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Calendar for the Week.

- Aug. 13—St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori... 14—St. Elizabeth... 15—Fast Day, transferred Vigil of the Assumption... 16—St. Joachim... 17—Octave of St. Laurence... 18—St. Hyacinth... 19—Blessed Urban II, P.

Canada Presbyterian—It is not a cheering announcement to be told that forty-eight new cells are being added to the accommodation of the Central Prison.

The record of the Ottawa Model School in the Entrance Examinations was the subject of an inaccurate reference in a recent issue of THE REGISTER.

It is certainly great news that Li Hung Chang will visit Toronto. His Excellency will pass through Canada in bond; and now that the Conservatives are out of power, he will be easily able to evade the poll tax.

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valuable gold discoveries made in almost every township of the Dominion, and perhaps the astute Mongolian is getting here in this to avoid the rush

The circumstances of a tragedy reported during the week from London, Ontario, are inexpressibly sad. Happily they are almost unprecedented in this country of ours, or they might furnish a text for much bitter comment.

We suppose that these reflections were in the mind of the editor of The World when he sent his reporters all over the city to take a census of the clergy, to find how many were away in the haunts of the pleasure-seekers and how many were at home reforming the sinners and ministering to the sick and the dying.

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shocking though the suspension of religious services in Protestant churches may be, we must remember in estimation at least for the people that in their religious sacrifice, an ease of religious worship is wanting. But at least they are for a part of the year the Aids of religion which they possess.

The House of Landlords and the Landlord Bill.

The Irish Land Bill had to wait until it got into the House of Lords to have the landlords amendments tacked on to it. At its best it was but a poor bill, even a bad bill.

Containing little of any real benefit to the tenants and imposing no new difficulty upon rack-renting landlords, the Bill went up to the House of Lords. And it was thought, of course, that the Lords would pass it in the same shape in which it reached them.

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Ministerial Absenteeism.

On Saturday The World published several columns of information concerning the clergy of the city and the renewed agitation for Sunday street cars. It was but reasonable to expect that the newspapers should endeavor to concentrate public attention upon the actual example of the clergy; for it is most important that the example of the ministerial office should support reverence for religion and prove itself in perfect harmony with ministerial preaching.

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Cabinet Representation.

We are of opinion that The Globe and The Register must agree to disagree concerning the principle upon which the Catholic vote in Ontario was cast in the late elections. The Globe on Saturday last had a good deal to say about the North Waterloo election; but really we cannot see that our contemporary makes any accusation against the Catholic clergy of using undue influence.

We must confess that the concluding portion The Globe's article has interested us very much. The Globe is not accustomed to speak incautiously or wide of the mark with reference to the intentions of the Government. What then are we to understand by the following?

The history of land legislation in Ireland never presented such an object lesson as this. It has been a public combination of the landlords of the two islands to crush down the Irish agitation against rack rents. The London correspondent of the New York World draws a striking picture of the landlord forces rallying for the vote:

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The landlords once before prevented the will of the people of Great Britain going into effect in the House of Lords. That was permitted because of the false cry got up about the safety of the union and the empire. Now the landlords have undertaken to block the machinery of Parliament to gain unjust advantages for their own rapacious class.

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was called in Melbourne about the middle of July to visit the Victorian Legislature. No doubt that Convention at pointed the best man of the colony who will appear in the Lower House, Dublin, in due time. From every quarter of the globe the scattered sons of Ireland are coming to the capital of the beloved old land, all animated with one aim and determination. In their adopted homes they have learned the uses of union. Full well they realize that discussion and jealousy have ever been the ruin of Ireland's hope in the past; and they are determined to do all that lies in their power to mark an era of triumphant unity at last.

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