, and from this standpoint alone he should be studied.

Under the heading "A Double Danger" the Toronto News has an alarmist editorial in a recent issue. It professes to have inside information of a gigantic, brand-new, popish plot, engineered by the Catholic hierarchy, the "arrogant and meddling ecclesiastics of the Church of Rome." This is what the News says of what it terms the "subterranean agitation for separate schools."

"The Church of Rome is active in the politics of three great and contiguous divisions of Canada. In Ontario she is assailing the separate school settlement, long regarded as the bulwark of the minority, now apparently thought by the leaders of the church to be a restriction. In Manitoba a steady agitation is kept on foot against the Laurier-Greenway compromise of 1896. In the west the denial of autonomy is largely due to the demand of the hierarchy for a guarantee of perpetual separate schools in the future province. This is the time of seed-sowing. The people of Ontario are awakening into resentment but the professed politicians of both parties are preserving the anxious silence which is one of the signs of an approaching storm. . . . The harvest may be serious. A grave possibility is a combined Anti-Roman Catholic agitation ranging from the Rocky mountains to the Ottawa River." etc., etc.

Now the tempest in the Toronto News teapot, is due simply to this; some time ago the Board of Public School Trustees of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., entered into an agreement with the Board of School Trustees

of the Separate Schools whereby the taxes of the Pulp Company doing business at that place should be equally divided between the two schools. This agreement the public school Board saw fit to repudiate recently. The 'Separate school Board thereupon carried their case to the Legislature which upheld them in their contentions and granted them redress. Hence these tears of the News, Orange Sentinel and Mail and Empire. Hence these 12th of July pyrotechnics.

So far as the Province of Manitoba and the Territories are concerned we are loath to believe that the "wily" (this is the proper term is it not, brother Willison?) hierarchy have taken the editor of the News into their confidence and given him a "scoop" on their "subterranean agitation." We hold no brief on behalf of the hierarchy of the West, neither are we in their confidence as to their future policy on the school, or any other question. We are inclined to believe, however, that the "subterranean agitation" referred to exists in the imagination of brother Willison only. We believe further that the words of the editor of the News are mainly intended to accomplish the end which he charges the hierarchy with seeking, and which he so hypocritically "deplors." Such editorials should be put to soak in silence for at least one hundred years. The Catholics of Manitoba can well afford to wait for redress believing that "Tho' the mills of God grind slowly yet they grind exceeding small; Tho' with patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds He all."

Mary Gladstone, the daughter of England's "Grand Old Man," of happy memory, is the author of a recently published biography of the late Lord Acton, a Catholic peer, who in his day, was famous as a prodigy of learning.

Lord Acton was born in Naples in 1834. His father was Sir Richard Acton, whilst his mother was a German, the heiress of the house of Dalberg. He made his studies at Munich, under the illustrious historian Dr. Dollinger. In fact it was from Dollinger that he imbibed his love for historical studies.

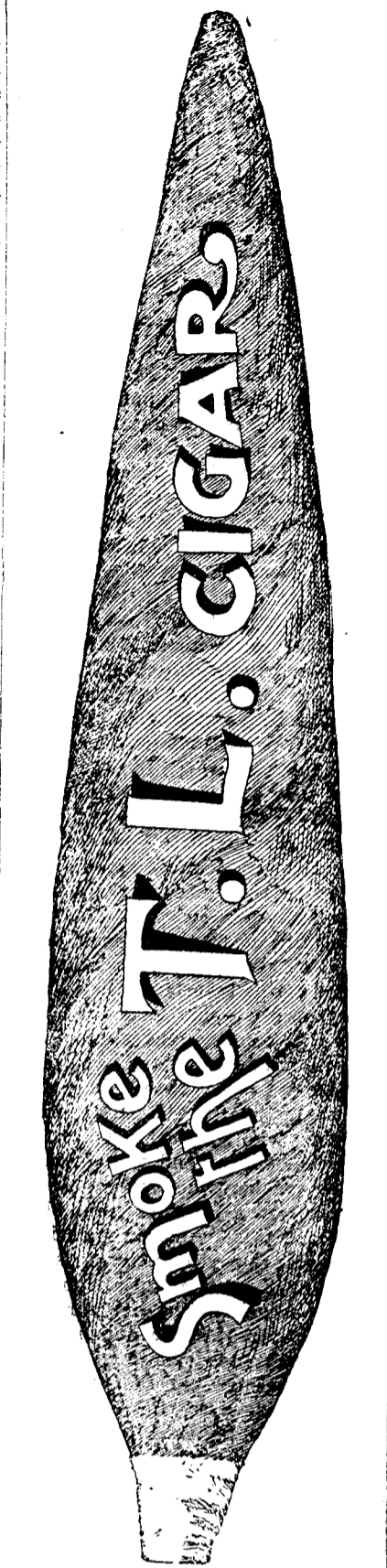
In conjunction with Newman he wrote for several high class monthly periodicals. His editorial work was condemned by Cardinal Wiseman who considered that Acton in his writings was not sufficiently orthodox. In 1864 he retired from the editorial chair, but took pains to declare at the time, that he had never felt any doubt at any time, about any dogma of the Catholic Church.

Under the heading of "People in Print" Donahoe's Magazine for May has a commendatory reference to the poetic work of a young Canadian author Dr. William F. Fischer, of Montreal. Dr. Fischer was born in Waterloo, Canada, in 1879. It will thus be seen that he is the youngest of our poets. He graduated from St. Jerome's College in 1897. From his youth he courted the muses many of his earlier poems appearing in the local prints and in the College journal.

Fischer is pre-eminently a Catholic poet, his every line revealing his Catholic spirit. His work, too, reveals a cheerful optimism, a sympathetic leaning towards the beautiful in nature and in humanity.

Charles J. O'Malley, the well-known editor of the Chicago New World, himself a poet and a critic of considerable fame, pays this tribute to the genius of the young poet. "If the truest poets are they who sound every chord, then Dr. Fischer is a true poet. More commendable than all, perhaps, is the healthy optimism which pervades his poems, the faith, the hope, the charity, the constant looking toward God, and the inclusion of all beauty which leads toward the higher life. In this William F. Fischer is distinct among present day American poets, and if he be true to his ideals, he will win a place of which his native land may one day be proud."

In our last week's article on "Balzac Before the University Council," page 4, column 1, para-



graph 3, "He did not object to anything Balzac had written," should read, "He did not object to everything Balzac had written."

Clerical News.

The last letter received from his Grace Archbishop Langevin since he crossed the ocean was written at Havre, France. Both the Archbishop and Father Lacombe were in the best of health at the time of writing. They intended to proceed on their way to the Holy Land in a very, short time from that date.

Father Hugonard, O.M.I., was here last Sunday on his way from Ottawa where he went to procure financial aid in re-building his Indian school at Qu'Appelle which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

Rev. Fr. Hayden of St. Patrick's Church, Toronto, died in St. Michael's Hospital, that city on Monday last. Father Hayden belonged to the Redemptorist order.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., is conducting the university examinations at Portage la Prairie this week.

Bishop McDonald, of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, will return to his beloved diocese this week, after having spent nearly seven months at the Hotel Dieu. His medical adviser considers the distinguished prelate sufficiently restored in health to undertake the journey.—True Witness.

Rev. Father Chosegrove, S.J., of St. Boniface College, has almost entirely recovered from his recent throat trouble.

QUESTIONS BY CORRESPONDENTS

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2. Would such a Catholic fulfil his Easter duty by receiving Communion from a priest of some rite other than the Latin?

T. L.

Reply—1. Yes, provided the celebrant is in full communion with the Pope; but this attendance at a different rite should not be habitual.

2. By "such a Catholic" we take our correspondent to mean a Catholic who can conveniently receive Communion according to the Latin rite. Such a one is obliged to fulfil his Easter duty according to the Latin rite.

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WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

We are living in an age of haste, of rapid change and feverish activity; an age of telephones, wireless telegraphy, fast expresses, speedy steamships, aerial ships and high gear bicycles. We are impatient of delay, begrudge ourselves our hours of sleep, and regard every minute not devoted to business as so much time lost. Even those rare hours which we devote to recreation and amusement must be cut short. We chafe at the play, longing for the final curtain; our summer trips are timed to the instant from the time we leave home till we return jaded by the worry of counting the minutes we have lost in pleasure making. We bolt our food, and, as for reading, the headlines in the newspapers and the briefest of reviews of the very latest books quite satisfy us. We are the slaves of time, though we are flattering ourselves that we are conquering it by our time-saving and rapid transit devices. We race with time, keep abreast with him sometimes, but the old rogue is satisfied to keep on at his steady jog well knowing that in the end he will distance us. Onward we press, goaded by the spirit of unrest which we call modern business energy, onward, onward, ever onward, breathless, eager, insensible to the charms of life which lie so temptingly in the by-paths, forgetful, too, of the claims of the great hereafter, until our goal is reached we reap the reward of it all—a premature grave, mayhap with this brief epitaph "Died from nervous strain."

The man with an ambition beyond money getting, is looked upon with pity by some, with contempt by the majority. He is a "back number," a fossil, a "medievalist," a dreamer, a nondescript, anything or everything that will serve to describe what is useless, undesirable and superfluous. This monstrous error possesses all classes, engendering discontent in the workers, envy and unrest in the commercial world and insatiable ranks of capital.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay."

This unnatural straining after money, for after all the acquisition of wealth is the sole incentive that underlies all modern effort, has become a vice more destructive of business, political and social morality than drunkenness, gaming or the morphine habit, for, far from being condemned by our educationists and our churches, it is un- happily applauded in a majority of class rooms and in innumerable pulpits. The merciless doctrine of the survival of the fittest is every- where preached. An individual or a nation must be "up-to-date"—as the slang of the age goes—or be condemned to starvation in the one case or disintegration in the other. This besetting sin of modern civili- zation is nurtured in the infant's class, cultivated in the public schools, encouraged in the colleges, applauded in the press and en- dorsed by many of the churches.

We have called this the besetting sin of modern civilization as known to us, and we are right. In good old pre-Reformation days we had a different picture. Does not Pro- testantism laud and magnify all the attractively brilliant manifest-

ations of national material prosper- ity, and take credit to itself for having inspired them, while scorn- fully reproaching Catholicism for acting as a drag upon the wheels of the triumphant chariot of Modern Progress? "The Catholic industrial ideal," to quote Father Young, in his "Protestant and Catholic Countries Compared," "while admitting the motive of gain as a legitimate and necessary one does not consider it in the light of the one thing necessary. In her eyes to live in order to gain the greatest amount of money possible is as unworthy as it is dangerous to soul and body. The social order which Catholicism strives to realize is the securing of the greatest happiness to the greatest number.

What will be the probable out- come of this mad race for riches? Whatever fate may have in store for the world it is unquestionable that it cannot continue in its present evil course, the strain is too great, the pace too fast, and like the rake's progress the present delirium must end in self destruction if the break of reform be not ap- plied speedily.

Persons and Facts

The Blue Ribbon people made a great hit when they offered a really beautiful portrait of Pius X., for 50 coupons and 75 cents. Every- body admires it in our office and wants a copy.

The Pink Pills people, too, have struck it rich by securing a testi- monial from Dr. Lappom, the fam- ous physician to the Vatican.

The Red and Assiniboine rivers are falling very slowly. There is every prospect of the water re- maining very high all summer. This will be favorable to lumbermen.

Saturday last the solitary St. Boniface electric car attempted to cross the low part of the road be- tween the hospital and the Grey Nuns Mother House, and did travel all the length of its track; but af- ter two or three trips the track be- gan to sink in the water-soaked mud, and the car had to confine itself to the southern end of the track.

Because he was a member of a Masonic Lodge the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus have refused to pay the death benefits claimed by the heirs of the late Patrick Cronan, of Bridgeport, Conn. Cronan was an ex-mayor of that city. One of the conditions of membership to the Knights of Colum- bus is that the applicant be a member of a Catholic Church and in good standing. This, the Supreme Council claims, Cronan could not be and at the same time be a Mason. Cronan's heirs, it is said will likely carry the case to the courts.

"An impious sacrilege and an outrage to a Catholic nation" is what Don Carlos, the Bourbon pre- tender to the Spanish throne, calls the recent acts of the Infidel Gov- ernment of France in re its sup- pression of religious emblems in the French courts of justice.

The Rome correspondent of the New York World cables the follow- ing:

A committee of religious defense, at the head of which the Pope has placed Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, has been organized in Rome. The committee is to have a central executive and administrative board in Rome, and is to extend its work to all parts of the world where the rights of Catholics are invaded by the civil powers. A French branch is being formed for the defense of the rights of the Church in the face of ministerial opposition. Other countries when necessary will be enlisted in the work, the most prom- inent Catholics in each being made members of the committee, the duty of which will not stop at a simple assertion of the rights of the church, but will engage if necessary in political movements for the defense of religious rights. It is believed that by such an or- ganization among the Catholics of the world, many of the laws pro- posed against the Church will meet such opposition that they will eventually be set aside.



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The report that Mrs. J. J. Hill, wife of the railroad magnate of St. Paul, Minn., has promised the handsome sum of a million and a half dollars to the proposed new Catholic Cathedral there, lacks confirmation. Mrs. Hill, only a few years ago, made possible the founding of a Catholic seminary in that city by donating \$750,000 towards the good work. We wish we had a few of her kind in this Canada of ours.

Rev. J. W. McMillan, pastor of St. Andrews church, Winnipeg, in his sermon Sunday evening took occasion to come out fairly and squarely in favor of religion being taught in our public schools. In the course of his remarks the Rev. gentleman said in part, as reported by the Telegram:

"Man in the very act of founding society realizes religion; without religion there is no society; at its root, in all its customs throughout all its laws, religion runs; and society is only where religion has begun to be." There has never been a nation yet which has not been founded on religion; people can only be kept from rebellion, and moral suicide by religion. A nation's wealth lies in its people, in their strength and character rests the place they shall occupy in the nations of the world—religion in schools. The lack of religious teaching in our schools is the weakest spot in the future outlook, if instead of putting into children's heads so much that could be dispensed with, we were to develop their force of character and desires for good, we should be placing the future standing of the nation on a better footing."

The Women's Mission which has been in progress during the past week at St. Mary's Church under the direction of the Passionist Fathers, was brought to a most successful close yesterday afternoon. The exercises of the mission were participated in by practically all the women of the parish and the inspiring preaching of the eloquent missionaries, deeply touched the hearts of the large audiences which assembled every morning and evening.

At the 5.30 o'clock mass each morning there was a most satisfactory attendance, and again at the 9 o'clock mass the body of the church was always well filled. At the evening services the attendance was beyond expectations and yesterday the missionaries expressed themselves as well pleased at the result of the women's mission.

The mission for men was opened last evening and will be continued until Sunday. The opening service was well attended, the congregation, which was wholly composed of men, filling the large church to the very doors and many additional chairs were added to the usual seating accommodation.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Cunningham, who for an hour held the breathless attention of his vast audience, and with his wonderful eloquence swayed his hearers as few congregations have ever before been affected in this city. The Rev. Fathers who are conducting the mission are both most powerful orators, and their visit here will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on those who have the good fortune to attend the services.

The exercises of the mission for the coming week will be as follows: Masses with instruction at 5 to 8 o'clock, each morning, and reserve with sermon each evening at 7.30.

Father Cunningham announced last night that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week they will give a mission to non-Catholics. There will be nothing controversial introduced into this mission but a simple exposition of Catholic truth for all non-Catholics who may care to hear it. An interesting feature will be a question box. Non-Catholics will be invited to write out any questions they may desire and deposit them in a box near the entrance to the church. This box will be opened each evening and the questions answered by the missionaries.—Telegram, May 23.

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