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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Yes, to all! But particularly to the readers of the Review do we wish a thrice Happy New Year! And we do sincerely hope to see them return the compliment by adding on to their's the names of many new friends as new subscribers of the Review. Whilst we are fully disposed to continue the noble work pursued during many years past, and amidst great difficulties, we do crave the encouragement of all who may feel inclined to promote a good cause. For God, Church and country, such shall ever be our motto!

Clerical News.

The Rev. A. Sauve, of the Immaculate Conception left on Tuesday last for the province of Quebec, where he will spend some time visiting among relatives and friends. Safe journey and speedy return to the dear voyageur, whose absence will be keenly felt by the members of the Immaculate Conception congregation. Presentation of valuable articles, as token of esteem and love was made to the Rev. Father, by the members of the choir, and Sunday school children.

The Rev. J. M. Jolys, parish priest of St. Pierre, leaves on Thursday the 31, on a trip to Toronto and Montreal. Father Jolys is going to buy the furniture required for the new Church, which he expects to see completed in the course of 1904. This Church will be one of the finest in Manitoba.

The Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., who, on account of ill-health, had to take a leave of absence from the College, is expected to return and resume his work after the Christmas vacations.

The Rev. Father Blain, S. J., took advantage of the Christmas vacations, to go to Chicago with a view to add to the St. Boniface College Science department quite a few valuable instruments.

We regret being unable to give a report of the Christmas celebrations at St. Mary's Church and at the Holy Ghost. We had depended on some members of these congregations to send us a report, which, unfortunately did not come. But we know everything was up to the mark.

The Dear Father McCarthy has returned from Rat Portage, with improved health.

Mr. Perron, one of the promoters of the movement to build a French church in Winnipeg, left on Tuesday last for Wolseley, where he expects to open an insurance, loan and real estate bureau. We wish him every success.

Regina Notes.

On Sunday, December 20, Rev. Father Kasper celebrated High Mass in Moose Jaw at four o'clock in the afternoon. He left Moose Jaw for Milestone, where on Monday morning he celebrated High Mass and administered the sacrament. The Rev. Father speaks very commendably of the devotion shown by the Catholics of this place, and of their attendance at the Holy sacrifice. During Father Kasper's visit to Moose Jaw, he organized an Altar Society, of which the Rev. Father is spiritual Director. Madame Forget, of Government House is Honorary President; Miss Greer, President; Miss Fitzpatrick, Vice-President; Mrs. Geo. Service, Secretary Treasurer. There are about twenty-five enrolled members and the meeting was most enthusiastic. A Christ-

mas tree for the children Monday, Dec. 28, is one of their first undertakings. Rev. Father Kasper is most agreeably impressed with Moose Jaw, its Church, its organ, its choir, and last, not least, its energetic congregation, and predicts for it, great prosperity. His gloomy accounts of Moose Jaw Catholics and their achievements have made us anxious to pay our sister city a friendly visit in the near future, till then, however, we will sing "Home, sweet home."

Rev. Sisters St. Peter and St. Sylvester, who have attended Normal school during two sessions, have very creditably passed their examinations and returned to their respective communities on Monday, December 21, the former to St. Louis, the latter to Domremy, via Duck Lake. Though they live in retirement, many of us have met and learned to love those angels of mercy who have gone as well as those who still remain. Always busy, yet they find time to comfort the afflicted or lend a helping hand. I think their sojourn among us will make us all the more anxious to have a convent of our own in Regina. Rev. Sisters St. Benjamin, St. Victor, St. Alain and St. Phillips are still here.

Christmas day was an ideal one. Clear and frosty, with excellent sleighing. Midnight Mass was celebrated. A Mass at half past nine and a Mass followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at eleven o'clock, ended the services of the day. Rev. Father Kim, O. M. I., was the celebrant at midnight and Rev. Father Kasper preached the sermon. The Rev. gentleman took for his text: "Let us go into Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." (Luke 2-15). Before entering into his subject, the Rev. speaker most cordially wished his hearers the compliments of the season, then in a clear, and most soul-stirring manner, he conducted his hearers in spirit to the crib of Bethlehem. He riveted the attention of all present, as he told the oft repeated tale of the birth of one Redeemer, and begged of his listeners to draw the lesson of faith, confidence and love from the feast of the day. Faith and confidence, he said, beget love, and for those we love we consider nothing as difficult, he urged all present to prove their love by ardent service of God. Rev. Father Kasper is already doing excellent work in one parish and his sermons show earnestness and study. May 1904 bring him many tangible proofs of his parishioner's gratitude! The church was beautifully decorated. Rev. Brother Schumacher has made a most gratifying change in our sanctuary and altar. He understands well how to do such things, and is most diligent in carrying out his good taste. The church was crowded, ay, and crowds could not gain an entrance.

We, with deepest regret and sincere sympathy have to note the death of Mr. Norman U. McDonald, of Alexandria, Ont., whose daughter Miss McDonald has been in Regina for some time past. Miss McDonald received a telegram on Wednesday, December 23, containing the sad news. On Saturday morning a Solemn High Mass for the dead was said for the deceased. Rev. Father Kim, officiated while Rev. Father Kasper presided at the organ, and sang the Mass. The Mass for the dead is a grand piece of music. It is at all times so touching, so full of pathos, but when, as on this occasion, that Mass is sung by one, who seems to have a heartfelt prayer in every word, it really carries us beyond "this vale of tears." There were quite a few of Miss McDonald's friends present, and all were deeply impressed with the service. While we tender Miss McDonald and her

dear ones at home our deepest sympathy, we fervently say: "Requiescat in Pace."

On Sunday, December 27, Regina congregations were indeed pleased to be addressed by the venerable and dearly beloved missionary Rev. Father Lacombe, O. M. I. Rev. Father Kasper introduced him in a few well chosen words, commenting briefly on the glorious career of the noble and saintly priest whose hair had grown white in the service of God and this country. Rev. Father Lacombe spoke at length on his many visits to Regina, of the hospitality he had always received at the hands of the priests, and referred in the kindest of terms to our late pastor, he went on to say that we had now before us a new era—a change had come—we had work to do. A church to build, a convent, to enlarge the presbytery, and in order to accomplish all this we must be workers, we must co-operate with our priests. The old residents of Regina know dear Father Lacombe well, his saintly face is familiar to many, and his heartfelt words were listened to with the deepest interest. He exhorted the ladies to help, he said that in Calgary, in Pincher Creek, in McLeod, the ladies had done wonderful things in assisting towards the erection of churches, etc., etc. In conclusion he asked the prayers of those present for his colony on the banks of the Saskatchewan, and again urged his hearers to be good and pious, to follow the teachings of our priests. As a proof of the effect of Father Lacombe's words, in the afternoon a most representative meeting of the ladies assembled in Gratton school to elect officers and get in working order and assist by doing their share in the work to be done. Rev. Father Kasper is spiritual director, and Madame Forget Honorary President. Mrs. McCusker was elected President, and Mrs. McCarthy 1st Vice-President. These ladies are pioneer Catholic ladies of the parish, their homes have been the homes of the clergy before Regina had a Catholic church, and they have proved themselves workers. With these at the head of the Altar Society we feel assured that good work will be done, and that Rev. Father Kasper in a few years, will be able to say of Regina parish, what Rev. Father McKenna said of St. Patrick's, Montreal: "Than which there is no better parish in the great North West." We'll not yet aspire to "On the continent." Mrs. Kramer was elected 2nd Vice-President of the Society. During Mrs. Kramer's sojourn among us she has won for herself a very high place in the esteem of all who have met her. Being equally conversant with the English and German languages and possessed of such an agreeable personality her assistance in the Altar Society will be simply invaluable. As a unit we will accomplish wonders. The ladies are determined to do their part. The gentlemen always do—I suppose. What an honor to be able to do ever so little to assist in the erection of a temple to the Most High! What an inspiring thought! What an incentive to work! According to the immortal Bossuet: "the Church is our Divine Redeemer continued through centuries. The parish Church is nothing less than the presence of Christ in the midst of the faithful.—Christ dispensing his word and sacrament through the ministry of his priesthood of the new law. We wish the Society unbounded success.

Miss Madge McCusker is at home to spend the Christmas holidays, and we are pleased to see her looking so well. She brought home with her some very pretty Christmas presents for her friends, her own work, showing plainly she is profiting by the excellent teaching at St. Mary's Academy.

Many of your subscribers here, have expressed to your correspondent, their pleasure in reading the "Superior Notes." They are indeed superior, and we trust the dear Reverend author of them may return to us in "Superior health," and spirits.

Just a word in reference to your "Current Comment" on "Leap Year." May I not ask "St. Rose du Lac" to express her opinion on the matter? Your "Of Course," Mr. editor, seems to convey the idea that you endorse the opinion quoted of Maurice Francis Egan Avers. I feel almost certain that in the cases referred to, the woman pays dearly for her venture and draws a blank in that lottery.

Wishing all a most bright and prosperous New Year.

GENA MacFARLANE.

Regina, Dec. 28, 1903.

CHRISTMAS AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

The chimes from the belfry of the dear little Immaculate Conception Church never re-echoed with more pleasing strains than when announcing to the watching faithful the glad tidings of "peace to men of good will," giving the very keynote to the spring of eternal hope and eternal love, and filling the human heart with the gladness of heaven.

From the early afternoon until the late hour of midnight the zealous and devoted pastor, Rev. Father Cherrier, gave himself up to the spiritual wants of his flock, and well was he repaid, for great was the number of communicants; and this must have brought additional joy to the heart of our "dear Father," who thirsts for the sanctification of those confided to his care.

The church was crowded before the hour of midnight, and seating room in the aisles alone was available. All was in harmony with the grandeur of the great feast, and the beautifully decorated altar, from which, as so many stars, gleamed forth the numerous sparkling gems, presented a pleasing sight.

Special music and singing were successfully prepared for the occasion, at the organ presided the Rev. Father Sauve, who acted in the twofold office of organist and director of the choir, both of which positions he filled in the most exquisite manner. Of the Rev. Father's music little need be said, he has gained for himself a musical reputation equal to the masters of old, and when one has the sweet pleasure of listening to his variations and interludes, a longing takes possession of the soul for that music beyond the skies, where none of the "sharps" and "flats" of every day life will break in upon its entrancing harmony.

The choir was noticeably strong, and rendered L'Abbey Lepage's Mass in parts; the singing was remarkably impressive, the senior pupils of the school aided in making it a success. Harmonized Christmas airs were sung at different parts of the High Mass, likewise throughout the Mass of thanksgiving. The soloists Messrs. Bernier, Juneau, and Lalonde, and Misses May McDonald, Stella Burns, and Elizabeth Perron, did justice to their respective parts, and acquitted themselves creditably of the confidence reposed in them.

A note of thanks is tendered the Rev. Father Sauve for the success of music and singing. For the past months he was indefatigable in his labor in bringing his part of the programme to the culminating point of success.

Our story "Father de Lisle" will be continued next week.

A PRESENTATION.

A feature which goes to show the good feelings between the Rev. pastor of the Immaculate Conception and the members of his congregation, was made manifest by the 1903 Christmas celebration. A committee composed of M. M. John Markinski, Jos. Shaw, Sr., Geo. Young and Sautet. McKinnon, went round calling on the parishioners—and many friends acted as if belonging to the parish for the circumstance—and soon they realized even more than the amount required to buy a horse, which was presented to and welcomed by the Rev. Father Cherrier on the eve of Christmas. The gift evidently came as a most agreeable surprise to the unassuming Rev. gentleman. The manner in which he referred to it last Sunday showed how his heart swelled under the sentiments of deep gratitude with which it was filled by the valuable and so useful present.

There was a joke cracked in reference to the new horse. Some said that he ran away from Father Cherrier, being displeased with his new master. That is a mistake. The fact is, rather that the intelligent animal must have understood his kind new master when he stated to his hired man that it was too cold to take the pet animal out on a certain day. The servant unfortunately disobeyed his Lord, and received from the horse a lesson which will no doubt teach him to be more careful in the future. All is well that ends well. The master, the servant and the horse are all now on the best of terms.

Father Cherrier wishes to extend his gratitude to all who have contributed one way or another towards the donation.

BLESSING OF A NEW CHURCH AT DUNREA, MAN.

Owing to the zeal and energy of their worthy pastor, Father W. J. Jubinville, the Catholics of Dunrea have a new church and presbytery, which will prove an ornament to that thriving little town. The new church, 70 feet long by 40 feet wide, has been thus far constructed in wood; but at the earliest opportunity, the building will be completed in brick, and further adorned by the addition of a steeple, 100 feet in height, commanding a wide view of the surrounding prairie.

The Christmas midnight Mass at Dunrea proved to be a very touching and imposing ceremony. The new church was blessed by Rev. Father Chaput, S. J., who sang the Mass, and also preached in English, dwelling in particular on the analogy between the poor grotto at Bethlehem and this new temple, in which God again vouchsafes to take up His abode with men. Father Jubinville, who embodies for his flock the image of a good and faithful shepherd, is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts for the welfare of his parishioners, and for the glory of God.

On the day following Christmas, Rev. Father Chaput visited the parish of Deloraine, where he was most heartily welcomed, and enjoyed the kind and gracious hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald. His sermons in English and in French at the Church of Deloraine were much appreciated by the people, and he has returned to St. Boniface bearing many warm souvenirs of his brief sojourn in the west.

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Calendar for Next Week.

JANUARY.

- 3—Sunday—The Octave of St. John. Dupl.
 - 4—Monday—The Octave of the Holy Innocents. Dupl.
 - 5—Tuesday—The Vigil of the Epiphany. Sem.
 - 6—Wednesday—The Epiphany. Dupl. I cl.
 - 7—Thursday—Second day during the Octave. Sem.
 - 8—Friday—Third day during the Octave. Sem.
 - 9—Saturday—Fourth day during the Octave. Sem.
- N.B.—The Epiphany is a day of obligation.

GOOD NATURE.

Of all social gifts that of good nature is perhaps the most precious; in homely language it is "to make the best of things," or "to look on the bright side" no matter which side of the medal presents itself. It is a quality which brings in its train cheerfulness and happiness to the donor as well as to the receiver, for the magnetism arising from a bright, sunny face, breathing life and enthusiasm into those around, is a sufficient passport to encourage its growth. As the vapor fades before the glorious sunrise, as the rosebud unfolding its blushing petals under the noonday sun, casting its sweet perfume upon the breeze, so all cares and sorrows vanish under the gentle sway of good nature.

When we see the effect arising from good nature, we cannot help contrasting it with those selfish, discordant natures, which sprout and spread like weeds, in the sweet flower garden of the family. It nips the pleasures in the bud, and freezes those sweet home affections—affections which bind youthful hearts by the golden chain of love and sympathy. The only means of checking this fiend of destruction, in its raids upon the home, is to pluck it out by the roots, and by discipline acquire the admirable habit of good nature.

A kind, sympathetic word spoken falls like refreshing rain upon the grief-stricken heart, which before lay parched in solitary sadness. It is impossible to describe in simple phrases the infinite power of cheering the drooping spirits and weary footsteps of our fellow-travellers through this valley of tears, possessed by a heart overflowing with all the generous impulse of good nature. Many a sorrow or trial would become almost unbearable, unless we felt its warm, congenial influence, through the instrumentality of a friend. It imparts that amiability and sweet disposition which scatters roses instead of thorns upon the rough pathway of life. A single word, an act, or a smile of sympathy unknown or forgotten by us, still clings with gratitude to the memory of the receiver, for:

"You may break, you may ruin,
the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will
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"Sparkling and bright in the golden light, it transmits its luminous beams, to every one with whom we come in contact," and as the silver threads outnumber the gold, what a pleasure to feel that the chilling blasts of the winter of life, has failed to freeze those happy springs of good nature.

MOLLIE BURNS.

Pupil of the Immaculate Conception.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

On Christmas eve, G. F. & J. Galt, remembered their many employees in their usual substantial fashion. Including those in the Blue Ribbon Tea and Blue Ribbon Coffee & Spice departments, over sixty persons are employed by them in Winnipeg alone, and from the highest to the lowest, each received besides good wishes, a nice cheque from the firm. Though very reticent in such matters, it is known that G. F. & J. Galt distribute every year a considerable sum in this way, and indeed it would be hard to find a House more thoroughly considerate of its employees, or one which treats them more generously.

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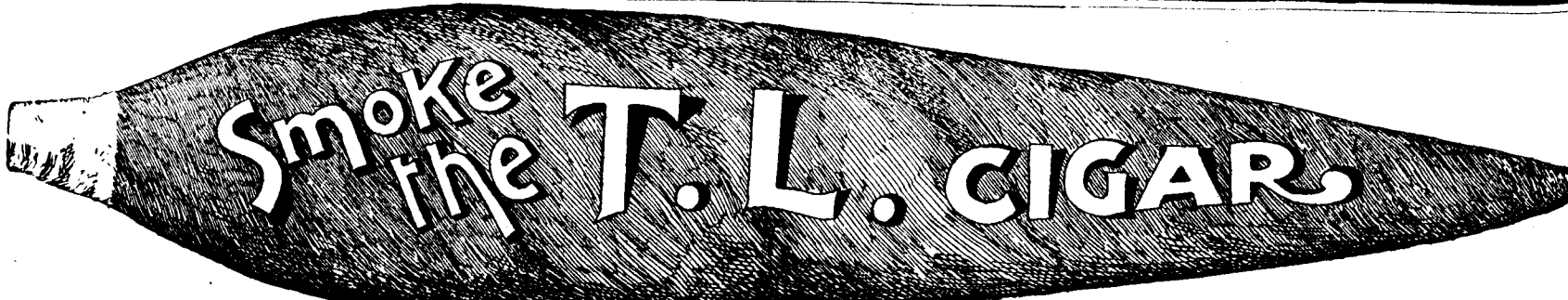
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A REMARKABLE CONVERSION

At St. Stephen's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

It was most agreeable news for us, to hear of the reception into the Church, at Minneapolis, Minn., of Mr. F. P. Russell, the beloved father of the worthy president of our Catholic Club. There must be Catholic blood running through the veins of the Russell family, or perhaps, to use more proper an expression, their minds are so open to the truth of the Catholic faith, and their hearts so taken by the beauty of our moral virtues, that they naturally find a home in the Catholic Church.

19 years ago, Mr. F. W. Russell had the happiness of being the first called to the grace of God to renounce heresy, and embrace the teaching of the one only true and infallible church of Jesus Christ. He was received into the Catholic Church at Hastings, in England, having there followed a course of instruction given him by the Rev. Father Arkill, S. J. He was confirmed some years later in the chapel of the Immaculate Conception here in Winnipeg. Every one acquainted with him knows how sincere and staunch a Catholic he is.

In 1890, it was the turn of another member of the Russell family, Henry Alfred Anthony, who received his instruction from the Rev. A. A. Cherrier, parish priest of the Immaculate Conception, and was admitted into the Church on the 24th of May. He too has proved to be a worthy member of the Catholic faith ever since.

Miss Elizabeth Mary Russell received the appeal and grace of God in 1897, when she was formally, on the 15th of May, received into the Church, also at the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. pastor remembers distinctly having then written to the father of the young lady to inform him of the step taken by his loving daughter. Mr. Russell had simply answered that the conversion of his child did not surprise him, as she was one whose heart needed something more substantial than what she could find in any Protestant church.

Perhaps did Mr. Russell even then wish his correspondent to understand that he also had already experienced the want of that something more substantial than what he had been able to find in Protestantism. Time however, passed on, neither did we think much more of the gentleman's words; but we do now realise all that was concealed in his so-called apology to explain the conversion of his daughter. He also met in the person of the Rev. Father Gannahy, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, a true priest of the Church of Jesus Christ, and after due instruction was imparted to him, he felt that the two of his sons as well as his daughter who had become Catholics, had chosen the better part, and he followed their noble example; for lately he was received also into the true fold of the Lord.

There is certainly matter for gratification and congratulation in these four conversions. And we do hope to hear before long, that the other members of this happy family have also seen the light and been guided by it to where four have already found peace, joy and true happiness. Such is the wish of sincere friends on this 1903 Christmas celebration.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Up to noon Saturday 1,143 cases of typhoid fever had been reported to the representative of the state board of health at Butler, Pa. The fever claimed its thirty-fourth victim Friday afternoon in the person of Rev. Daniel Walsh, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church. Father Walsh had been ill two weeks. His work among the poor was untiring, and before becoming unconscious he gave away everything he possessed in the world.—Catholic Citizen, (Milwaukee).

Count Leo Tolstoy is often rated as an atheist, but in a recent pamphlet entitled "Appeal to Social Reformers" he tells his Nihilist countrymen that there can be no real reform without the honest practice of religion. Unfortunately,



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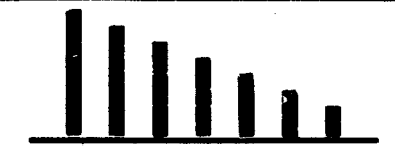
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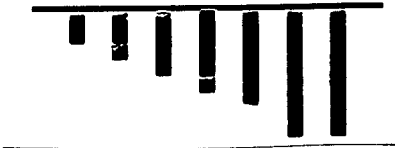
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