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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

**PARISH CALENDAR.**—In this week's issue of the "True Witness" we are opening a new department adapted to our parishes in which the regulations concerning baptisms, marriages, sick calls, funerals, etc., are explained; items regarding hours of Masses on Sunday and week days, confessions, parish society meetings, the list of births, marriages and deaths, and notes of parish undertakings, are furnished in brief form.

Each parish will have its own space, which will be known as the calendar of the parish or by any other name that the pastor may consider suitable. We have had this idea in view for many years, believing that it would be the means of mutual help to the parishes and the "True Witness" in attaining their respective aims, as well as furnishing the laity generally with a fund of information that will be valuable and interesting. It will be necessary that the information for this calendar should reach us not later than Tuesday of each week. We cannot do better in explanation of the project than refer pastors to the first instalment, which appears under the title of "St. Patrick's Parish Calendar," on page 5.

It is hardly necessary to say how extremely useful and interesting to each parish and its members this weekly summary may prove. It is well worth the trifling labor required each week to prepare it. It serves in every respect all the purposes of a distinct publication without its responsibilities or inconveniences. We have, no doubt, whatever that the undertaking will command the attention of the parishioners and show good results.

**THE MAYORALTY.**—"A man is not the slave of circumstance, or need not be," John Boyle O'Reilly. The above lines are recalled now as we reflect upon the recent feeble attempt of Irishmen to select a standard bearer for the important and honored office of chief magistracy of Montreal. Some of us complain of ostracism and acts bigotry at the hands of other sections of the community. Let us be honest and say that if ostracism and acts of bigotry really occur it is the result of our own supineness, and lack of confidence in our kith and kin. The surrender of our rights as citizens in this year's mayoralty election is an evidence of this fact.

**UNSELFISH MEN.**—Our studious contributor "Cruz," discusses this topic in his contribution of this week. All that he writes about the need of a greater display of unselfishness in the ranks of our co-religionists who are the possessors of wealth which is measured by dollars and cents is true. But "Cruz" expects too much. Men in our ranks, and, in fact, in all classes, who can write their cheques for thousands cannot be expected to cast aside such a luxury as selfishness.

**WOMAN'S RIGHTS.**—Elsewhere in this issue we publish a practical and instructive address, delivered by Lady MacDonnell, wife of Lieutenant-Governor MacDonnell, of India, at a distribution of prizes at St. Mary's Convent in that country. It contains much sound advice and should be read in the family circle. It is the best kind of antidote to some of the latter day notions which find such wide circulation in local Saturday (Blanket) newspapers under delusive and flaring headlines.

**A SUBSCRIBER.**—In another column we print a letter from an enthusiastic subscriber, in which he offers a suggestion that we consider both practical and timely. We are prepared to accept his proposal on condition that our subscribers consent to an increase of the subscription price in the manner he suggests. If we receive the necessary encouragement before the first of March next we will not hesitate to increase the number of columns of the "True Witness," as indicated by our patron.

Our Maple Island friend's contributions will always be welcome. His sympathetic references to "Old Times in Montreal" will be read with interest by our local readers. There are scores of our subscribers

Kingston, in Ontario, and West Queen's, in Prince Edward Island. The majorities of the successful candidates, reported as we go to press, are as follows:—  
St. James, Brunet, G. .... 720  
Laval, Leonard, O. .... 22  
L'Islet, Caron, L. .... 1  
Kingston, Hart, G. .... 753  
West Hastings, Porter, O. .... 496  
West Durham, Beth, G. .... 21  
West York, Campbell, G. .... 153  
Addington, Avery, O. .... 400  
West Queen's, Farquharson, G. .... 400

The following shows the cause of the vacancy, with the majority at last election in the above constituencies:—  
St. James Division, Montreal, rendered vacant by the appointment of O. Desmarais to a judgeship. Liberal majority at the last election, 1,641.

L'Islet, rendered vacant by the appointment of A. M. Dechene to the Senate. Liberal majority, 100.  
Laval, rendered vacant by the appointment of T. Fortin to a judgeship. Liberal majority, 319.

West Queen's, P.E.I., rendered vacant by the appointment of Sir Louis Davies to the Supreme Court. Liberal majority, 735.  
West York, Ont., rendered vacant by the death of the Hon. N. Clarke Wallace. Conservative majority, 820.

West Hastings, rendered vacant by the resignation of Henry Corby, Conservative majority, 842.  
West Durham, rendered vacant by the unseating of C. J. Thornton. Conservative majority, 40.  
Addington, rendered vacant by the death of J. W. Bell. Conservative majority, 529.

Kingston, rendered vacant by the appointment of B. M. Britton to a judgeship. Liberal majority, 192.

**LAND QUESTION.**—Quite recently, says the London "Universe," the Sheffield Town Council purchased a piece of land from the Duke of Norfolk, on which it is proposed to erect an electric power station. Heretofore the land had been let out in allotments, and the allotment tenants felt very naturally that they had a grievance in being turned out of their small holdings by the Sheffield Corporation, more especially as they had expended during the last two or three years much time and labor upon their holdings with a view to bringing the land in to good condition. The grievance of the tenants has fortunately come to the ears of the Duke of Norfolk, and His Grace, with his customary sense of justice and generosity, has ordered all the rents paid by the tenants since the commencement of their tenancy to be returned to them in full. His Grace was moved to this decision by the knowledge that it is only now that the land in question was about to make some proper return for the labor expended upon it by the tenants, and that it would be unfair to them to make them pay for the lean first years without enjoying the profitable seasons which were destined to follow later on.

**NEW IRISH LAND BILL.**—If there is truth in the rumor prevalent in well-informed circles in Dublin to the effect that the Government are preparing an Irish Land Bill equivalent to compulsory purchase, it is good news, remarks the "Catholic Times," of Liverpool. Those who are supposed to have special means of discovering the Government's intentions, it adds, assert that it is proposed that the tenant shall buy at seventeen years' purchase, and the landlord sell at twenty years' purchase, the State providing for the payment of the three years' difference. The agitation now going on both in the North and in the South aims at the rooting of the people in the soil through peasant proprietorship. The landlords may combat it and the Government may try to suppress it, but not even the worst form of coercion will end it. There is one way of ensuring peace, and that is through compulsory purchase. The passing of a Bill making provision for it would be an act of real statesmanship.

**RELIGIOUS OPINION.**—Under this heading, and referring to the Bible Congress recently instituted by the Holy Father, the New York "Independent" has a somewhat lengthy article, in which the writer attempts to show what has been, what is, and what may yet be the attitude of the Catholic Church to-

wards the Holy Scriptures. It is evident that the subject is approached from a purely Protestant point of view. At all events, the writer is hopelessly at sea in regard to the Church, to the Bible, to the object of the Papeal Commission, and to all that concerns Catholic teachings on the subject. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to make head or tail 'out of the arguments set forth. He anticipates, in some mysterious way, the reason of which is not very clear, that this action of the Pope, if carried to a conclusion, will be the hardest blow ever struck at the Catholic Church. We are strongly of opinion that Leo XIII. can be better trusted in such matters than can the "Independent." Like critics made like prophecies prior to the promulgation of the Immaculate Conception, and also before the Infallibility was defined. Still the Church has experienced the greatest advantage from these so-called "blows," and has proven to the world that she knew her own business better than could any outsider ever understand it. It is always amusing to read those apparently wise commentaries upon the actions of Rome in regard to the internal discipline or the dogma of the Church. What is really lacking to such writers is an exact idea regarding the spirit of the Church.

**IRISH LEADER HONORED.**—At a recent meeting of the Cork Corporation the Lord Mayor presiding, Mr. A. Roche moved that the freedom of the City of Cork be conferred on Mr. J. Redmond, M.P., in recognition of his eminent services as leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, and in appreciation of the great ability and energy which he displayed in the cause of the Irish people during his recent visit to America. Sir J. Scott spoke in a fitting manner about the mission to America, but did not oppose the motion. The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

**A VOTING MACHINE.**—A voting machine looking somewhat like a cash register, and said to possess every advantage, guaranteeing secrecy, preventing repeating, and enabling illiterate persons to vote easily, it is said, has been invented by a French naval instructor. It does away with all writing and scratching. Five tickets, each having twenty names, may be voted simultaneously, straight or mixed. The results, counted automatically, immediately appear on the dials at the back of the machine.

**FIRE IN A CHURCH.**—The magnificently situated and artistically finished parish Church at St. Fulgence, in the Lake St. John district, came dangerously close to falling a victim to the ravages of fire last week, says the Quebec "Daily Telegraph." Had it not been for the timely discovery, the sacred edifice would undoubtedly be in ruins to-day.

It was during the evening that a woman happened to enter the church, whereupon she was astonished to perceive that the interior of the building was rapidly filling with smoke. Needless to say that every man, woman and child within hearing answered the alarm with all possible haste, and it was owing to their strenuous efforts that the sacred edifice was saved from destruction. A plentiful supply of water was at hand, and as the blaze was discovered before it had attained very large proportions, it was confined to the vicinity of the altar, and finally overcome. The damage caused will amount to three or four thousand dollars.

**A GENEROUS OFFER.**—There are more ways than one of aiding a good cause. The man who makes a donation to any worthy object has performed a good deed; but if, in doing so, he is able to stimulate others to proportionate liberality he is conferring a two-fold boon. On New Year's Day, 1901, Rev. P. M. Cawley, pastor of an Erie parish, that of St. Patrick, stated that he had received an offer from an individual to the effect that he would contribute to the Church an amount equal to that raised during the succeeding twelve months. Owing to strikes amongst freight handlers and other causes it was feared that the sum would be small. But on the Sunday after New Year, 1902, the pastor announced that the amount

of the year's contributions was \$15,961.71—and added that a like sum was handed to him by Mr. Andrew Weschler, a wealthy member of the congregation. These are facts that would bear considerable comment, and the lessons they teach are more numerous than we imagine. However, we will be content with the simple statement of the case, knowing how well our readers will appreciate not only the generous gift of the rich Catholic gentleman, but above all, the unique means he took to induce and encourage others to add to the Church's fund.

**A LAWYER'S TRUST.**—We had imagined that almost every kind of business in the world had experienced the "Trust" fever. We learn, however, that in New Jersey a corporation, known as the "Associated Attorneys," will do business of a legal kind for so much per year. The capital stock is \$20,000, of which \$1,000 has been paid in. The incorporators are three New Jersey city lawyers. This corporation is empowered to practise law through attorneys and counsellors-at-law in any part of the United States. It is expected that a specialty will be made of doing work for business houses and corporations at a stated salary per year.

**THE YOUNG MEN.**—On the Monday after Christmas the young men of St. Mary's parish, Lindsay, Ont., called upon the present pastor, Rev. Father Phelan, and presented him with a delicately worded address, accompanied with a splendid pair of fur gauntlets. Father Phelan had been curate of the parish under the late lamented Monsignor Laurent, the parish priest. On the death of the latter, the Most Rev. Bishop of Peterborough, appointed, for the time being, Father Phelan as his successor. The sentiments that seem to have animated the young men of the parish were gratitude to the Bishop for having left them Father Phelan to console the congregation after its great loss, and of regret at his approaching departure. There is something very touching in the fact that the young men of the parish entertain such noble sentiments and are animated with such a grand Catholic spirit. It is frequently remarked that the young men always leave the burden of such duties, in connection with the Church, to the older members of the parishes. But here is a little instance that goes a long way to prove that the spirit of their fathers is in some young men of to-day, and that they need but the opportunity to manifest the same.

**IRISH COMIC SONGS.**—It will be remembered that some time ago we published a contribution from one of our regular correspondents, in which it was pointed out that the works of Lever, Lover, Carleton, and their more feeble imitators, have been responsible for a great deal of that long-imposed nuisance, the "Stage Irishman." From time to time we meet with other writers who are imbued with the same ideas. The "Catholic Times," of Liverpool, in a recent issue says:—

It must be frankly stated that the Irish themselves are responsible for his persistent appearance. He has time after time come before thousands of them, twirling his stilletto with one hand, holding a bundle in the other, and exhibiting by means of his face and movements, as our correspondents well says, "a mixture of shallow buffoonery, vanity, and good-natured idiocy." And instead of showing clearly that they had no sympathy with such a wretched caricature, they laughed at his antiquated jokes and cheered his songs, which were chiefly notable for their poverty of thought. It is strange that the custom should have survived so long.

This pretty story is told of a distinguished novelist. He and his wife were at a social gathering, where the question was discussed: "Who would you rather be if not yourself?" His wife asked him for his reply to the question. He promptly answered: "Your second husband, dear!"  
Aunt Maria (at concert): "Josiah, what's the next thing to be done?" Uncle Josiah: "They're going to sing 'For a Thousand Years.'" Aunt Maria: "For goodness' sake, Josiah, telegraph the children what's keeping us!"

## BUSINESS METHODS IN CIVIC AFFAIRS.

**MAYOR LOW'S MESSAGE.**—Following is the text of Mayor Low's first message to the Board of Aldermen:

"I welcome you to your honorable duties as the legislative body of the city of New York. The interests with which you are called upon to deal are worthy of the best services of any body of men. I congratulate you that it is your privilege to assume these duties at a time when the eyes of the city, and of the whole United States are centred upon you. I beg to assure you of my hearty co-operation in all your efforts to serve the city well. And precisely as the legislative body needs the co-operation of the executive, so the Mayor needs the hearty co-operation of the city legislature. For this I ask, and I shall spare no effort to deserve it.

"At the present time it is not possible for me to discuss the affairs of the city in a way to be of value, but at your first meeting in February I shall hope to send you a message dealing with such matters as may then call for discussion.

"At this moment I wish especially to say a word through you to the people of the city. It is widely believed that during recent years a system has gradually been developed in connection with the administration of the city that calls for the illegitimate payment of money at every turn. To the historic phrase 'blackmail,' which originated when robber barons openly demanded money as the price of letting people alone have been added, as words of similar evil omen, the new and expressive terms 'shake-down' and 'rake-off.' Against such an iniquitous system, in all its forms, this administration is at open war, and I bespeak the co-operation of the people of the city to bring it to an end.

"If during the next two years any citizen or any employee of the city pays money illegitimately, either to avoid injury or inconvenience, or to secure his rights, he will do it, because he wants to, and not because he must. No one, from the largest corporation to the poorest boot-black, need pay one dime for protection from harm, or to secure just treatment at the hands of the city government. No laborer or other employee need part with one cent of his salary to any one, either in or out of the city government. The whole force of the administration will be exerted, continuously, aggressively and in every possible way, to prevent and to punish this sort of iniquity.

"Any one asked to make an improper payment for any purpose has only to report the fact to the Mayor to be sure of protection and redress. Persons having business relations with the city who meet with unreasonable delay in any department are asked to report to the Mayor without hesitation. By itself and without the aid of the people and of the city employees the administration can do little more than make this offer. With the co-operation of the citizens and of the city employees the whole foul system can be broken up.

"It is only those who despair of securing good city government in the United States who will believe that the practices I have alluded to can endure. It is only the enemies of democracy who believe that these things are inevitable. I ask for the co-operation of the people and of the employees of the city in destroying this iniquitous system, for the city's sake and for democracy's sake."

## LET US GO TO DESJARDINS.

That is what is being said this season, among all the buyers of choice furs, at reasonable prices, for both poor and rich. It is a well established fact that the great house of Charles Desjardins & Co. gives 30 to 40 per cent, better value than anywhere else, for the same money. Join the crowd, therefore, for Charles Desjardins & Co., who are in every way the kings of furs in Canada, 1533 to 1541 St. Catherine Street.

"Why, pa, this is roast beef!" exclaimed little Willie at dinner on the evening when Mr. Chumpleigh was present as the guest of honor. "Of course," said the father. "What of that?" "Why, you told me this morning that you were going to bring a 'mutton-head' home for dinner this evening."