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## MGR. SBARRETT'S VISIT TO ST. BONIFACE AND WINNIPEG

His Excellency Celebrates Mass in the Cathedral and Principal Institutions—Receives Numerous Addresses, and is Royally Welcomed Everywhere—Catholic Club Reception  
Corner Stone of the New St. Mary's School Blessed by His Excellency.

We resume the report of Mgr. Sbarretti's visit where we left off last week. On Friday, October 23, His Excellency said Mass at the Mother House of the Grey Nuns in St. Boniface, and after breakfast visited the convent, the orphanage and the hospital, where he went round the different wards and spoke words of comfort to all the patients.

In the afternoon at two o'clock he was at St. Mary's Boys' school, where he received a hearty welcome from the Brothers in charge, and a typical reception from the young scholars. He was accompanied by His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface and a number of the clergy; and as the party entered the largest of the school-rooms in which the youngsters were assembled, they were greeted with a hearty "Welcome" chorus, sung by seven of the lads who possess exceptionally sweet voices. An address was then read by Master Frank Jobin, followed by a vocal solo melody sung by M. Buggee, and a recitation by A. Meyers.

At this point His Excellency, in a fifteen minutes' talk to the boys, replied to their address. In this speech, and in all the proceedings at the schools, the Delegate showed over and over again the great love he has for children, and it is safe to assert that the boys of St. Mary's will never forget his tender and touching words on this occasion, which evidently went straight to their young hearts and gained a strong hold on their minds. He urged them particularly to work as boys in order later on to be men; never to do anything unworthy of their faith in the Church; and to be strong in their devotion to the Holy Father. He also made a touching reference to the passing of the old school in which they were assembled and rejoiced with them that next year they would gather in a building more worthy of themselves, their zealous teachers, and the Christian education they were receiving.

Leaving St. Mary's, the ecclesiastical party proceeded to the Holy Angels' school for girls, where again a nice little programme was carried out and His Excellency had a few encouraging words for the pupils and praise for the good Sisters in charge.

The Immaculate Conception school was then visited, the proceedings here taking place in the church. Flowers were presented to His Excellency by Misses Markinski, Milord, Rafferty, Waas, Kelly and Arpin. An address was then read by Miss Stella Burns, followed by a chorus by the whole school of 175 children. Another appropriate and effective reply by His Excellency brought these proceedings to a close, and a move was made for the school attached to the Church of the Holy Ghost on Selkirk avenue. At this excellent institution a "Welcome" chorus was well sung in English, followed by a Polish song by the girls, a German song by the boys, and the national song, "The Maple Leaf," by the whole school.

His Excellency spoke to the children, encouraging them to study and work in school and thus fit them-

selves to be worthy citizens of this new country to which their parents had brought them, and which well deserved their loyal allegiance. There was no reason why they should not in the future form an important and useful element in this western land, and they would do so if they were true to what they were taught in that school, and remained faithful to their religion.

This concluded the public proceedings of the day, and during the evening His Excellency received calls from a number of citizens of Winnipeg and St. Boniface.

### ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

On Saturday morning, October 24, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate said Mass at St. Mary's Academy at 7.30, and at 9.30, accompanied by His Grace Archbishop Langevin, a few priests and Chief Justice Dubuc, he entered the prettily decorated hall. Over the stage in letters of gold was the inscription, "Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini"; on the right was a monogram in gold of His Excellency's initials, D.S., surmounted by the arms of the Oblate order, while on the left were the arms of Pius X. and those of the Archbishop of St. Boniface. None but the Sisters and the gentlemen mentioned above were present. The pupils of the academy first lined up in graceful ranks and welcomed His Excellency. Then they withdrew, leaving only four young girls, who played beautifully on four pianos. Then the larger convent girls trooped in once more and sang a charming chorus, towards the end of which the smaller girls entered and stood on the steps of the stage. In the midst of this pleasing array of bright faces Miss Margaret Carroll stepped forward and read a beautiful address, extending to His Excellency a thrice gracious welcome to Manitoba, to Winnipeg and to the convent of the Holy Names. When Miss Carroll handed the superbly illuminated address to Mgr. Sbarretti, he asked her her name and spoke a few kindly words to her, then he rose and delivered, with much earnestness and eloquence, the following reply, which was reported verbatim by Father Drummond, no reporters being present.

### REPLY OF DELEGATE AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

Your Grace,—I need hardly express my pleasure and satisfaction in hearing the sentiments so well manifested in your name and in the name of the pupils of this convent. I appreciate the sentiments of affection and veneration for our Holy Father, the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. I trust and hope that in these sentiments of esteem and appreciation of the Holy Father, not only Catholics, but every honest and upright man all over the world will concur. I am very much pleased that such deep sentiments of love for the Sovereign Pontiff are implanted in your minds and hearts by the zeal of these devoted Sisters.

I am also pleased to know that here civil and religious education go hand in hand, and that secular education is enabled and lifted to a higher sphere by the light of faith and religion. On the other hand, faith and religion are helped by

human knowledge. I know how noble are the efforts of these Sisters. They want to make of you, dear children, educated ladies endowed with all virtues. They also want to enable you to attain a legal status in this country. I appreciate the efforts of the Sisters to give such an education as will enable you to obtain from the State a certificate authorizing you to teach in all the schools of this province, and I am happy to know that these praiseworthy efforts have been crowned with success.

In our education of young girls we want to make them ideal young Christian ladies, that they may be shining lights in society. Our purpose is to take every natural human advantage and elevate it to a higher sphere. In doing so we are not depriving young girls of their human qualities; we are simply lifting those human qualities to a higher plane. In order to do so the more effectively we set before them a great type of woman, the best in woman, and we ask our girls to copy this type. We have not much use for the so-called "new woman." Our type is as old as Christianity and yet always new. That type is the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ. This is the example we want you to follow: this is the ideal we want you to copy. We wish to make of you not feeble beings, but women, strong in virtue. We intend that all the kindness and graciousness inborn in you be strengthened by character, so that all these qualities be employed for the welfare of our holy religion and for the well-being of society. Knowing how great is the influence of women in the family and in the higher and wider circles of society, we want to enable them to display all their abilities in doing good in their homes, in society and in church work. Woman's natural power resides in graciousness, loveliness and goodness of character. These ideal virtues make up for their deficiencies in physical strength. Their powers are rather intellectual and moral than physical, and they produce in the minds and hearts of men a more profound impression than any physical or material force. We are fully aware that the formation of the mind and heart in the sterner sex depends chiefly upon the tender care of a mother training her son for future usefulness in the family and in society at large.

The perfume of women's virtues must permeate the family if society is to be influenced in the direction of virtue and happiness. We do not want to spoil these beautiful virtues of womanhood by injecting some other virile germs that will destroy these virtues and produce a creature that is neither a woman nor a man. We do not like this bad combination of qualities which destroy in woman her natural sweetness, graciousness and purity of life. We want to elevate and refine her still more. While in no sense opposed to real strength of character, we do not like the idea of attempting to impart to woman that strength which is peculiar to man. We admire, not a virile woman, but a woman of strong character. In Holy Scripture we learn how the strength of character of

certain holy women saved the people of God. What greater moral strength can there be than that of Esther, who defied Aman before King Assuerus, saved her people and gave them back their rights? We know the strength of character of Judith, the type of beauty and of chastity, but at the same time the type of the greatest strength of character. She was hailed as the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel, the honor of her people, because, with strength of character strengthened by the special power of God, she slew the enemy of the Jewish people and saved her city from ruin and devastation. Truly do we know how strong is the character of good women. We know that women were the only ones (with the single exception of St. John) who followed Our Lord Jesus Christ to the cross. The disciples were afraid; but the women, braving all dangers, watched by him till he breathed his last. We admire womanly characters that are strong for justice, for humanity, for the glory of God, and we know there are many Catholic women conspicuous for strength of character.

This, then, is the object of our education—to inject into all possible human knowledge the principle of religious faith. We want our children to be the first in everything; we aspire to lead in science and virtue. I am confident that you, the children of this convent, will realize these high ideals, and that when you go forth into the world you will do an immense amount of good to religion, the family and society.

In conclusion I may say that I think you are entitled to some extra recreation, after the unusual efforts you have lately made, and I feel sure that His Grace the Archbishop will be very glad to see you enjoy a special holiday.

After His Excellency had given his blessing to the assembled community, he, together with Archbishop Langevin and most of the priests present, hastened to catch the 10.45 train for

### ST. NORBERT,

where the archiepiscopal party first visited the Trappist monastery. His Excellency inquiring minutely into all the processes of butter and cheese making, and greeting with great affection the assembled monks. Then the visitors drove to the residence of Monsignor Ritchot, who was overjoyed at the honor of a visit from the Holy Father's representative. He hospitably entertained at dinner Mgr. Sbarretti, Mgr. Langevin and all the clergy who accompanied them. At 2 p.m. His Excellency and the Archbishop of St. Boniface, with the other visitors, went to the church of St. Norbert, where little convent girls spoke tiny pieces of welcome and presented bouquets and appropriate hymns were sweetly chanted. His Excellency then spoke in French as follows:—

Your venerable pastor, Mgr. Ritchot, speaking to me of the time when he first came here 41 years ago, said that those early days were preferable to the present. But

I think there must have been some progress. I fear his assertion is not quite correct. I am inclined to believe that the excellent Monsignor in those early days had not such fine school children as you are, or at least that they were not so numerous as now, and therefore I prefer to think that there has been progress.

I love children and I know that you are directed by a generous and venerable pastor, and I think you are worthy of your spiritual father. The good Sisters, who give you so thoroughly religious an education, also prepare you for school certificates. This is right. We want our children to be in the first rank, among the best. That is the ambition of Monsignor Ritchot and of your venerable and worthy Archbishop. But you must co-operate with their efforts, you must do your best, you must take advantage of the education both secular and religious imparted to you. You must try to develop your minds with the great teachings of the Church and strengthen all other knowledge by the religious spirit. Steady work is necessary for all. The horse that runs the fastest wins the race. I hope you will labor for your own sakes, for it is a worthy ambition, and also in order to please your families, your pastor and especially Our Lord and Master. I hope the children of St. Norbert will surpass all others, and that the others will find in you examples to copy. In what concerns religious duties you should excel. One of the little girls asked for a holiday. As this day is far spent, let it be some other day and a whole holiday.

Then His Excellency gave all the children, who filled a great part of the church, his solemn blessing, after which he sat down and made them all come up to him one by one, asking their names, caressing them tenderly. When this charming feature of the visit was over, and owing to the great numbers and the shyness of many, it was quite a long performance, Monsignor Ritchot rose and related very interestingly how the first Bishop of St. Boniface, Mgr. Provencher, finding that his few missionaries were too busy with the Indians to attend to the training of the half-breeds, sought long for nuns. Several communities of Sisters were applied to in vain, before the Grey Nuns accepted the then formidable charge. At that time there was only one white woman here, all the rest were half-breeds. Nuns alone could teach all the niceties of a civilized home; they trained the women of the settlement; to them is due the present civilization, which is old here. For forty years they have been making progress.

After Mgr. Ritchot had spoken, His Excellency said a few words in a pleasant, bantering tone to the effect that Monsignor was incorrigible in his preference for the past, and then the two Archbishops and the clergy left the church, returning to St. Boniface by the 4.07 p.m. train.

At 7.30 p.m. Chief Justice Dubuc entertained at dinner His Excellency the Delegate, His Grace the Archbishop, His Honor Sir Daniel



**HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.**

His Excellency responded, thanking the people of the parish for their sincere and hearty welcome and assured them that the interest kindled by his first visit to them would be forever cherished by him, and that from time to time he would keep in touch with their progress. He told them of the great interest the late Pontiff had in the progress of the Catholic Church in Canada; how it pleased and surprised him to find that in this great wide western land there were churches being constantly erected and new parishes blossoming, so to speak, out of the wilderness. He spoke of the grand, noble, self-sacrificing life that ended with Pope Leo XIII., of his eternal vigilance to win through love, and demonstration of the power of the true Church. The speaker made many happy allusions to the life of the papacy, beginning with the struggles and sacrifices of the early martyrs down to the present day, and proofs of the great strength of the institution of which St. Peter was the first representative. The diligence with which the Pope at Rome watches every tiny portion of his vast kingdom was dwelt upon, and a brief outline of the trials and struggles of the Pontiffs who have gone before was given.

Of the present Pope, Pius X., he said the selection was of divine inspiration; for a man better fitted for the exalted position could not have been chosen. The same keen interest that the late Leo XIII. manifested in this Northwest country His Holiness Pius X. has shown a desire to perpetuate; and the reports that will be the result of His Excellency's visit here will be most encouraging and it was safe to say, quite surprising. Mgr. Sbarretti gloried in the growth of the faith in the West and admonished his followers to continue to serve and praise God according to the tenets of their religion and to consider themselves indeed fortunate to be members, no matter how humble, of the only one true Catholic and Apostolic Church.

A pontifical blessing followed the reply to the address, and after this service His Excellency and the clergy marched down the aisle and out to the carriages. As he walked back again to his carriage he stopped here and there patting little boys and girls on the heads or cheeks and uttering a blessing as he did so.

**CHURCH OF HOLY GHOST.**

Then to Holy Ghost Church the procession wended its way. Here the faithful Galicians and Poles were waiting patiently for the coming of the representative of the spiritual ruler on earth of the Holy Catholic Church. Unlike their English-speaking brethren and sisters, these devout foreigners fell upon their knees and bowed their heads until the distinguished party had passed into the modest place of worship. Rev. Father Kulawy, pastor of the parish, welcomed His Excellency on behalf of his parishioners. He told of the devotion of the foreigners to their Church and how seemingly appreciative they are for the freedom of religious thought they are enjoying in this new land.

His Excellency responded by congratulating the immigrants on the conditions they are enjoying in their new home; on the historical career of the Polish, Galician and German peoples, and on their devotion to Holy Mother Church, through it all. He praised them for their liberal support of their little church and expressed himself as being delighted with the prospects of their future in this country. As they built up their fortune he admonished them to look carefully to the salvation of their souls, the greatest and most priceless gem in every fortune. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and pontifical blessing was given after the remarks of His Excellency.

**THE RUTHENIAN CHURCH.**

Even among Catholics many are not aware that there is a Roman Catholic chapel where the Ruthenian rite is observed. It is a little wooden building away out on the prairie in McDonald street. There Rev. Father Zoldak, Vicar General for the Uniate Ruthenians, says Mass in the Ruthenian language. It was nearly six o'clock when he

greeted the Apostolic Delegate. Not more than one-third of the good people could crowd into the small chapel, but the devout parishioners remained kneeling with heads bowed low from the moment of His Excellency's entrance until the last clergyman had crossed the threshold of the church at the conclusion of the service.

An address replete with the most sincere professions of loyalty to the Holy Father and his Most Reverend Delegate was presented to His Excellency. Mgr. Sbarretti was evidently deeply moved by their loyalty to the centre of unity, and afterwards remarked that this was the most interesting and heart-stirring reception he had witnessed. In his reply he said:

I am glad to see you and I am greatly edified with your piety. In spite of differences of rite we are all children of the same Church. Rites are matters of secondary importance. I love you and take as much interest in your welfare as in that of other members of the Church. I am happy to witness your sincere devotion to the Holy See, which your gathering in such large numbers to honor the Pope's representative proves. I know there are some evil-minded persons who try to rob you of this treasure of union with the Vicar of Christ, but in spite of their efforts I trust that you will ever remain faithful to the Holy See under the guidance of your devoted pastor, the Very Rev. Father Zoldak. One pretext which your enemies allege in order to withdraw you from allegiance to the Holy See is that we want to make you give up your Ruthenian rite and adopt the Latin rite. Now, as the immediate representative of the Holy Father, I solemnly declare to you that the Pope is more anxious to maintain your rite than you are yourselves. Nobody is allowed to change your rite. Not even I myself, though entrusted with high powers as Apostolic Delegate, can effect this change. Thus you see that these men who are trying to deceive you are either ignorant of the facts or willful liars. My heart burns with indignation when I think of their cadummies against the Holy See. Be faithful and God will reward you with everlasting life.

His Excellency then gave a special blessing to the fervent colony of Uniate Ruthenians, after which he drove to

**ST. MARY'S.**

where a first-class supper was prepared for the Archbishops and other clerical guests. At 7.30 p.m., when the congregation, which filled St. Mary's Church to its utmost capacity, were seated, His Excellency and His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, with many of the clergy, entered the church by the main doors, the procession passing up the main aisle. His Excellency was seated on a throne to the right of the platform, and His Grace had a seat to the left. The assistants to His Excellency were the Very Rev. Father Dugas, Vicar General, and Rev. Father Camper. The assistants to His Grace were Rev. Father Dandurand and Rev. Father Phelan. The other clergymen were Revs. Father Cahill, parish priest; Father O'Dwyer, Father Drummond, Father Poitras, Father McCarthy, Father Bouillon, Father Trudel, master of ceremonies, and the Brothers of St. Mary's school.

When His Excellency was seated the committee of the congregation, Messrs. F. W. Russell, chairman, T. D. Deegan, N. Bawlf, Chief Justice Dubuc and Dr. McKenty entered, and Mr. Russell read the following address:—

To His Excellency the Most Rev. Mgr. Sbarretti, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

Your Excellency,—The parishioners of St. Mary's esteem it a very great privilege to have this opportunity of reverently approaching you, and of conveying to you a heartfelt expression of the great happiness with which we hail your visit to our parish church, and of our undying devotion to the office and person of our Holy Father the Pope, whose representative you are.

Although we form but a small and very humble portion of the immense flock over which our Holy Father presides, we realize the obligation we are under of doing our full duty as members of the world-

wide Catholic Church, and with this sentiment deeply rooted in our minds and our hearts the present visit of so distinguished a churchman as Your Excellency, and one so closely connected with our Chief Pastor, animates us with the brightest hopes for the future of the Church in this country. We look upon your residence in Canada and your visit here as proof of the marvellous oversight which the head of the Church has over his flock in all parts of the world, and of how wonderfully united are even the humblest children of the faith with their Supreme Pontiff, who is the Vicar of Christ upon earth.

With the whole civilized world we have mourned the death of our late illustrious Pope Leo XIII. of immortal memory, with all Catholic Christendom we declare our loyal and reverential devotion to his successor, our present beloved Pope Pius X.; and we assure Your Excellency that in the future, as in the past, we intend to remain devoted, though humble, members of the Church, striving to make ourselves the more worthy of the grace which has been granted us of being members of the one true Church, and trusting to leave behind us a generation which shall keep the lamp of faith burning brightly in this country, and which, in its turn, will transmit to posterity the truth pure and undefiled.

For yourself personally we respectfully desire to assure you that we entertain the most profound veneration and regard, and we shall earnestly pray that Your Excellency may long be spared to aid in spreading and straightening and protecting Christ's kingdom on earth.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Mary's,

F. W. RUSSELL,  
Chairman of Committee.  
OSMOND MARRIN,  
Secretary.

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.

**DELEGATE'S REPLY AT ST. MARY'S.**

Mgr. Sbarretti, in replying, said: Our holy Church, whose centre is in Rome, was instituted and established by Our Lord for the salvation of all mankind; but all the churches of all parts of the world, in order to fulfil the will of our Holy Redeemer, must be united with the Church of Rome. Every church in all parts of the world, all the faithful of the whole world, must be united with the Church of Rome, because the Church of Rome was established as the Church in which resides the Vicar of Jesus Christ. It is true, Mr. Chairman, that this parish with all the church is small, but it is not small in the faith that animates the faithful; it is not small in the love they have for the Holy Father residing in Rome. We count the parish, not by the material side, but by the prouidity of the faith and devotion they have to the holy see; and besides, small things are not small when united together. That your faith and love to the holy see is not small is proved and evidently demonstrated: first, by the presence of all these good Catholic people of this parish. It is proved by the generosity they have shown in building up this beautiful church to the glory of God. Also it is proved by the ceremony we are going to perform this evening the blessing of the corner stone of the new Catholic school in this city. This, to my mind, is a proof, an evident proof, that your faith has shown itself by generosity in the building up of a school worthy of your faith and worthy of our holy religion. We recognize the difficulties you have to encounter in doing this work; but the more and greater the difficulties of an enterprise, the more is shown the generosity and the strength of the people who overcome the difficulties and go ahead to do what is required by the love of our holy religion. The ideals of Catholic education inspire you to make all temporal sacrifice for the good of our dear Church. We account nothing of temporal things where there is a question of the betterment of the interest of religion, of the salvation of souls. Certainly this sacrifice you make is great, but the compensation you have derived is greater. When you impart to the children, not only civil, but religious education so permeated that the mind and heart of

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Calendar for Next Week.

NOVEMBER.

- 1—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. The feast of All Saints. 2, Monday—All Souls' Day. 3, Tuesday—Of the octave of All Saints. 4, Wednesday—St. Charles Borromeo, Cardinal Archbishop. 5, Thursday—Of the octave. 6, Friday—Of the octave. 7, Saturday—Of the octave.

CURRENT COMMENT

Of course the all absorbing topic during the past week has been the visit of the Apostolic Delegate. From his arrival on Thursday, the 22nd inst., till his departure on Tuesday, the 27th, we have heard on all sides an ever growing chorus of praise.

We say but little when we venture upon the assertion that no visit from any churchman ever was so heartily welcomed as this. The daily press of the city lavished their space on every detail of the manifold receptions and the tone of the reports was even more remarkable than their quantity.

Remarkable, too, among all His Excellency's replies, is his talk to the pupils of St. Mary's Academy. His luminous and suggestive distinction between genuine womanly strength of character and the manishness of the "new woman" reveals a master mind, capable of delicate touches that remind one of St. Francis de Sales.

The fact that Leo XIII. made such a happy choice less than one year before his death shows how wonderfully the late Pontiff had preserved to the last that paramount gift of those who are truly "kings of men," viz., the faculty of discerning and divining beforehand the latent powers of a subordinate official.

free country, the conditions are different, and it remained to be seen if the new Delegate would realize fully his altered environment. This he has done admirably and thus he has justified Leo XIII's prediction for him.

One happy feature of these never-to-be-forgotten five days was the ideal perfection of the weather. We seemed to be getting our warm and bright days now instead of during August and September.

Last Monday evening all Catholics, we believe, felt proud of the President of their club. He showed himself the right man for the great occasion. His gentlemanly dignity and self-possession, his command of English, his distinct pronunciation made the hearing of his address a real pleasure.

When will the average address reader learn the importance of giving out his words loud and distinct, even to the last syllable of the last word? His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface may be cited as a model. It is not often that Archbishops have to read an address, but Mgr. Langevin set a splendid example in his cathedral last Sunday.

Though it may seem discourteous to point out a spot in the sum of last Monday's evening's triumph at the Y.M.C.A., we cannot refrain from animadverting upon Mr. C. W. Hanscomb's strange taste in the choice of his songs. He sings so well and his songs are so clever that we feel all the more grieved to have to point out that a song the point of which was "a man without a woman is a mighty poor thing," is not precisely the sort of ballad a gentleman should sing as his only contribution to honor a Delegate Apostolic, the Archbishop of all the Catholics there, and the numerous clergy, who, of course, have no wives.

Next week we shall begin the publication of an intensely interesting historical novel, so clearly founded upon fact that the fiction is merely a vehicle for conveying the true historic events. The Delegate's young and amiable secretary, Father Stickney, is so modest that we only discovered by chance his right to a Doctor's cap. He won the doctorate of divinity in Rome after six years of theology which he began so young that he had to wait a couple of years for ordination. He is now only four and twenty. As his mother was a

Belgian, Doctor Stickney speaks French very well.

The following gracious acknowledgment appeared in the Morning Telegram of last Saturday —

The reporter for the Telegram who was responsible for the account of Mgr. Sbarretti's reception at St. Boniface College on Thursday evening, writes as follows: —

The address in three languages of the Apostolic Delegate was correctly described as a remarkable effort. It must have struck readers of the Telegram, however, that the reportorial skill which presented next morning a fairly complete account, barring a few typographical errors of the whole proceedings, including the speech with its trilingual difficulties, was none the less an extraordinary feat.

When applied to by the reporters for the Winnipeg papers to help them out of their difficulty, they found that he had actually a complete note in shorthand in three different languages of the speech as delivered, and although tired with the manifold duties of a fatiguing day, he dictated a complete synopsis of Mgr. Sbarretti's speech; translating rapidly from his shorthand notes with a rapidity, ease and fluency truly marvelous to anyone who knows the difficulties of the task.

In the hurry and rush of providing copy for the printers, an acknowledgment of Father Drummond's courtesy was omitted, but it will be regarded as perhaps more astonishing because more technically difficult than the speech of the Delegate himself. In this generous acknowledgment the Telegram reporter has unwittingly exaggerated the magnitude of the feat. Father Drummond's shorthand notes were not in three languages, but in one, the English shorthand of Isaac Pitman. He has had almost thirty years' experience of translating into English shorthand both Latin and French discourses.

SPEAKING ENGLISH.

Almost any one who speaks English might be put down successively in half a dozen places where English is supposed to be the mother tongue and hear as many dialects spoken, not one of which he would understand until it was interpreted. An old Lancashire worthy and a London lady were one day occupants of a railway carriage. The train had been waiting long at a certain station, and there was no appearance of it starting when the worthy remarked:

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phan colony, shook hands with the boy and patted him on the head, and pictured a brilliant future for him. Just then a boy of seven made a short presentation speech, and two midgets of about three presented His Excellency and His Grace with bouquets. It certainly was a pretty sight to behold these tiny children, each with a golden ringlet hanging about their bright, winsome faces. A pair of large blue eyes and a pair of equally as large black eyes, gazing up into the faces of these high church dignitaries was a picture over which an artist would rave. The little children were robed in pretty black velvet suits and large white collars and cuffs falling back over little Fauntelroy coats, the work of the never tiring fingers of the Sister Superior.

His Excellency took these children on his knee and talked to and caressed them while the other children crowded around to listen to his fatherly advice. He finally deposited each flower boy in little chairs and gave his undivided attention to the entire roomful of boys, as he said, future citizens of Winnipeg. He chatted with and patted each boy, learned the trend of their ambitions, and encouraged them, and in about fifteen minutes after his arrival at the orphanage the youngsters and the Apostolic Delegate were as old friends.

The Sisters had decorated the school-room with palms, smilax and cut flowers, and forming an archway was this Latin inscription: "Benedictus qui venit in Nomine Domini." Under the arch the formalities of the occasion occurred. Vicar General Dugas, Fathers Stickney, O'Dwyer, Cahill, Brother Lewis, the staff of St. Mary's school and Messrs. N. Bawlf, Deegan and Russell accompanied His Excellency on this informal visit.

His Excellency spoke at length on the untiring vigilance of the Sisters, and admonished the children to pray fervently to God for grace to appreciate the home that is provided for them and the careful attention these foster mothers are each day bestowing upon them.

When the bouquets had been presented to His Excellency that a holiday might not be amiss, and asked if the afternoon might be spent in rollicking fun and frolic as a fitting celebration of his visit, to which His Excellency promptly acquiesced, and a jollier, happier and more appreciative lot of youngsters never lived than the deserted youngsters, inmates of St. Joseph's orphanage.

The party left 25 minutes before one o'clock, leaving in their wake more rays of bright warm sunshine than had ever been the lot of these youngsters to enjoy—or each one was singled out for recognition—and that meant so much.

A little before 1 p.m. Mgr. Sbarretti and Mgr. Langevin drove to Government House, where they received the guests invited by His Honor to the luncheon, which began at 1.15. Sir Daniel McMillan most graciously did the honors of an exquisite repast. His guests were: His Excellency Mgr. D. Sbarretti, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Rev. Father Dugas, V. G., Rev. Father Stickney, Rev. Father Drummond, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Father Kulawy, the Chief Justice and Mme. Dubuc, Hon. Senator and Mme. Bernier, Judge and Mme. Prud'homme, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bawlf, Mr. and Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Scott-Griffin, Mme. Monchamp, Mrs. Devine, Capt. and Mme. Gautier, M. and Mme. Bourgeois, Dr. and Mme. G. A. Dubuc, Dr. and Mme. Lambert.

A little after six p.m. Mr. Nicholas Bawlf entertained at dinner in honor of His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti. Covers were laid for twelve, the other guests being His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, Chief Justice Dubuc, Hon. R. P. Roblin, Rev. Father Drummond, Rev. Father Stickney, Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Kulawy and W. Bawlf.

Mrs. Bawlf, assisted by Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Stewart, of Spokane, and Miss Mary Wood, of Smith's Falls, received the distinguished guests, whom little Master Clarence, dressed in a neat Eton jacket, ushered in at the door.

The table decorations were very artistic. A tall cut glass filled with shaggy white chrysanthemums rested on a centrepiece of white tulle over yellow silk. Broad bands of yellow and white, the papal colors, crossed the table ending in smart bows at the corner.

Shortly after dinner Mr. Bawlf and his guests drove to the Y.M.C.A. building, the reception rooms of which were already crowded. For over an hour the large throng passed through the parlors and were presented by Mr. Frank Russell, President of the

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to His Excellency. In spite of Mr. Russell's wide acquaintance with the people of Winnipeg, he was frequently obliged to ask the visitors their names, so cosmopolitan was the crowd. Every shade of political and religious opinion was represented, from the Chief Justice to the Rev. Dr. Bryce, every step in the social scale, from millionaires like Mr. Ashdown to the poorest of the poor, whom His Excellency welcomed with especial kindness. It was, for any reflective mind, a most impressive spectacle, simple in its forms but suggestive of the happiest possibilities. Everybody seemed to be at home with the right hand man of the Father of Christendom.

When all had been cordially welcomed the guests assembled in the auditorium.

The platform was richly decorated with plants, flowers and curtains. His Excellency and Archbishop Langevin took seats on the stage, accompanied by Mr. F. W. Russell, President of the Catholic Club, Mr. N. Bawlf and Mr. T. D. Deegan. Mr. Russell read the following address from the members of the Catholic Club to the Delegate:—

In Faith and Friendship,

The Catholic Club,

Winnipeg, Oct. 26, 1903.

To His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate.

"Your Excellency.—Before closing the proceedings this evening the members of the Catholic Club desire to assure you of their respectful appreciation of your kind recognition of the work they are doing in this city. Established as our club was, during the pontificate of our late lamented Pope Leo XIII., who so often, and in such express terms, impressed on the faith the importance of fraternal and social organization, we rejoice to believe that his successor, our present beloved pontiff, will in like manner encourage the progress and development of all well-considered and approved associations of laymen, and we look upon Your Excellency's kind and ready acceptance to our gathering this evening, not only as a mark of your approval, but as an indication of your desire to encourage us in the social work in which we are engaged.

Our club has now been in existence long enough to entitle us to say that it was a necessity of the time and place and the great success we have achieved is owing, we believe, to the fact that in every detail of the club's existence the executive and members have been true to the Catholic principles, on which the organization was founded, and that we have ever had the warm approval and encouragement of our Archbishop and our parochial clergy.

Again thanking Your Excellency for your kind consideration and beseeching your blessing on our club, our members, and the work in which we are engaged, we remain on behalf of the members,

F. W. RUSSELL, President.

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**THE REPLY.**

His Excellency read his reply to the address, departing from his course on the numerous other occasions on which he was similarly honored, when he spoke extempore, but before doing so he said:

I want to signify to you that I have been very much impressed by my stay in this beautiful city. I admire the broad, well-kept streets of the city, the fine buildings and the magnificent institutions of charity and of learning. I have seen with great pleasure that the city is very orderly, and that the people are energetic and full of reasonable

enterprise for the advancement and the progress of the city. I like to see energy and progress in every sphere of human labor; and I like to see that you are up to the standard and are moving energetically forward for the advancement of civilization in this nice and beautiful city. I fear that if I were to stay longer I would like to remain here forever. (Applause).

"Allow me first to thank the Catholic Club for their hearty welcome and to congratulate them on the formation and solid growth of their body. It was a truly Catholic idea that gave rise to your association, and you have ever shown a lively spirit of faith. By co-operation with those who represent the authority of the Church, lay action, such as yours, becomes a real source of power for good. I am glad to see that the Catholics of Winnipeg are animated by so excellent a spirit, a spirit which I found more or less everywhere among the Catholics of the West.

One thing that particularly struck me in Western Canada is that this vast region will, in all human probability, be the home of millions of people from all parts of the world. Of course these settlers will be of many different nationalities and various creeds. The great problem is how to assimilate all these different elements, how to weld them into one harmonious whole. In order to solve this problem it is evident that a most important factor will be a friendly feeling of toleration for national peculiarities and beliefs, together with a strong desire to do justice to all. If we really wish that all should go hand in hand in the path of true progress, we must necessarily avoid all unnecessary friction and do all we can to foster, among all sections of the community, a spirit of happy and contented patriotism.

"It was only natural that shortly after the opening up of this great country, immediately after the first rush of immigrants of widely divergent opinions, there should have been some misunderstanding, some friction; but, as the country develops, as people get to know each other better, it may assuredly be predicted that the causes of friction will pass away, and, while ever insisting on a loyal observance of the country's laws, the framers of those laws, who represent a fair-minded and generous people, will see to it that justice be meted out to everyone, because justice is the very foundation of every well ordered society. This broad spirit of equal justice gives me the assurance that all the rights of every individual, and of every class of citizens, will be respected; and that your great country will be second to none on earth in the way of civil, moral and social progress. Catholics have done, and will do their share, will powerfully co-operate to obtain this noble end. My observations and investigations during my trip through your western country have shown me that the Catholics who have settled in these vast regions are daily being better understood and their value in the development of the country better appreciated by their non-Catholic brethren. Those who are familiar with the early history of the Northwest, cannot but remember how the Catholic missionaries trained the then relatively preponderant Catholic half-breed population to habits of proverbial honesty and trustworthiness, so that during many years the stalwart Catholic half-breeds saved the country from the terrible Indian raids which laid waste the less fortunate regions of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and how those same missionaries made those very Indians, at one time such a source of danger, a body of harmless and, for the most part, law-abiding citizens. Coming down to later times, we note how the great work the Catholic Church is doing here, ministering to the spiritual and temporal wants of the people in schools, in hospitals, in orphanages, in all works of charity, is now more and more recognized as a most important factor in the progress of civilized life in this country and city. Throughout your great province with its agricultural wealth, as well as in the mining and lumbering centres of the west and in the sea ports of the Pacific, Catholics show that they are not behind any others in their patriotic

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Charles C. Starbuck,  
Andover, Mass.

#### BUOYANT MIDDLE-AGE.

Half a century ago a man of forty-five was regarded almost elderly, and a woman of the same age was expected to have long since cut herself adrift from all ties binding her to her youth and to assume the appearance and deportment of a staid, exemplary matron. All this has changed in a particularly interesting way, of which the prominent feature is a seeming contradiction. If the three-year-old child of to-day is as knowing as was the six-year-old of half a century ago and the ten-year-old boy of to-day is in many respects quite as much a man as was his grandfather at eighteen, one might naturally expect that in due gradation the modern middle-aged man should be old beyond his years. But such is not the case.

Middle-age, so far from hurrying on into senility, so far even from standing still, would seem actually to have stepped backward and marched alongside of youth. There is a jauntness, a buoyancy, an elasticity, about the middle-age of to-day at which our fathers would have shaken their heads as unseemly. The gulf which once separated the middle-aged parent from his children has been filled up. The curtain which shrouded the middle-aged man generally from the eyes of youth and which caused him to be regarded with respect if not with awe has been lifted, and in obedience to the same influences which have made the school-master the friend of the school-boy and the regimental officer almost the comrade of his men the middle-aged man of to-day is never so happy as when working or playing upon an equality and actually in connection with youth.

As with men, so it is with women. Social statisticians tell us that the age at which women are considered most eligible for marriage has been very notably advanced of late years, and we know that the lament of many a match-making mamma is that the most dreaded rivals of her darling are not to be found so much among the girls of her own age as among women who not many years ago would have been relegated to the ranks of hopeless old maidenhood. The fact that the middle-aged lady of to-day is much younger in manner and tastes is of course not the only reason for this, but it is among the most potent.—London Spectator.

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After prayer and singing the pastor announced that Miss Bessie Smythe, daughter of a farmer who lived on the Orland road, had consented to sell her hair at auction and to have it cut off in the presence of the company, to be given to the one who would pay most for it, the money to be devoted to the cause in which all were interested.

The hair was uncoiled and shaken free from pins and combs until it hung down her back and swept the platform. It was very thick and of a ruddy brown color.

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Then a Boston wholesale merchant arose and said that it was a shame to make such a sacrifice when there was no need of it, and that if he had money enough about his person to protect the girl the hair should not be cut off. It was then agreed that as the rivals made their bids they should deposit the money on a table in front of the auctioneer.

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