

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

MAY.

- 20—Fifth Sunday after Easter.
- 21, Monday—Rogation Day. Our Lady of Mercy.
- 22, Tuesday—Rogation Day. St. Anselm, Doctor (transferred from April 21).
- 23, Wednesday—Rogation Day and Vigil.
- 24, Thursday—Feast of the Ascension.
- 25, Friday—St. Gregory VII. Pope.
- 26, Saturday—St. Philip Neri, Conf.

BRIEFLETS.

Father Eeck, O.M.I., attended Gretna last Sunday.

Rev. Father Kenny, of Gratton, N.D., was in town last week.

Mr. Nicholas Bawlf returned last week much improved in health.

Mr. Louis Bouche is back from Chicago, where he was studying dentistry.

Between Sunday evening and Monday morning the thermometer dropped 47 degrees.

Several High Masses will be sung this week in the Cathedral, at the request of parishioners, to obtain the much needed rain.

Rev. Father Cherrier is superintending the University examinations at Portage la Prairie; Mr. W. A. McIntyre at Brandon.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Monchamp left last Thursday for Boston, New York and other places. They will be absent about five months.

Don Juan Rule, a wealthy mining man of Mexico, was received into the Church recently and baptized by the Archbishop of Mexico.

His Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by Father Cloutier, went to St. Eustache last Monday to push on the beginning of the new church.

Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., pastor of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, left on the 13th inst. for Portland, Oregon, where he will represent the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Boniface at the ceremony of the conferring of the pallium on the Most Rev. Alexander Christie, Archbishop of

Oregon City. Father Guillet will afterwards make an extended trip, taking in Chicago among other places.

Old residents say this is the warmest and driest spring they have ever seen. Last Saturday and Sunday we had 88 and 90 degrees in the shade.

The Tablet of April 28 denies that the visit of Mgr Moyes to Rome has any connection with questions concerning the late Dr. Mivart, and that there has been an appeal in this matter to the Congregation of Rites.

Mgr. Merry del Val, Rector of the College of Noble Ecclesiastics in Rome, Domestic Prelate of His Holiness, and Consultor of the Congregation of the Index, was consecrated titular Archbishop of Nicæa on the 6th inst.

In the latest edition of Henderson's Winnipeg Directory (population 54,000) there are 161 Smiths, of whom 16 are John Smiths. The family, whose name has lately been discovered on Egyptian monuments 3,000 years old, is still well to the fore.

Mr. Frank Rajotte, of Montreal, brother of Mr. Edmond Rajotte, of Winnipeg, came here last week with C. P. R. Conductor Carlin on a short visit to his brother and to the Jesuit Fathers of St. Boniface whom he had known at St. Mary's College, Montreal.

On Monday, the 28th inst., the English-speaking students of St. Boniface College will present, in the College hall, the well known comedy, "The Private Secretary," adapted to male characters alone. To those who have never seen this famous contemporary play, which is a prime favorite with lovers of the legitimate drama, we can promise a real treat.

The University examinations began last Monday and will last till Friday of next week inclusively, with intermission on the Queen's Birthday, which is also this year the feast of the Ascension. In all there are 475 students writing, divided as follows: St. Boniface College, 19; St. John's College, 45; Manitoba College, 108; Wesley College, 82; Collegiate Institute, 66; non-collegiate, 27; LL.B. course, 4; all the foregoing are writing in the Brydon rink, Winnipeg; at Brandon, 20; at Portage la Prairie, 15; at Regina, 5; Medical students, writing in the University Rooms, 84.

ST. BONIFACE ORPHAN GIRLS.

Though the following report has been crowded out week after week, it may still prove acceptable to all who are interested in a noble work of charity.

On Tuesday evening, April 24, Mr. J. B. Leclerc's "Salle du Bazar" was completely filled with an appreciative audience gathered to witness a joint entertainment of ladies and gentlemen from St. Boniface assisting the orphan girls' drama. The musicians, who played the overture and the closing piece, and also between each act, were Miss Cécile Jean, presiding at the piano; Mr. Jean Gingras, violinist; Mr. S. Jean, cornettist; and the Messrs. Beaudry, father and son, violinists. Their rendering of choice selections was greatly relished.

The central attraction of the evening was a touching melodrama entitled "Zélie, ou la martyre de l'obéissance." Zélie is an heiress persecuted by a wicked woman, who has got hold of some family documents which place the 18 year old maiden in her power, till she is providentially found and rescued by her

mother. This title rôle was very well filled by Miss Christiana Wilson, a demure damsel who proved letter-perfect in her long part. Miss L. Lafortune looked and acted with suitable wickedness as Madame de Rancy, the enemy of Madame d'Aglémont and her daughter, Zélie. Most realistic was Miss Julia Wilson's acting, when, as Madame d'Aglémont, she meets in the closing scene her two long-lost daughters. The tears fairly gushed from her eyes and affected several persons in the audience in the same way. Miss Agnès Guichon, as Joséphine, Zélie's youngest sister, who had been stolen by gypsies and was ultimately found first by Zélie and then by her mother, played her part with perfect ease and naturalness. Miss Angéline Lafortune personated Madame de Monfort, a friend of Madame d'Aglémont. Two comical figures, La Concierge (Miss Ida Grenon) and La Mère Thomas (Miss Albina L'Évêque), both dressed like old crones, kept the spectators in roars of laughter. Stéphanie, femme de chambre (Miss Anna Lafortune) gets her fortune told by La Bohémienne, (gypsy woman) Miss Albina L'Évêque, who did very well as an ill-tempered persecutor of poor Joséphine. Louise, a friend of Zélie (Miss Annie Ryan) remains faithfully with Madame d'Aglémont during the two years of Zélie's enforced absence.

This was followed by "Le Rêve de l'Orpheline," a poem recited admirably by Miss Ida Grenon. "The Dolls' Hospital," an amusing child-talk between five tiny little girls and Miss Edna Ryan, acting as doctor, matron and nurse, revealed the various woes of doll nature. One doll had the smallpox, two had their heads cut off, two, dressed like Galicians, had lost their arms.

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