CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

JANUARY, 1900.

- 21. -Third Sunday after Epiph-
- Anastasius, Martyrs. 23, Tuesday,—Espousals of the province.
- Blessed Virgin. 24. Wednesday — St. Timothy. Bishop, Martyr.
- St. Paul.
- Martyr. tom, Bishop, Doctor.

BRIEFLETS.

F The Catholic population in Rat Portage and Norman is 1,500.

The Oblate Fathers of St. Mary's, Winnipeg, are now in their new and well appointed residence.

Rev. Father Sinnett, so popular in this country, has been appointed Catholic chahlain to the second contingent. He was born at Ridgetown, Ontario, and is 43 years old. His priestly THE PARTITION OF AFRICA. functions were exercised especially at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont St. Boniface College, Portage la the great distances in Africa to Prairie, Regina and recently in Montreal in St. Antony's parish.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface said Mass last Sunin the chapel of St. Boniface College, and was afterwards presented with two addresses (one in French, the other in English) and a charming piece of original poetry. Mgr Lange vin replied with more than his usual felicity and earnestness. enjoining on the young men to organize for the defence of the Church.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISH-ED OBLATE.

The Very Rev. Father Joseph Antoine, first assistant to the General Superior of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, died on the 11th inst. The fact was learned by cablegram and there are no details. The venerable and dearly loved Father Antoine was 74 years old, 50 of which he had spent in the Congregation of the Oblates. Had he lived till next May he would have celebrated his golden jubilee of priesthood and religious life. Few foreign religious had so

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thoroughly identified themselves 000,000 and 50,000,000 of people,

clergy assembled in the Cathedral at 8.15 to recite the office of 25, Thursday, — Conversion of the dead. At 9 o'clock His Grace Archbishop Langevin, O. 26, Friday,—St. Polycarp, Bishop, M.I., began the Pontifical Mass of Requiem before a very large 27. Saturday—St. John Chrysos- and sympathetic congregation: The Assistant Priest was Rev. Father Beaudin, O.M.I.; Deacon and sub-deacon of honor, Rev. Father Guillett, O.M I, and Rev. Father Gravel; officiating Deacon and subdeacon, Rev Fathers Dorais and O'Dwyer, O.M.I.; master of ceremonies, Rev Dr. Béliveau. Were present in the Albert Kulawy, O. M. I., Rev. Fathers Cherrier, Messier, Sweder, Rousseau and Rev. Dr. Trudel. The absolution was given by His Grace.

It is necessary to bear in mind fully appreciate the situation in the southern part of the continent. You recall in a general railroad ride of 1,040 miles almost due north in order to reach Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, or, more officially speaking, of the South African Republic. In this ride you you up, increases your weight, pass through the Orange Free State, which is acting with the South African Republic in its politics and wars. If you should draw a line on the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, then and to the northern limits of ly of them. Maine, and then down the Atlantic coast to the point of beginning, you would get an area not quite equal to that of Oom Paul's country, and his neighbor, the Orange Free State. This gives you some idea of the magnificent stretches of territory even upon the lower end of the African continent.

If you were to take the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the northern to the southern boundary lines, and increase the area threefold on the continent of Africa, you would still have enough land for the Republic of France, the entire German empire, all of Austria-Hungary, the kingdom of Italy, all that is left of Spain, and, of course, a few odd corners in which the British Islands could be stored without difficulty. This may give some idea of the enormous extent of that wonderful country. Within the memory of this generation it was practically unknown to the world. Now we find it so full of riches, and possibilities that the great nations of Europe are each year sacrificing thousands of lives that they may extend their boundary lines. Five thousand miles is the length of this great continent, and at its widest part it is 4,600 miles. It is the only one of the continents which lies equally to the north and south of the equator, and it is one which has yielded more romances of discovery, more horrible tales of wanton murder, more surprises in wealth-getting and politics than any other part of the earth in the latter half of the nine-

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So we have here about twothirds of the entire continent under the ownership of the European nations, but valueless as much of the 4,000,000 square miles may be-such, for instance, way that the Cape of Good Hope as the Sahara Desert-it is quite day, the feast of the Holy Name, is the southern point, but you certain that it will be claimed may not know that it requires a and finally secured by some of

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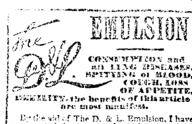
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