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## CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

### MARCH.

- 8—Second Sunday in Lent.
- 9, Monday—St. Frances of Rome, Widow.
- 10, Tuesday—The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.
- 11, Wednesday—Votive office of St. Joseph.
- 12, Thursday—St. Gregory I., Pope, Doctor.
- 13, Friday—The Holy Shroud.
- 14, Saturday—Votive office of the Immaculate Conception.

## IRISH CHARACTERISTICS.

The following is a summary of Father Drummond's lecture at the Collegiate Institute on Feb. 27:—

"The Irishman is a fair specimen of the rational animal. His intellect is bright and quick. No surgical operation is needed to get a joke into his head; he has not to wait till the next day to see the point. The Irish mind, however, is not only bright, it is profound. It is much given to mathematics. The lecturer instanced a boy of twelve who, when coming over to Canada in a sailing vessel in 1825, made all the navigation calculations for the captain who was ill. Sir William Rowan Hamilton, Kt., of Dublin—not Sir William Hamilton, Bart., of Glasgow—made the greatest mathematical discovery of the nineteenth century when he invented the calculus of quaternions.

The Irish intellect is not less strong in metaphysics, as many subtle and deep thinkers witness, from Duns Scotus—who is claimed by England, Scotland and Ireland, but whom we may put down as an Irishman—to Berkeley, the father of modern Idealists. The Irish peasant has always manifested a great thirst for knowledge. In the sad days of the penal laws, when schools and schoolmasters were forbidden to the Catholic Irish under the direst penalties, the supposedly ignorant peasants carried their literary studies into the silent fields under the shadow of the hedges, and studied Homer, Virgil and Euclid. This was the origin of the famous "hedge-schools."

The Irish imagination has a wider range than that of almost any other race. Their whole history is redolent of a better past, and thus there runs through their poetry and music a minor vein of melancholy. As an example of the melody of Irish verse, Father Drummond read D. F. McCarthy's "Pillar Towers of Ireland," emphasizing especially this stanza: Here was placed holy chalice that held the sacred wine, And the gold cross from the altar, and the relics from the shrine, And the mitre shining brighter with its diamonds than the east, And the crosier of the Pontiff, and the vestments of the Priest!

To show that Irishmen were also capable of that thought-provoking style which condenses truth into a terse epigram, the lecturer quoted many gems from the writings of

John Boyle O'Reilly, who, an escaped convict, captured the culture of Boston, which thinks itself a little better than heaven. Only a few of these quotations can be given here:

### DISTANCE.

The world is large, when its weary leagues two loving hearts divide; But the world is small, when your enemy is loose on the other side.

### TO-DAY.

Only from day to day  
The life of a wise man runs;  
What matter if seasons far away  
Have glooms or have double suns?

Like a tide our work should rise—  
Each later wave the best,  
To-day is a king in disguise,  
To-day is the special test.

Like a sawyer's work is life:  
The present makes the flaw,  
And the only field for strife  
Is the inch before the saw.  
In a short poem called "An Autobiography," John Boyle O'Reilly says:

He hated a mill, and a mine, and a town,  
With their fever of misery, struggle, renown;  
He could never believe but a man was made  
For a nobler end than the glory of trade.

Of Irish humor Father Drummond gave several amusing instances, some of which he had himself heard at first hand. To show the Irishman's love of his native land, and how he preferred its genial poverty to the stiff respectability of England, he read Moira O'Neill's "Corrymeela," in which occurs this immortal stanza:—

The people that's in England is richer nor the Jews,  
There's not the smallest young gossoon but thravels in his shoes!  
I'd give the pipe between me teeth to see a barefoot child,  
Och! Corrymeela an' the low south wind.

We have seen lately in the papers that brighter days are in store for Ireland. If Englishmen will only understand—and they are learning the lesson more and more every day—that the Irish temperament cannot be made regular and methodical like the English, they will let them rule themselves. Allowance must be made for national characteristics. The Irishman has many faults, but no mean ones. He is a born idealist, imaginative and generous. But he must have leaders that know him well.

It has been said that the Irish could not govern themselves. How is it, then, that so many of them are leaders of their fellows all over the world? Governors like Lord Dufferin, Generals like Lord Roberts. Irishmen are splendid fighters; their bravery is proverbial. We know what it was in the late South African war, we have heard what it was in the American Civil war, especially at the battle of Fredericksburg, where one thousand and out of twelve hundred Irish soldiers were cut down but did not retreat. Nor is it even necessary for Irishmen to join some well disciplined army in order to learn obedience. Count Peter Lacy, entering the Russian service as a subaltern, reorganized the savage hordes of the then undisciplined Muscovites and transformed them into conquerors of the hitherto invincible Swedish King, Charles XII.

The Irish are often accused of lacking perseverance and constancy of will. To prove the contrary the lecturer dwelt at some length on the life and marvellous deeds of John Nicholson, born in Dublin, who died a heroic death at the siege of Delhi. He was a man cast in a giant mould, with lustrous, menacing eyes. Thoroughly versed in all the habits of the natives of India, he exerted over them a more than kingly influence. A brotherhood of Fakirs renounced all other creeds and devoted themselves to the worship of "Nikkul-Seyn." When they heard of his death they came together to lament, and one

of them stood forth, saying there was no gain from living in a world that no longer held Nikalsain; so he cut his throat deliberately and died. The others, reflecting that this was not the way to serve their great hero, determined to learn to worship Nikalsain's God, and the entire sect of Nikkul-Seynees actually accepted Christianity on the evidence of Nicholson's personality. Lord Roberts writes, in his "Forty One Years in India": "Nicholson impressed me more powerfully than any man I had ever met before, or have ever met since." He was only thirty-seven when he died; what fame he might have won had he lived, no man can tell. He was certainly one of the greatest soldiers the British Empire has produced.

## ORDINATION OF FATHER THERIAULT.

Last Sunday at the Cathedral, in lieu of the usual High Mass there was a Low Mass with ordination to the priesthood. The ordainer was His Grace the Archbishop; the ordained, Father Antoine Theriault, who came here some months ago for the sake of our dry climate and whose health has in fact greatly improved. He is 25 years old, was born at St. Modeste, Que., educated at the College of Rimouski and at the grand seminary of the same town.

His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface said Mass and conferred on the young cleric the priestly sacrament of the Holy Orders. The priests who assisted in the laying on of hands were the Very Rev. A. Dugas, V.G., Rev. Father Hudson, S.J., rector of St. Boniface College, Rev. Father Boutin, E.M.I., Rev. Fathers Messier, Dorais, O.M.I., and Dandurand, O.M.I., Rev. Doctors Beliveau and Trudel.

Father Trudel preached a carefully prepared sermon explaining the symbolism and supernatural efficacy of the ordination service.

## U. S. CATHOLIC NEWS.

### STEPHENS AND LODGE

For years the Government has allowed the Indians annual rations in consideration of the cession of certain lands. Until 1901 this contract was faithfully carried out by the Government, but now only Indians who attend government schools, or no schools at all, receive these rations. If they attend a Catholic school they receive nothing. To correct this glaring injustice the following amendment to the Indian Bill was offered before the House Committee on Indian affairs:

That no rations be withheld from any Indian entitled thereto under the treaty with the United States by reason of the fact that the child or children of such Indian may be in attendance upon any other than a Government school.

The members of the House Committee, Mr. Stephens of Texas excepted, favored the amendment.

Mr. Stephens, who had supported it last winter, was now bitterly opposed to it. And thereby hangs a tale:

Last winter Mr. Stephens' district was composed of 80 counties, a great many of which contained a large Mexican, Catholic population. Narrow bigot that he is, he was compelled, for the safety of his political hide, to suppress the natural impulses of his little soul until the legislature of his State came unwittingly to his relief and in redistricting the State mercifully took the offensive counties away from him. The real Stephens who had been foxily kept in the background, now comes to the front. In an interview he said that he was opposed to a union of Church and State, and that nothing that could be said on the subject would change his mind. When asked what this amendment had to do with a union of Church and State his little temper rose on its little hind legs, and he dashed back on the floor of the house, leaving behind him some acrid remarks about Catholics.

It was then decided to bring the amendment before the Senate Committee, which voted to put it in the bill. On February 14th the bill

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was laid before the Senate and the amendments were considered first. When the above amendment was reached Senator Lodge promptly raised the point of order against it and was with equal promptness sustained by the chair. Lodge has the reputation of being a statesman and a man of scholarly attainments, but if there was ever a man upon whom the broadening influences of education had just the opposite effect, that man is the junior Senator from Massachusetts. When it comes to lying in ambush for some measure intended to give a few Catholic Indians their rights, Lodge is the man, for there are fortunately few men in the Senate who have, like herent qualifications for such des-Lodge, the proper animus and in-plicable work.

Important engagements are broken; pressing committee work is neglected; the cards of prominent callers are inhospitably returned; an array of Latin quotations which he has been rehearsing for the future delectation of the Senate, is dismissed from his mind; an urgent call to the White House is recklessly disregarded; and there sits the great Lodge, statesman and scholar, watching anxiously and eager for the opportunity to raise his point of order; his point of order, for no other should have that pleasure, although Senator Gallinger would have been glad to relieve him of his place in the sentry box of bigotry.

Last winter when the President decided to appoint Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia on the Indian Commission, this same Lodge who is Mr. Roosevelt's personal friend and political adviser, went to the White House to protest against the appointment, but the President remained firm. Senator Quay and Penrose recommended and urged the appointment and succeeded in having it confirmed.

## LEADERETTES.

Col. Sanderson has resigned from the Grand Mastership and Shank-hill Road is in deep mourning. The remote cause of the trouble appears to be a revolt among the rank and file. The ordinary unwashed brother has been dominated too long by the "biled shirt" faction. It is a good sign that the poor fools are seeing how they have been worked. The order was founded to keep them at enmity with their Catholic brethren in the ranks of labor so that the rich might divide the spoils.—Leader.

Poor old "General" Ortis of Los Angeles has fallen upon evil days. He has sat up late o' nights prophesying that the Governor would withdraw Father Yorke's name and the Senate would refuse to confirm him as Regent of the State University. And now that his augury proves false, the warrior of Caloocan gnashes his gums like a toothless hound and calls Father Yorke various unbecoming names. That a Catholic priest should hold a position filled by a Unitarian minister for a quarter of a century is a bitter pill for some people.—Leader, San Francisco.

They say now that oil has been discovered in Ireland. We hope the knowledge of this find will be kept carefully concealed from the Standard Oil Company. While St. Patrick banished snakes and reptiles from Ireland, we are afraid if the octopus gets its hold on Old Erin, it will be hard to dislodge it.—Ex.

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