### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

DECEMBER.

10-Second Sunday in Advent. 11, Monday—St. Damasus, Pope. 12, Tuesday—Translation of the

holy house of Loretto, 13, Wednesday-St.Lucy, Virg. Mart.

14, Thursday—Of the octave. 15, Friday-Octave of the Im-

maculate Conception. 16, Saturday-St. Eusebius, Bishop, Mart.

#### BRIEFLETS.

Stovel's Pocket Directory for December reached us vesterday.

His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Boniface, is expected back on the 13th inst.

The solemn blessing of Rev. Father Cherrier's bells will take place this evening at 7.30. Mgr Ritchot has been delegated by His Grace to perform the ceremony.

From the beleaguered Sisters of Nazareth in Kimberley no message has yet been received, but face.—Telegram. those at Cape Town, Port Elizabeth and Durban, all report that their houses are crowded with refugees.

The Red River froze over enough to be crossed on foot today. The ice, though not by any means like a sheet of plate glass, is smooth in patches, to the delight of many skaters who are testing it.

The pelican which the 16 year old son of Mr. Monette, of Ste. Agathe, lately shot there and presented to St. Boniface College, has been stuffed by Mr. Grieve, the taxidermist, and now proudly sports its huge pouchbill in the College museum.

Mrs. O'Keeffe, of Kinsale, the widow of a sergeant in the Munster Fusiliers, who has seven sons serving in the British army, has received a letter from the very serious fire at St. Boniface, Queen through the private secretary, congratulating her on Bleau and Mr. R. Goulet. About the fact and enclosing a present of £10.

We learn on reliable authority that "Archbishop" Mar Vilatte has been dismissed by the Holy Office without having his alleged Orders recognised or without being received into the Church. This is rather a bad blow for Father Ignatius.-Catholic Times (Eng.,) Nov. 17.

When solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Sylvester's in Rome last week by Mgr. Stonor for the souls of British soldiers killed in South Africa, all the Irish clergy in the Eternal City signified their disapproval of the Transvaal war by remaining away from the ceremony. though they doubtless prayed for the dead.

Last Thursday Rev. Father Cherrier presided at a reception of novices and postulants in the Grey Nuns' Mother House chapel, and preached an impressive sermon on the advantages of religious life. Sisters Reardon. Dehaie and Neault received th grey habit, Sister Marie Rose the black habit, Misses Dunstan and Kate Dawson became Grey Nun postulants and Miss Adèle Mo nette auxiliary postulant.

William Marconi, who perfected the wireless telegraphy invented by Branly, has an Irish mother. His father, a nephew of the famous Bianconi, the Italian who sixty years ago held the contract for carrying nearly all the Irish mails, went to Ireland as chief yeterinary surgeon for the Bianconi stage routes, and there married the daughter of Power of Guiteen, one of the haughtiest of the rural Irish aristocracy. William is thus half Irish. His first wireless newsthe Dublin Independent.

Lady Margaret Howard, sister oi the Duke of Norfolk, a woman whose character was nobler even than her lineage, died on November 10.

Mr. Mulholland, Q.C., brother of Lady Russell of Killowen, and of Lady Gilbert (née Rosa Mulholland), has been appointed a County Court Judge.

His Grace, the Archbishop of treal, on Wednesday last.

The recent cold snap came just in time to freeze the St. Boniface College open air rink. Yesterday the ice was like a flawless mirror, and during recreation the boys had a "high old time."

The funeral of Mary Agnes, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs W. F. Burnham, whose death occurred on Tuesday last, took place yesterday afternoon to the Cathedral cemetery at St. Boni-

Remember that Thursday next, the 7th inst., and not Friday, the 8th, is a day of fast and abstinence. The fast is anticipated so that the feast of the Immaculate Conception may not be a day of penance.

The Canadian Pacific's Annual Excursions are this year to run from December 4th to 31st, and in order to accommodate those who cannot get away till after the holidays, they have arranged that the tickets purchased on the 31st will be good on the going journey until January 10th The rate will be \$40.00 to Montreal and all points west thereof in Quebec and Ontario with correspondingly reduced rates to points east.

What might have become a was prevented by Mr. G. A. F 1 o'clock on Wednesday as they were returning home from auditing books in Bleau's store, they discovered a blaze in the hall way of the east end of the Royal block. It was with great difficulty the fire was extinguished as the flames leapt up and caught in the woodwork of the ceiling. It is thought the fire originated by some person lighting a match or throwing away a cigar in the

### It is something besides bad air that makes a woman faint in a close theatre.

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paper despatch was printed in damage by the fire was slight. but the ceiling was blackened by smoke and charred.—Free

> Mr. Jas. P. Cranley, of Cavalier, N. D., who has been in attendance on his mother, Mrs. Cranley, in St. Boniface hospital, returns home with her to-mor-

The Archbishop's residence being in the hands of carpenters and plasterers, has been temporarily vacated by Very Rev. Fa-St. Boniface, lectured on "Manither Dugas and Rev. Father toba and the Northwest" before Gravel, who have taken rooms the Laval University in Mon- at St. Boniface hospital and by Rev. Doctors Béliveau and Trudel who are lodged in one of the cottages adjoining the palace. It is hoped that the junction between the new wing and the old palace will be completed interiorly, as it has long since been completed exteriorly, in a few

> An Oblate missionary writes to England from an outlying part of the Natal Vicariate: "We are going to have a most horrible war, and God only knows the complications that we may see. The native tribes may rise. With the Boers it will be war to the hilt. And there are relations in opposing camps. England is very slow in sending out troops, and when is it going to end? The feeling of hate, and revenge won't die out for many and many a year. Pray for our

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