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#### Newman Literary Guild.

The first regular meeting of the Newman Literary Guild was held Thursday at St. Mary's school room evening before last, when Mr. J. A. McInnis presided over a large attendance. Mr.F.W.Russell gave the opening address of the season in the form of a paper stating the reasons for the formation of this on the duties of membership. This paper is so valuable that we print it here.

Mr. Russell's Paper.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:-

We met here last week and with business like despitch organized an association which if it achieves its object will in the future be an important power for good in this community. It is scarcely necessary for one to speak now about the need of such an organiza tion, for to use a well worn phrase it has been a "long felt wan," amongst the Catholics of Winnipeg, nevertheless in endeavouring to comply with your request to read a short paper at this the opening meeting it may not be considered out of place if I do go a little into the reasons which have prompted the establishment of our guild, putting these reasons into the form of a few general reflections on the duties of membership, especially on two or three leading points which it seems to me are particularly worthy of consideration by members of such an adjunct of the church as our guild is intended to be.

" I star out, then, wit the assertion. and it is an assertion which I think will receive the assent of all here, that at no time in the history of the Church was it more necessary that Catholics should be fully equipped in the principles of their religion and able not only to sa tisfy themselves but also to give an intelligent reason for the faith that is in them than at the present day. One reason of this is that these are the days of general education, days when the intellect must, humanly speaking pre-Vail; days, too, when unrest, dissatis faction, doubt and fear as to their posi tion has seized toe mends of non-Catho lies to an extent never known before, rendering it absolutely necessary tha we should each one of us in our different sphere of life be not only willing but able to place before them the claims of the Catholic Churca and to show them the rest, the peace and content they may and if they will only turn with confidenee to the church of their forefathers This being so it is the manifest duty o Satholics no matter what their position er condition may be so to cultivate the intellectual, as well as the moral powers, which they possess, that they shall each one be an agent for the alvancement of the cause of the Church and our Holy Religion. Truly a great work lies ready for us to do if we will only be true to ourselves and faithful to the direction of our Holy Father who has him self in more than one of his immoreal letters sketched out for Catholic laymen the plan by which they should direct their energies to spreat the influence of the Church. But to do this work, to be ready at all times to make good use of thinking for them. But, the question is our opportunities, we must be well pre- is the charge true of our Catholic people? pared and thoroughly equipped, and the question for us to solve is how is this to be accomplished? We in a Protestant country like this have it constanty forced on our minds that we are not only comparatively few in number but also that we are possessed of comparatively little influence on the large aggregate of religious bodies around us. This means that we are living in what must be called a dangerous atmosphere, so much so that it will take even the most devoted Catholic all his time to remain uninfluenced by the religious and irreligious ideasby which he is surrounded. In view of this, one thing that must be consoling to all of us is the fact that notwithstanding all the difficulties which this wholesome change we may certain- it that a true taste for it leaves its imhave been put in our way never in the ly give one of the places of honor to the press not only on every book, school and past has the Church in this country C.T.S., who have published a vast li- church but on every Catholic home in done greater work in the education of brary of books that are attractive both the land. Of course not many of us can the younger children than is being done inside and out and have really accom- afford to possess the originals but the in the elementary schools which are plished wonders in providing us with a modern multiplication of the various being conducted in this city, and we may means with which to forestall the bane- processes of reproducing pictures, and claim without fear of successful con- ful effects of the floods of corrupt litera- the perfection to which these processes claim without fear of successful conful effects of the floods of corrupt literators that Catholic children when the land. All experience proves that the reach of almost every household, of their members the Catholic people hand Institute. Full particulars free. tradiction that Catholi; children when ture which are deluging and desolating have been carried, have placed within the social and intellectual improvement for

well instructed in their religion but there is no more prolific source of evil even the most numble, the opportunity must be disposed by reason of the excellent training they receive to live as good practical and uncompromising ever were. But the foundation of Catho lic practices and Catholic principles having been thus excellently laid, common sense a d our knowledge of human nature and the circumstances of our position here teach us that special measures of some kin I must be taken if we wish guild, with a few general reflections | the rising generation to continue in the course that has been marked out by them in the schools. And proceeding along this line of thought our everyday ex perience tells as further that this can only be accomplished by keeping as strict a watch as we can over both boys and girls as soon as they leave school to prevent if possible the entire severance of the link with which they have so far been united to the Church an + its institutions, and by inducing them not only to keep up their connection with the Church itself and the Sanday school but also to join guilds an I confraternities the aim of which shall be to interest and entertain them and at the same time supplement the knowle lgegaine at school of religious doctrine and history, of the teachings of our religion and the past o our glorious Church, which knowledge will, otherwise, assuredly day after day grow nore an more indistinct. And in this line much can undoubtedly be done by a guild such as that which we have founded. Unfortunately onr circumstances de-

not permit of our doing all that we would like to do. We cannot for instance, escome and enjoy attractive forms of innocent amusement, but there is one well intellectual recreation such as debates, interspersed with lectures and tarks on lively Catholics topics, which. I would remark, in parenthesis, should as often as possible be given by lay mempers rather than by the clergy as thereby we shall be stimulated to useful enquiry. Then, as time goes on it seems to me we should endeavour to establish a library of suitably selected books, and I would recommend as the foundation of such a Catholic Library every single publication of the English Catholic Truth Society. And this brings to my mondate thought that one important thing which the members of a guild of this kind can set themselves to accomplish s to cultivate amongst Catholics, and especially the young, the habit of reading. It is sometimes said, indeed it has been a general complaint amongst Catholic publishers and authors that Cathones do not read. I should be very sorry to think that this is altogether true for it would be great reflection on our people masmuch as the only legitimate excase could be want of time and the cases are very rare indeed where a boy or a man does not have time to read it ne wants to. When I hear a man who can read say he does not have time to read I put him down as a man to be pitied -and I think too, this pity may well be extended to his wife and children for having a husband and father who is so indolent and has so little interest in his or their welfare that he is content to let others do his reading and and it has been answered by those wno are competent to express an opinion who say that it is not altogether true but that the trouble is that Catholics are very much like other classes of people inasmuch as they do read a great deal of shows its appreciation of the works of of the rubbish of which the printing the great Catholic painters by the monepresses are so prolific in these days. The time was and that not so very long ago | gious masterpieces, and our Protestant when our Catholic people really suffered friends show their appreciation of Cathofor the want of suitable reading in their families and when Catholic books of it in beautifying and adorning their were published at such high prices that homes. Surely we do not intend to leave but few could afford to buy them. But it all to them; it is the outgrowth of our Sir. of late years a revolution has been faith, the outward expression of our deworked in this respect and foremost a votion, our sacred traditions and our mongst those who have brought about religious practices, and we should see to

than the trashy, demoralizing literature which constantly being scattered broadcast throughout the length and breadth of Catholies as the children of any country | the country and which none can avoid seeing. It should be our aim, therefore, to spread amongst our people a knowledge of and a love for better class pub lications, books which are so interestingly written that if once read the reading will assuredly create a craving for more, and which can be had at a trifling cost covering the whole field of fiction, biography, history, doctrine and controversy. Besides the books of the from Society it should be our duty to to make known amongst Catholics the existence of the many excellent magazines which are published weekly or Montaly and which in themselves form each year a respectable Catholic Library. Amongst these I would mention "t he Month," "the Catholic Magazine" and "the Catholic Fireside" published in England; "the Socttish Cathotic Monthly" published in S. otland; "the Irish Monthly" published in Ireland or if we do not care to go so far from home we have our Canadian "Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart" which is small but will grow; and many excellent monthlies published in the United States, notably "The Catholic World" by the Paulist Fathers, New York; "the Ave Maria" of Notre Dame, Indiana, "the Messenger of the Sacred Heart" and "the Rosary Magazine" both of New follow your instructions to limit my York. Then there are the hundreds of newspapers which are issued weekly, this I have necessarily been able only contributed to by some of the greatest to skim the surface of what are really tablish a club to which our boys could minds and ablest writers in the world, none of which papers I need enumerate ly interesting subjects. Catholic literafor I have said sufficient to indicate that thing we can do and that is provide them the promotion of good Catholic literature themselves form the text of a much in Catholic homes is no longer either longer paper and perhaps at some future an impossibility or a deflicative, and we time we may pleasantly and profi at strive to spread the desire for this literature to such an extent that in every Catholic family there shall be at least our first, is only the beginning of a long one weekly Catholic paper, some Catholic monthly, and some of the Truth Society children's papers for the smaller lay down some definite lines and this children, and story books, interesting biographies and deeper works for those

> And now, although I understand it to be your desire that my paper should be a short one, I think I have yet time to briefly refer to another subject closely akin to Catholic Literature, the tasce Catholic Literary guild to stimulate, and art." As everyone knows art was the Newman Literary Guild." creation of the Church and this is particularly true of the art of painting. Themost rudimentary acquaintance with the history of art in the last 1900 years is sufficient to convince anyone that art both in architecture and painting was the work of the Catholic Church, for is cannot be denied that the most absorbing inspiration of Christian art in its earliest days and night up to the period of its most perfect splendour was the Incarna. tion and especially the Divine Motherhood typified in the Madonna and Child. All that is greatest and best by the common consent of the educated world in the art of painting is to be found in the of the golden age of painting, and this being admitted it will be very much to be regretted if Catholics nowadays do not fully appreciate their own privilege and allow their artistic inheritance to be wholly enjoyed by others. The world tary value it sets upon their great relilie art by the abundant use they make

of larger growth.

things than attempt to introduce Catho lic pictures into Catholic homes, for by nothing can young lives be influenced which they see around them. As I have others to utilize, the abundant resources the homes of our children, with such examples of Catholic art that our little ones thus trained up from the r earliest years to see the best and truest in religious art will thereby be formed not only to higher and nobler tastes but to a warmer and richer love of their religion which that art symbolizes.

And now I must close, for we have other business on for this evening that will prove more interesting than the dry paper which I have laid before you. I have attempted in a very short compass to outline some points which, as I said at the beginning, I felomight reasonably interest the members of a Catholic Literary guild. I have endeavoured to paper about fifteen minutes and in doing very important and it seems to me deepture and Catholic art might each in spend an evening developping either or both points. I trust that this meeting, career for each one of us as members of our new guild. To be successful we must has in a small way been my object this evening. Having laid down these lines a bond of sympat! y and cooperation amongst the members of the guild, and should be done with a vew to our im-

en, seconded by Mr.Kennedy.

Part of the evening was taken up with an interesting debate, in which Mr. J. J. Smith, assisted by Mr.F. Marrin, maintained that alcohol is more baneful than tobacco. which Mr. F. D. Smith and Mr. E. Golden denied. No little debating talent was developed on both sides. The president gave his decision in favor of the affirmative.

The Rev. L. J. S. Williamson, an its energies chiefly to the production of literary essays and the discussion and criticism consequent

#### The Newman Literary Guild.

To the Elitor of The Northwest Review.

As announced in the last issue of the Northwest Review there has been organized in Winnipeg a literary society Guild. Such an organization, whose the intellectual life and vigor of the tivity. Catholic young men and women of this city has long been an abiding need. While other religious denominations

have lacked conspicuously anything of a of adorning the home with nearly all distinctly it erary character to encourage the masterpieces of the older and the and foster intellectual growth and alater schools. A refined taste, therefore, chievement. The hour has at length come. for that which is most perfect and true The seed has been planted. Let us in is and should be a characteristic of every charity hope it may grow into a living as members of a Catholic Literary guild Catholic, and members of a Catholic tree, ever green and ever fruitful. The Literary guild aught do many wise name of the society-the Newman Literary Guild-has been peculiarly well chosen. The word "Guild" carries us back in the history of the Church and of more than by form, color symbolism of the world to the grand old Age of Faith when by means of organizations said and as we all know, never before have known by that appellation the great the facilities been so great for obtaining at historic Catholic Church in her numbervery moderate expense reproductions of less works of Christ-like charity fed the the noblest and best specimens; let us hungry, clothed the nakel, and harbortherefore try to utilize, and induced ed the homeless and poverty-stricken among men. What more fitting then at our disposal and so adorn our homes, than a title which at once associates us in thought with the glorious work of divine charity in the Church of Christ? The word "Newman" at once calls to our minds the name of one who was and is in very truth a beacon-light to inquiring men, one who stands as the intellectual and literary giant among the churchmen of this nineteenth century, who by his innate force of character and his immortal fixity of purpo e has conquered the uncharitable animosities and unthinking prejudices of the English people and changed the religious face of the Engishspeaking world. Let us then pray "Lead Kinelly Light" that this organization as yet in its infantile stage may be worthy of the patronage of the illustrious John Henry Newman.

But in order that our wish in this respect may be fully realized we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and endeavour to make each meeting an unqualified success from every point of view. The programmes in the course of different meetings should be contribted to by every member in turn and should be of such a character as to present a pleasing variety.

Debates and essays, although very desirable should not exclude the reading an I recitation of choice selections in poetry and prose, or even the readition of beautiful productions in music. Swinburne says "to have heard the greatest works of any great master is a posses-I think if we set resolutely to work and sion added to the best things of life," keep together, doing all we can to create and Darwin, the great naturalist, who, through his neglect of the humanities became so one-sided and exclusive in bearing in mind that everything we do his reasonings, said in his later life "had I my life to live again I provement both morally and intellectu- would make a rule to read some poetry, for which it may well be considered ally, we shall succeed, and the day will and listen to some good music at least within the province of the members of a come when we shall reflect with plea- once a week; for perhaps the parts of sure not unmixed with pride that we my brain now atrophied would thus that is what we may call "Catholic home had a hahd in the foundation of "The have been kept active through use." It then should be an object of the society A vote of thanks was tendered to cultivate in its members a taste for Mr. Russell on motion of Mr. Gold- good literature, and an appreciation for fine music.

Again in the opinion of the writer it is highly desirable that the Catholic ladies of Winnipeg be admitted to membership and take an active part in the work of the Guild. This is deemed advisable not only for the sake of the organization itself but also for the good of the Catholic cause at large. If there is one thing in Catholic circles more lamentable than another it is the fact that our Catholic young men and young women do not appreciate each other as ex-Anglican elergyman who had they should. If I may be pardoned for creations of the great Catholic masters been received into the Church the so saying, mixed marriages are becoming day before, was invited to speak. a positive evil in this city. A Catholic After expressing his delight at the young lady of creditable social standing formation of this Literary Guild, said to me only the other day that there he hoped the society would devote are no desirable Catholic young men" in Winnipeg, or at least if there be she did not know them. What a sad commentary that such a statement could be honestly made! Now cannot the Guild do a noble work in bringing the Catholic young men and women into closer communion by teaching them to know and appreciate each other as members of the same "household of the faith." I think it can.

In this way then the Guild may become a powerful auxiliary of the Church. This at least is the humble view of one who standing by its cradle looks forward to be known as the Newman Literary with faith and hope to a healthy growth and development of the society in the function would be to stimulate and foster sphere of intellectual and literary ac-

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#### and the second s CURRENT COMMENT.

Our Ste. Rose du Lac correspondent's Indian story shows how slow may sometimes be the process of thoroughly Christianizing the savage.

The great feast of the Birth of Our Blessed Lord, the Desired of the Nations and still the only Hope of our fadridden nineteenth century, will have passed away before our next issue. May this blessed Christmastide bring to all our readers a more intimate knowledge and a more absorbing love of Him Who is the Truth, the Way and the Life. All other knowledge, all other loves should be subservient to this knowledge and love which is everlasting life.

We beg to direct particular attention to Mr. F.W.Russel's weighty and wise paper read at the first regular meeting of the Newman Literary Giuld. It is truly remarkable both as regards its warnings of dangers to be shunned and its advice to cultivate solid Catholic reading. "The life of man upon earth is a warfare" is especially true of the children of the Church. If they lay down their arms, they are lost and become the luaghing-stock of the human race. Their heritage is too precious to be frittered away in frivolity.

The utterances of our Hierarchy as reported in the two entertainments at St. Boniface College should also be carefully and reverentially pondered. Noel Bernier, in French, treating of the the audience to propound difficulties. rtant have we decined then that we have allowed them to encroach on our editorial space. The words of our Fathers in God are assuredly more fraught with salutary lessons than anything we could write.

We are glad to see that our esteemed contemporary, the Manitoba Free Press. does not wholly approve of the prohibition movement. It is one of the most stupid of the many stupid fads of this expiring century. Many men ought never to taste a drop of any alcoholic and morals, by Fortunat Lachance. A beverage. Individual prohibition is their only hope of safety either in this world or in the next, But, to infer from that evident fact that all the people should be condemned by law never to drink a spoonful of alcohol, is one of the many unreasonable conclu- a Latin dissertation on Truth and its sions of Protestantism, which revels in attainment. He exposed the weakness Those extreme extravagant inferences can never be realized in practice ; but, as the majority of Protestants never use their own reason but are dominated by the fashions of the hour, they think it wise to pose as prohibitionists in order to please a loud-voiced galaxy of silly women, some of whom drink or-what is worse- take morphine on the sly. Meanwhile Maine, the birthplace of prohibition, is seriously thinking of giving up a hypocritical law that is "more honored in the breach than in the observance.

#### Stories on the Rosary.

Longmans, Green and Co., of London, New York and Bombay,

ments," "A Sevenfold Treasure," Stories on the Beatitudes.' This is a tastefully bound volume of 172 pages on beautifully rib- French dissertation on the perfect abed paper, containing five storno attempt has been made to dwell upon the doctrinal import - \$2.00 a year, of the Mysteries of the Faith. The endeavor has been to show that the devotion of the Rosary has a practical bearing on the lives of each and all who make it their aim to use it with thoughtfulness and reverence.

The scenes and plots are very varied, from the luxury of an American millionaire's family circle to the pinchings of East End respectability. If Miss Dobree ere to visit America she could improve some of her portraits. Americans say "right away" not "straight away". But these are mere details On. the whole her work is very true to life. In the polite slang of wellbred English children she is delightfully at home. Though her pious purpose is evident, it is not forced. Only, some of her plots are unravelled too suddenly at too much afraid of wearing her readers. There is not a duil line in the whole book. Andconsidering the excellent type and paper, the work is marvellously cheap, only one shilling ynd sixpence or thirty-six cents.

#### A Philosophical Soiree At St. Boniface College.

The reception room of St. Boniface College was the scene of a serious and thought-provoking philosophical soiree last Tuesday evening. His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by their Lordships Bishops Pascal, Legal and Dontenville, O.M.I ,occupied the seats of honor, Several members of the local clergy were present, together with the undergraduates of the College, a fair sprinkling of graduates and some of the leading citizens of Winnipeg and St. Boniface, conspicuous among whom were Mr. N. Betournay, mayor of St. Boniface, Mr. Albert Betournay, Mr. Roger Goulet, Mr. Joseph Dubuc, Mr. M. Cinq-Mars, Mr-Theophane Bertrand and Mr. John S. Ewart, Q.C.

The entertainment, which was organized under the direction of Rev. Father J.Grenier, S.J., opened with a brief address by Aime Cinq-Mars, showing how all the dissertations and defensions were grouped about the leading ideal of the Holy Fathers's encyclical Ælerni Patris, of Aug. 4, 1879, in which a general direction is outlined for Catholic philosophical studies.

The excellence of Philosophy formed origin of mental and moral science; philosophy and pointing out the abcertitude.

The utility of Philosophy was next examined: first, from the standpoint of intellectual development and guidance, by Achille Rousseau, and secondly, from the standpoint of literature philosophical knowledge. Besides. good point made in this latter essay was the influence of philosophical train- cess of Darwin's unproved and unproing on the best productions of the world's literature.

Here a change in the program me was introduced by Ernest Golden reading of universal scepticism and explained the three kinds of certitude, metaphysical, physical and moral. He was attacked or these points in syllogistic form by No I Bernier and Louis Lalicarried on in Latin.

of knowing the truth was carried on by to the most learned societies in the Fortunat Lachance for the defence and world. He admired the labor bestow-Hormisdas Leblanc and A. Cinq-Mars for the attack, Fortunat Lachance questions, congratulated them on their having previously proved his theses.

The four-page programme, which was all tastefully printed in Latin. comprising the enunciation of no less than twenty-five theses, described a third disputation on the criterion of truth, in which Noel Bernier was to musical entertainment) and congratuhave sent us one of their most have defended nine theses against the lated the disputants. recent Catholic publications objections of Gustave Rocan and A.

part had to be omitted.

After Gustave Rocan had read a greement of supernatural faith with ies on the five joyful mysteries natural reason. His Grace rose, alleging of the Rosary. In these stories his physician's orders as the motive for his leaving before the end of the entertainment. However, he wished his brother Prelates to remain and say a few words to the students who had so carefully prepared this interesting soiree. When he rose, Archbishop Langevin expressed his intention of being very brief; but, happily for the audience, he was so full of the subject that he spoke for nearly twenty minutes. He was delighted with this entertainment, and hoped such intel lectual treats would often recur. Allu ding to one of the discussions in which the trustworthiness of sense-representations had been maintained, His Grace applied this philosophical doctrine to the appearances of bread and wine in the Blessed Eucharist The appearances were not deceptive, the senses were not deceived, the accidents of color taste, etc, were really there, but the substance of the bread and wine was not there. Generally accidents lead us to infer substance; but here we were warned by revelation that, when certain words had been uttered over that bread and wine by a duly ordained the end. She is perhaps a trifle priest, the substance of the bread and wine was transformed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. However, the testimony of the senses as to their proper cobject, i.e., the appearance, the color, the taste of the bread and wine, remained veracious.

The Archbishop then insisted on the immense advantage of thorough training in philosophy. Without that, Cath olic young men went out into the world poorly equipped against the attacks of unbelievers and misbelievers. It was owing to a lack of sound philosophy that so many Catholics seemed to have no deep-rooted convictions, no spiritual back-bone. He was glad to see how the course of philosophy is being improved and strenghtened in all our Catholic colleges

We wish we had space to reproduce all His Grace's remarks. They show ed how vividly he himself has mastered all the great problems of philosophy.

After the Archbishop had retired, the remaining essays were read. Hormis das Leblanc briefly refuted some of the principal charges brought against the philosophical methods of the schoolmen. This essay was in French. Finally Louis Laliberte discoursed at some length in English on the manifold aspects of the various sciences in relation especially to philosophy. It may be as well to state here, once for all, that every one of these essays was both well written and well read, so that both the matter and the manner commanded the undivided attention of the select audience

At the end of the printed programme the subject of three essays: the first by there was a note inviting any one in His Lordship Bishop Dontenville took the second by Aime Cinq-Mars, also in advantage of this invitation to ask how French, dealing with the wide field of it was, if philosophy was so necessary, philosophical inquiry: the third, in that men like Darwin. Tyndali and English, by Ernest Golden, explaining Huxley, who knew next to nothing of how certitude is a characteristic of true philosophy, could have added so large ly to the sum of human knowledge. surdity of systems that fail to give that The reply was that they had added a good many facts but very few, if any, general principles to the treasury of real knowledge. Many of their most talked-of theories were uncertain, and when there is uncertainty there is no Tyndall and Huxley at least had philosophical minds. And, as to the suc vable theory of evolution that success would have been impossible had not the majority of scientists been incapable (owing to the lack of philosophy) of consecutive reasoning on first princi-

At the close of the entertainment His Lordship Right Rev. Albert Pascal, O. M.I., spoke of the pleasure he had experienced in listening to these learned esssays and discussions. It was a berte, and replied in a satisfactory marvel to him to reflect how wild and manner, the entire discussion being uncultivated these regions were but a few years ago and now to be present at A similar discussion on the methods a entertainment that would do honor ed by these young on such abstruse hard work for the sake of the immense benefit they thus conferred on their own minds.

> His Lordship Bishop Legal, O.M.I., merely said that he reserved himself for to morrow night (the dramatic and

His Lordship Bishop Dontenville,

by Louisa Emily Dobree, author doughty defender, having overworked St. Boniface College on being under the of "Stories of the Seven Sacra- himself in the preparation for this ar- guidance of the Fathers of the Society duous bout, was obliged to retire after of Jesus, who, it was generally concedhis first disputation and so this third ed, held "the key of science." The meeting broke up at half past ten.

#### Prelates Entertained.

A charming evening with St. Boniface Col lege Students

Last Wednesday evening a dramatic and musical entertainment was tendered by the St. Boniface College students to His Grace visiting bishops. After the overture on the piano played by Zotique Lavoie, Adonias Sabourin read four addresses, the first to His Grace, congratulating him on his recovery and hoping Mgr. Pascal, as to the senior bishop of the four prelates present the third to Mgr. Legal, reminding him that he had been called "the grave-digging bishop," because he who brought him the news of his election to the episcopal dignity found him digging a grave for one of his Blackfeet Indians; the fourth to Mgr. Dontenville, congratulating him on his familiarity with English, French and German, the three great languages of the modern world.

The first part of the entertainment, which was prepared by Fr. Carrière, S. J., was a drama in one act, Nuit d'Orage, written in French alexandrine verse by Rev. his sixteen-year old son, surprised he and others, 17 years before, in 1796, had massacred. His remorseful terror is heightened by rously stifles his vengeful passions. The traveller is moved to repentance and is absolved by son is still ignorant of his father's guilt. Meanwhile the son of the murderer and the son of

derer's son knows all. won frequent plaudits from the attentive audience. Fortunat La- mark the path; as the mark on voice, played the monk with great earnestness. Aime Cinq-Mars, as the traveller, portrayed vividly the remorse and terror them up carefully, sink deeper of a criminal. Joseph Poitras, as Paul, the traveller's son, was well nigh perfect in voice and manner.

There followed an intermission: A violin solo by Charles Rouleau, a bright lad who was encored; "Vive la France," a fine song by Mr. Ernest Lévêque, accompanied by Miss Pambrun; taine's well known fable, cleverly rendered by a mere slip of a boy, Alexander Bernier.

The second part of the enter-"operette-bouffe." entitled Quand terests of religion and fatherland on Conspire, by Antony Mars, of which the cast was: Le Comte maitre de police, Antonio Belinoff, Ulric Dupas The choice of quite young boys, with clear treble voices, was an added charm to the clever burlesque of this The Newman Litterary Guild. sparkling farce. The three children kept the audience in roars of laughter. Their acting and singing were equally good, and

amusing, the aristocratic rhodomontades of Bibinoff, the bonhromie of Dimitri, or the inimitable naivete of Ivan. However, as this typical Russian servant monopolizes most of the interest, young Dupas may be said to have especially caught the fancy of the audience by the manifest enjoyment with which he entered into the spirit of his part.

After "God Save the Queen, His Grace said he was thankful Archbishop Langevin and the for the suggestion, contained in the address, that he should not overwork himself. But bishops in this country had so much to do that they had no time to take care of their health. If bishors wear themselves out, people he would in future take better should not forget that mothers care of his health; the second to do the same through love for their children.

He wished to say that he had great hopes for the future. We were on the eve of better times for religion in this country.

In reference to the entertainment, he had three remarks to make First, he was impressed with the admirable tone and literary workmanship of the drama by one of the Fathers of that Society of Jesus whose members were directing this college. Secondly, he was delighted with the skill of the performers, which reflected so much credit on their professors. He was especially pleased with their perfect French pronunciation, but he was not surprised as the other French Fr. Tricard, S.J. A traveller, with Canadian college of the Jesuits, St. Mary's, was remarkable for by a terrible thunder storm, takes the same purity of accent. In refuge in a deserted monastery, the third place, he was very much but is horrified to find there the struck with the attentive way graves of twelve monks whom in which the audience had followed so serious and hightoned a play as was "Nuit d'Orage." They seemed to appreciate meeting with a monk who, hav-all the good points. This was ing escaped the massacre because a proof that they deserved to he was too young, remained in have applied to them the famous the monastery bemoaning the saying of a French traveller: "Les death of his father one of the Canadiens sont un peuple de monks. The traveller is in an gentilshommes." Indeed, innate agony of fear lest his son should refinement was needed to taste discover his share in the massa- all the beauties of the noble cre. The monk is tempted to sentiments expressed in that drarevenge himself on the murder- ma. His Grace concluded by er by telling the latter's son. All thanking the good Fathers for the elements of tragedy are here this beautiful entertainment and and they are admirably handled by exhorting the students to by the author. The monk gene profit by the lessons of such able masters.

His Lordship Bishop Pascal, O.M.I., briefly expressed his dethe priestly monk. The convert-light at the whole performance. ed murderer imagines that his The actors had made us alternately weep and laugh. This was a proof of their excellent training.

His Lordship Bishop Legal, the victim (the Monk) agree not O.M.I., advised the students to to divulge the fact that the mur- treasure up the invaluable impressions of their college life The three actors in this play These impessions were like the "blazes" cut in forest trees to chance, with his gloomy bass the tree grew deeper and wider with the growth of the tree, so the teachings of their college years would, if they treasured and deeper into their souls as years rolled on.

His Lordship Bishop Dontenville, O.M.I., highly appreciated the allusion, contained in the address to his Alsatian birth. Of course all Alsatians were Frenchmen still. While full of admiration for the talent displayed by the brilliant students of "Le Loup et le Chien," Lafon-this college, he wished them never to forget the heroes who founded this seat of learning (Applause). He hoped the students of the present day would, tainment, under the direction of in the course of time develop Rev. Fr. La Rue S.J. consisted in an into herces, devoted to the in-

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Thus ended an entertainment which was pronounced on all Bibinoff, Adjutor Hogue; Dimitri, hands to have been one of the most successful, elevating and veau; Ivan, domestique de Bibi- diverting ever presented by the students of St. Boniface College.

# EDITORIAL NOTE.

We appreciate the noble effort as the play is a running fire of of our correspondent who signs himreally startling witticisms and self "Volo Bene" and we admire unexpected repartees, it was hard his zeal for the interest and growth -Stories on the Rosary, Rousseau: but unfortunately, the O.M.I., congratulated the young men of to decide which was the most of the Catholic Literary Society

correct. There have been in Winnipeg for a number of years the St. Vincent de Paul, the C.M.B.A., the Catholic Foresters, the St Joseph's Union and the Catholic Truth Society, all of which with the exception of the St. Joseph's Union, are still in existence. The object of all these associations is the "intellectual, moral, and social improvement of its members, and to those conversant with the works of charity an utter impossibility to endorse entirely and without reserve the taken if he thinks that guilds peg for a number of years back out many of them, although under different names.

not in the societies themselves but he would have you to know, our Indians in our young people, who seem to are too virtuous for that, but to give to and more attraction in skating the dead man's widow, apparently the rinks, hockey clubs etc., than in dead man did not understand. gatherings for intellectual culture And for this certainly the Catholic Church is not responsible.

However, we heartily approve of the organization of the 'New man Literary Guild" in Winnipeg as it may be the means of stirring up the young and carrying them forward in the path of intellectual development on which we have long wished to see them enter.

Whilst disposed to give credit to Protestants for their energy in forming all sorts of associations, We are not at all inclined to take them as our models, particularly ladies are found who think that there are no "desirable Catholic young men in Winnipeg," they are greatly mistaken. The fault is often with those ladies themselves. Many young men hesitate to launch into matrimony when they see the kind of helpmates offered them Not that we think that there are no excellent Catholic young women in Winnipeg, but we must confess that the taste of our growing fair wex for frivolous resorts, such as rinks and dancing halls, and their by far too numerous wants when once married, are of a nature to deter young men from proposing. More of home life and home in-

women might leave our young men more free to attend guilds and more inclined to let the many aspirants to wedlock discover that there are fully as many desirable young men in Winnipeg as they could REASONABLY wish to find.

dustry on the part of our young

corrective we wish to extend anew our congratulations to the zealous organizers of the Newman Literary Guild, and to express the hope that their society may increase and prosper.

#### Ste. Rose du Lac.

The Ray. Father Camper, O. M. I., preached a few days retreat here this week, in Sauteux (in which language he is most eloquent) much to the delight of the parishoners of this nationality. The Rev. Father also went a journey of forty miles, to console and administer one of his farmer tlock, though the elements \*eemed to have conspired against his so

One of our old Indians, in the days of his youth long past now, took a notion into his head that his wife, poor thing, had "Wittikow" (i.e., was possessed by an evil spirit) this could not be allowed, the must either be cured or die. Her husband thought she had "Wittikow" because in her weakness, having a baby only two days old, she could not stand, and caught hold of him, in a terrified way to steady herself, when he ordered her to get up. This was in the depth of winter. He took her as she was, and tied her on his sleigh, and away through the woods, and across the Prairie to find the Medecine man, who lived afar off.

The sage came out and looked at her. Go back," said he, "a mightier than I has been here, before me."—He took her back, and ere he reached his home, the was dead.

The squaws' ghosts are patient, however, even as their spirits in life; this one did not follow her Lord with doleful menacing cries, her baby in her arms, whenever his sleigh-bells tinkled, th no.sha lay still in her grave. And

lately established in Winnipeg. But did he feel regret or fear ?—His conwe are not prepared to accept each science was calm enough, I warrant you and all of his statements as strictly I have seen him many a time, wrapped in prayer, in this little church, most saint-like to gaz on. He has been married once or twice since then, his children are the smartest in the school. Only the other day he smoked the pipe of peace in our home, he is one of our best and most respected inhabitants.

But this first baby of his, survived, tended I know not how, and is now grown up and has children of his own, a mighty hunter, like his father.

One day a few years back, in the early spring, when the snow was beginning done in and by these societies, it is to disappear, he was chasing game on the prairie and came across the frozen remains of a poor fellow, who had been ideas expressed by our young corlost in a blizz ard, the previous winter; his respondent. For not only is he mis- friends had sought in vain for the body, but this brave Indian drew near, with have ever ceased to exist in the awe, and took courage to abstract the Catholic Church; but even Winni- purse, still in his pocket. He had not gone far, however when he felt a hand has not been, as just stated, with-grasp his right shoulder, and a ghostly voice hissed in his ear-"Stop," Quickly he returned, and replaced the purse. The fault, in our estimation, is which he had not intended for himself,

Now, although he and his people have been offered \$15.00 to collect the bones for Christian buried, oh no, they will not, they will be haunted if they touch him.

the near future, we hope to have a fine new one) there is lately come to us from over the sea a magnificent statue of St. Amelie; she is very levely, which utterly disproves the old saying. "You can't be good and pretty too," you can at any rate in \$te. Rose. The Saint is represented as giving a piece of bread to a charming child with barefeet. One of our tiny Half-breed girls could not bear to see him like this: "I will go home," she said, "and fetch him out my new with regard to the mingling of the moccasins. It is pitiful to see the poor sexes. We believe that, if young little one with naked feet, now it is so

> This little girl is cousin to the tiny mite who, when our good Oblate Father asked her:-"Why were the bad Angels sent out of Heaven?" replied, in an awestruck whisper: - "Because they made taces at God."

Tory Promises to Ireland.

Catholic Record.

If the promises of the Salisbury Government are to be relied upon, a new era is about to dawn | Cor. Portage Ave. & Fort St. for Ireland. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the course of an important speech at Birmingham a few evenings ago, on international politics, said he expected that the greater part of the coming session of Parliament would OUR STOCK IS NOW be given over to the Government measure granting local government of Ireland. So frequently This much being said by way of have similar promises been made during the last few years that we cannot be very sanguine now that they will be kept. The tap of the Orange drum to the tune of no-Popery may once more rouse the men of the North, and bring the Government prostrate at the feet of Col. Saunderson and Dr. Kane of Belfast, and some measure which offers a stone instead of bread to Ireland may be introduced before Parliament with a great flourish of trumpets, with a great flourish of trumpets, designs on the market. Large sales and but which really will amount to big profits to be realized by the right men. nothing.

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#### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK December.

- 26. Sunday. Feast of St. Stephen. Protomartyr. Second class with octave.
- 27. Monday. Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Second class with octave.
- 28. Tuesday. Feast of the Holy Innocents. Second class with octave.
- Wednesday. -- St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 30. Thursday. Office of the Sunday within the octave of Christmas.
- 51, Friday. St. Sylvester, Pope.

#### 1898. JANUARY.

1, Saturday. - Feast of the Circumcision. New Year's Day. anness un permanente de referencement esperial (des constitutos). La cel transport de la constituto de la constitución de la constit

#### BRIEFLETS.

Mgr. Dontenville goes to Montreal to-

His Grace the Archbishop went to St. Norbert the day before yesterday.

Rev. Fr. Beandin, O. M. I., who has been ill for the past, week in St. Boniface Hospital, is now, we are happy to learn, much better.

The Rev. John Fitzpatrick, O.M.I., is acting as English confessor and preacher at the church of the Oblate Fathers in Nice, France.

Rev. Emmanuel Garon was ordained priest by the Most Reverend Archbishop this morning at 7 o'clock in the chapel o the Indian Industrial School.

We are glad to hear that Hon. Judge few days to St. Boniface Hospital.

Miss Sybil Sanderson, the well known American singer, who recently created such a furore in Russia, was received into the Catholic church in Paris on Nov. 29th, and married on Dec. 1st to Mr. Antonie Terry.

His Lordship Bishop Legal, O. M. I. accompanied by Very Rev. Father Leduc O.M.I., V.G., left for St. Albert last Thursday evening. His Lordship Bishop Paseal, O.M. I., left for Prince Albert the following day.

Rev. Father Gaysford, of the South wark diocese, has just come from Eagland to superintend Rev. Lord Archi bald Douglas's home for Catholic boys in the Dauphin country. Father Gaysford preached at High Mass in the Immaculate Conception church last Sunday, and left for Lake Daup'iin yester-

Last Sunday evening, at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev.Fr. make the nation. Supposing the Irish Drummond was announced to continue his course of sermons on Holy Scripture; but, as his reply to Ven. Arche could see their way to occasionally acting deacon Fortin's remarks on his previous together for the furtherance of Irish insermon took up a full hour, he post- terests, Ireland's representation in the poned the examination of the old Tes- peerage would be of some practical use tament Canon till his next sermon on to the country. Irish peers are at present the third Sunday in January. He ex- mere party backs. From an English or amined all the texts referred to by the Imperial point of view, their policy, or Ven. Archdeacon and showed, by read- lack thereof, may be excellent, but it is ing the context, that not one of them neither a very wise nor very patriotic had the slightest bearing on the ques- course. Peers have no relish for hard tion at issue. He also maintained that work, and Irish peers are no exception; the spirit of the Bible and its really but these latter might, by way of variety. important parts are much better known treat their lordships once in a way to a in all Catholic countries than in any thoroughgoing Hibernian debate. Lord Protestant country. He proved that in Mayo or Lord Castletown should see to it. Catholic countries the mass of the peo- Dublin Nation.

ple are far more prosperous and content ed than in England, the banner-boast of Bible readers.

Mr. Joseph Bernier, M.A., Barristerat-law, son of Hon. Senator Bernier, has entered into partnership with the well known legal firm, perhaps the best of the junior bar, of Andrews and Pitblado. With Mr. J. Dabue, M. A. counsel for the Hochelaga Bank and having otherwise more legal business than he can handle, we are pleased to see the graduates of St. Boniface forging ahead.

There are now eighty-two Catholic schools in full swing in this province of Manitoba. His Grace has this year received about ten thousand dollars for the schools from generous benefactors in Canada, France and the United States. About half that sum has already been spent for the support of different nipeg" reach us a day late. Our schools. Much more will be needed in the near future.

> His Lordship Bishop Dontenville, O.M. I., preached a very eloquent sermon last Sunday evening in St. Mary's Church, which was so growded that many had to stand. His thesis, that the Church is not opposed to true science, was proved with a wealth of apposite and up-to-date illustrations. His Lordship seems perfeetly at home in English, which he speaks as one who has known the language from his youth.

> Ray. Fr. Morin, the well known immigration agent, passed through the city last Thursday en route to Quebec from a visit to his settlements in the Edmonton district. He is accompanied by ter persons, members of the colony, who are going east to spend their winter bolidays. Fr. Morin found all the settlers prospering. Since the first settlement was started at Morriuville, twenty miles north of Edmonton, 900 persons have been sent out and are now provided with comfortable homes. Their numbers have steadily increased until there are 400 families in the first settled district. This year the three colonies produced 100,000 bushels of grain.

His death a Sermon. Last Words of a Man Who Was Fataily Stricken on the Steps of the Cathedral.

Catholic Standard and Times(Philadelphia). "I'm so glad I was ready. It was always my dearest wish to die on Sunday after Mass."

This is the full text of a sermon preached at the Cathedralon Sanday morning, not by one of the parish priests standing in the pulpit of the great edifice, but by a dying man who was stricken while descending the steps at the conclusion of the 9 o'clock Mass. Only a very small part of the big congregation heard the wor is, spoken almost in a whisper, but they were repeated again and again un til the powerful lesson had entered and taken root in hundreds of hearts.

The above words are the last the man was teard to utter. Shortly after be was prestrated the Medico Chirurgical Hospi-Prud'homme is fast recovering from the illness that confined him for these last In his hands were to be Project IV. In his hands was clasped a rosary and in his pocket was one cent. After remaining at the hospital for a time the body was taken to the morgue, where it was identified as that of Timothy Murphy, aged 60 years, of 1129 Brandywine Street. His fun ral took place Thursday from the residence of Patrick Burke, 2011 Christian street. Solemn requiem Mass was celebrated at St.Charles.

#### IRISH PEERS.

The action taken by several Irish peers on the Financial Relations question induces us to think that these noblemen could often do a good stroke of work for Ireland, if they only got a lead. We are so accustomed to hearing the House of Lords denounced in every political mood and tense, we are apt to forget much useful English legislation originates each year in the Upper House. Of course, the measures are always minor ones. But minor measures are often of the highest utility to the interested localities, and localities in the aggregate peers who really feel an interest in the in lustrial and commercial development



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