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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

- WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13th, 26 Martyrs of Japan.
THURSDAY, Feb. 14th, St. Valentine.
FRIDAY, Feb. 15th, St. Fastin and St. Jovite.
SATURDAY, Feb. 16th, St. Jullenne.
SUNDAY, Feb. 17th, Saptuagesima.
MONDAY, Feb. 18th, St. Simon.
TUESDAY, Feb. 19th, St. Conrad.

A Word to Our Friends.

A subscriber to THE TRUE WITNESS writes as from his home in Nova Scotia warmly approving of the course pursued by this paper in dealing with public affairs, and adds that the facts, figures and arguments presented in these columns are having a valuable educational effect. He also informs us that the feeling in his part of the country is two to one in favor of Unrestricted Proslavery.

for laying the World's article before readers, of THE TRUE WITNESS. It is necessary that they should be thoroughly posted as to the views and aims of those who are seeking to divide the country on the lines of religion and nationality. Our position, the position of all Irish Catholics, has been clearly defined in the words of Daniel O'Connell—"we take our religion from Rome, but not our politics." The "definition" laid down by the World is therefore faulty and we decline to be regulated by it or have it regarded as a proper estimate of our attitude.

Catholics, have partaken of that enjoyment, therefore restitution of a portion of the property now is simply a compromise with right, full heirs, who are in reality the only parties having cause to complain. But the World refuses to admit the correctness of this view and says "Mr. Morier's motives for buying the support of the Jesuits is impossible to understand." The cool insolence of this gratuitous assumption of a villainous mercenary bargain between the Provincial Premier and a religious order shows at once the degraded character and bigotted animus of the No-Popery party for which the Mail speaks.

ing nothing. With the mass of the people inroadular, and the local and federal governments indifferent, the organ of militant Protestantism calls upon somebody to come forth. "If we have a man among us," it cries, "with the faculties of a leader, independent of the corrupted or intimidated organizations, and with a faith in his convictions strong enough to forgo present possession of power and look to the future for recognition, it is about time that he should come to the front. His appearance might change the scene."

and sympathy as those of the other great colonies who have so lovably befriended her in her hour of trial. As might naturally be expected, the great city of Montreal has been foremost in the generous work. During the past year upwards of 5,000 dollars have been forwarded from that place in aid of our struggle. The foremost men in Canadian politics are amongst the practical sympathizers with the Irish cause. We can reckon amongst our friends such statesmen and politicians as the Hon. Mr. Morier, Premier of Quebec; the Hon. Edward Blake, the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. James McShane, Judges Doherty and Barry, together with scores of men eminent in professional and mercantile circles in Canada.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. EUROPEAN. The Spanish Senate, by vote of 66 to 53, rejected the motion of Senor Osta, a protectionist, to raise the import duties on cereals. Emperor Francis Joseph has issued a proclamation expressing heartfelt thanks to his people for the sympathy manifested for him in his affliction. On Monday the Emperor of Japan at Tokio publicly promulgated a constitution for the Empire. The promulgation was attended with great pomp and ceremony.