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Calendar for Next Week.

- OCTOBER.
- 16—Twenty-first Sunday after Pente-
cost. The Purity of the Blessed
Virgin.
 - 17—Monday—Blessed Margaret Mary
Alacoque, Virgin.
 - 18—Tuesday—St. Luke, Evangelist.
 - 19—Wednesday—St. Peter of Alcan-
tara, Confessor.
 - 20—Thursday—St. John of Kenty,
Confessor.
 - 21—Friday—St. Hedwige, Widow
(transferred from the 17th inst.)
 - 22—Saturday—Votive Office of the Im-
maculate Conception.

RECEPTION AT ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

On Friday evening of last week the pupils of St. Mary's Academy tendered a neat reception to His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface. Owing to the drizzling rain the assembly hall, the stage of which was prettily decorated with palms and flowers, was not by any means crowded. A little after 8.30 His Grace, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Dandurand and Cahill, O.M.I., Rev. Fathers Cherrier and Beliveau, and Rev. Fathers Lewis and Lawrence Drummond, S.J., entered, and was greeted with a piano overture played by Miss M. Bernhardt, Miss M. Tait, Miss M. L. Prince and Miss E. Bertrand. Miss Margaret Bernhardt, surrounded by about a hundred white-gowned pupils, spoke a few words of graceful welcome, referring charmingly to the Archbishop's pilgrimage to the Holy Land and his audience with the Pope. Then, came a well executed violin quartette by Miss R. Simpson, Miss M. Carroll, Miss Maria Dubuc and Miss E. Thompson. Miss Margaret Carroll's essay, "Passing Away," which expressed delight at being the first pupil to be crowned by His Grace's hands fresh with the blessings of Palestine and Rome, was accompanied here and there by a soft chorus with piano accompaniment, the effect being quaintly artistic.

After the recitation Father Drummond came to the platform and read the creditable standing obtained by Miss Carroll in her recent examinations, stating that in all subjects she had passed with honors, having an average of over 82 per cent. Miss Carroll came forward to His Grace, who crowned her with a crown of roses and smilax. She was also the recipient of several bouquets of flowers during the conferring of the graduating honors.

This was followed by the "Magnificat," admirably sung by all the pupils. Miss Rhoda Simpson next played "Paroles du Coeur," a violin solo, with even better technique than usual, thanks to the training she is now receiving from Professor Couture. When enthusiastically recalled she played again from memory with perfect execution.

The Archbishop spoke feelingly in French and English. He expressed himself as being delighted to be home again and to see the pupils of St. Mary's Academy, and praised Miss Bernhardt's address and Miss Carroll's essay. He took their photo with him in his heart and during his journeyings by sea and land ever thought and prayed for them. He described the interesting spots of the old world, of Rome and Palestine, so dear to the Christian's heart. He extolled the work of the convent as "a work that is not only a sacred one but a most sublime one, a work that is pregnant with immense results to

society, to the church and to the world." He felt deeply grateful to the Sisters for the great work they were doing, which he had known for the past eleven years. It was very difficult, His Grace said, to find anywhere in Canada or in the States a finer institution than they had in Winnipeg. He closed a very happy address by referring to his freedom from accident or sickness during his long trip, and then amusingly related how he and Father Dandurand had been spilled out of their carriage by the horses frightened at the electric car on the bridge near the Academy. Fortunately they escaped without even a bruise, but with plenty of mud on their cassocks.

FATHER LACOMBE'S RETURN.

He is Going to Write His Memoirs.

(Winnipeg Tribune, Oct. 10.)

"I will go into my hermitage at Pincher Creek, in the far Northwest; no more will I travel, and there, in quiet, I will write my memories of 54 years on the plains of the west." With these words Rev. Father Lacombe, O.M.I., said farewell to Winnipeg to-day through a reporter for the "Tribune." The venerable missionary arrived in the city Saturday from his pilgrimage to the Holy Land and through Europe with Archbishop Langevin. After six months of steady travel, Father Lacombe greeted the reporter this morning at St. Mary's presbytery with his old-time jolly disposition, hale and sturdy, and clear of mind, despite the burden of 78 years of labors on the frontiers that have whitened his hairs and wasted his hands.

"Memoirs" by this oblate missionary will relate the history of the Canadian Northwest as could no other of any living man. More than two generations have passed, all pregnant with the development of the Northwest, since Father Lacombe rode across the wide prairies, whose solitude was broken only by the nomadic buffalo herds, and arrived at the gates of the little trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company at Edmonton. He has camped with the buffalo hunter and the Indian, he has seen towns spring up where he had shot the buffalo for a winter coat, he has seen thousands of Caucasian immigrants create the prairie into a new nation, he has been the warm friend of a host of historical figures in Canada's history, he counts among his speaking acquaintances some of the greatest statesmen of the time, crowned heads of Europe, and two Popes of Rome.

Before speaking of his departure Father Lacombe gave to the reporter a most interesting account of his travels since last March, when he left Pincher Creek.

En route to the trans-Atlantic steamer at New York, he stopped over at St. Paul, where he was entertained by his friend, Archbishop Ireland, one of the most distinguished members of the American hierarchy. In Minnesota's capital Father Lacombe also met James J. Hill, the railway magnate, whose friendship he esteemed two-score years ago when the multi-millionaire was in the beginning of his fortune. "He gave me a generous donation for my mission work in the Northwest," said the old priest. "Mr. Hill, though not a Catholic—his wife and children are—contributes most liberally to our institutions. He is a good philanthropist."

Father Lacombe sailed from New York the latter part of April, accompanying Archbishop Langevin, and from Havre, France, went directly to Marseilles, where the pilgrimage was to begin. "The Pilgrimage of Penance," he explained, "is held every year under the direction of the Assumptionist Fathers. It costs only \$200 to make the trip from Marseilles to the sacred places in the Holy Land and return, this including every expense. Ah, it was delicious, beautiful. There can be nothing so delightful to the Christian."

A full account of the travels of the pilgrims in the Holy Land is to be found in another column containing the report of Father Lacombe's sermon at St. Mary's last night.

The venerable missionary's hermitage, where he will pen his memoirs, will be a fine residence which Patrick Burns, of Calgary, has erected at Pincher Creek for him. A younger priest will perform the brunt of the duties of the mission and there in the foothills of the Rockies the white-haired Father will be allowed to pass his last days in peace and quiet.

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FEDERATION OF THE CATHOLIC SOCIETIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Osservatore Romano, September 2, 1904.)

A Congress of the Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States was held in the city of Detroit, Mich., a few days ago. Taking occasion from this Congress, the illustrious Bishop of Trenton, Mgr. McFaul, wrote a magnificent article for Donahue's Magazine, of which we make a short summary in order to give our readers some idea of this great organization.

Catholic Federation has for scope Catholic progress, the defence of Catholic rights when they are contravened or disregarded; and has now made such headway, and attained proportions so imposing, as to draw into it, in a few years, every Catholic society of the country.

Bishop McFaul makes manifest the necessity which is felt in our era to organize, to associate together, whatever be the object in view. The Federation of which we speak aims at uniting all Catholic associations in one great confederacy. It must be remembered that Catholics should not, as such, associate themselves with any political party: that would do grave injury to their own interests. Of what use, then, is Federation? Bishop McFaul answers that, while Federation has no political object, it has for purpose to educate all Catholics to avail themselves of their rights as American citizens for their civil, social and religious advancement. Federation gives great help in this educational campaign through discussion of problems of the day and the popularizing of Catholic solutions.

Besides, its influence on Catholic societies of various nationalities will confer the benefit of protecting them against Protestant proselytism. Federation has already made a great step by forming public opinion on the great questions of the day, its conclusions having been made matter of public discussion. There is no doubt that since the beginning of the Federation movement, the Catholic position with regard to education, divorce, socialism, etc., has been proclaimed with a vigor never before felt in the history of the Republic.

As a practical result of Federation may also be cited the concessions made to Catholics in Philippine affairs, the present friendly relations existing in Porto Rico, the change in matters regarding the Indian schools, and the clear light which is breaking on the famous question of the Public Schools. The arrangement proposed is this: Let the Catholic Schools remain in possession of the Church and be taught as now by Brothers and Sisters. No religious instruction will be paid for by public money. Let the children be examined in the Catholic Schools; and if it be found that they have received the instruction demanded by the State, let the State pay for such secular education as it does in the Public Schools.

To those who look with fear on Federation the Bishop recalls that it is advancing with all the prudence and forethought that a work so serious and promising demands.

Mgr. James Augustine McFaul is of Irish birth, and still in the flower of his age, being only 54. He is considered one of the most learned and popular of American Bishops, being sympathetic in manner, and the very type of a Prelate who believes in action.

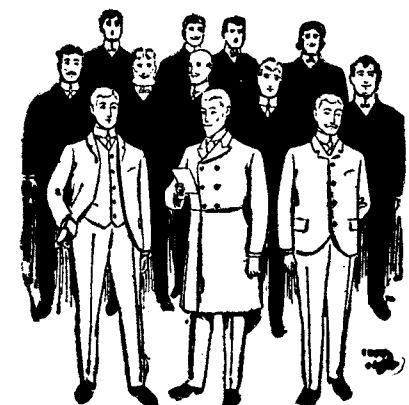
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