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HOME CIRCLE

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. First Sunday of Advent

Gospel, St. Matt. Zviv. 18:35; 1 Bl Edward Campion and Com.
2 St. Biblana, V.M.
3 St. Francis Xavier, C.
4 St Barhara, V.M.
5 St. Sabas, Ab.
6 St. Nicholas, B C.
7 St. Ambrose, B.C.D.

RENOUNCEMENT.

"Poems" by Mrs. Alice Meynell.)

I must not think of thee; and, tired yet strong, I shun the thought that lurks in all

delight-The thought of thee - and in the blue Heaven's height,

And in the sweetest passage of a just beyond the fairest

thoughts that throng s breast, the thought of the This breast, the thought of waits, hidden yet bright; But it must never, never come in

I must stop short of thee the whole

day long.

But when sleep comes to close each difficult day,
When night gives pause to the long watch I keep
And all my bonds I needs must longer apart

loose apart.

Must doff my will as raiment laid

With the first dream that comes with the first sleep I run. I run, I am gathered to thy

PERSONAL NEATNESS.

Girls should try to live up to George Eliot's quotation, "The Beauty of a Lovely Woman is like

Music."
In a florist's shop the other day two women were noticed choosing flowers to send to a house of of death, and "this card," said one of them, "goes in the box." She glanced as she spoke at the card which she held in her hand, then hastily withdrew it and searched in her pocketbook for another. "There was a touch of soil on the card," was a touch of soil on the card,' was a touch of soil on the card," she explained to her friend, as they turned away, "and do you know Estelle was so exquisitely dainty that one could not associate with her the slightest thought of blemish. When I saw the trifling spot on my card, I 'elt at once that it would have offended her in life, and must not be near her in life, and must not be near her in

This chance glimpse of an un-known life that has closed im-pressed the listener anew with permanent and radiating charm of perfect neatness. In a sentence a personality which had embodied it personality which and embodied it had been revealed as completely as if the dead woman had been a life-long friend, and its unconscious in-fluence again emphasized. The old axioms that bracket neatness with axioms that bracket neatness with religion are a recognition of almost divine charm. Cleanliness is next to godliness; order is heaven's first law; these are not chance say which we should all profit.

ings. They carry a deep truth by If neatness is admirable in any one, to the girl and young woman it in indispensable. The fairness of youth, particularly feminine youth, attracts every eye. When the fair-

attracts every eye. When the fairness is dimmed by mussy hair, uncared-for teeth or nails, a skin that that ten minutes bath is not a shows in the bath is not a part of the daily routine, it is as if the perfection of a fine picture were clouded with spots and blemishes.

BENEDICTION.

The Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the simples or rites of the Church. The priests en-ter and knowl down one of them and kneel down; one of them unlocks the tabernacle, takes out the Blessed Sacrament, inserts it upright in a monstrance of paccious metal and sets it in a conspicuous place above the altar, in the midst of lights for all to see. The people then begin to sing: mean-while the priest twice offers incense to the King of Heaven, before Whom he is kneeling. Then he takes the Monstrance in his hands and, whom he is kneeding. Then he that's the Monstrance in his hands and turning to the people, blesses them with the Most H. ly, in the form of a cross, while the bell is sounded by one of the attendants to call attention to the ecremony. It is Our Lord's solemn benediction of His people, as when He lifted up His hands over the children, or when He blessed His chosen ones when He ascended up from Mount Olivet. As sons might come before a parent before going to bed at night, so once or twice a week the great Catholic family comes before the Eternal Father after the bustle or toil of the day, and He smiles upon

Eternal Father after the bustle or toil of the day, and He smiles upon them, and sheds upon them the light of His countenance.

It is a full accomplishment of what the priest invoked upon the Israelites, "The Lord turn His countenance to thee and give thee peace." Can there be a more touching rite, even in the judgment of those who do not believe in it?

How many a man, not a Catholic, is moved on seeing it to say: "Oh, that I did but believe it," when he sees the priest take up the Fount of Mercy, and the people bent low in adoration.

It is one of the most beautiful.

natural and soothing cotions of the Church.—From Newman's Dis-courses to Mixed Congregations.

BATHING THE BABY.

There is really nothing very alarming about bathing a baby. Remember always to gather every thing before you commence opera-tions. First wash the little one all over with a dripping soany cloth on your lap before he is put into the tub. Wear yourself for part of the process a large flaunel upron or pin a folded blanket across your skirt. Cover the child with part of this while you are soaning him. skirt. Cover the child with part of this while you are soaping him. After he is thoroughly soaped, plunge him up to the neck in the tub of warm water which you have ready to hand. This water must be perfectly clean and is used only for the rinsing. When you take him from the bath, place him in a soft woolen towel which has linen for its lining. Pat him gently all over until he is thoroughly dry.—

The Bazar. The Bazar.

DOMESTIC READING.

If wisdom was to cease throughout the world, no one would sus-

pect himself of ignorance.

Work and see how cheerful you will be. Work and see how independent you will be.

pendent you will be.

Christianity wants nothing so much in the world as sunny people, and the o'd are bungrier for love than for bread, and the oil of joy is very cheap; and if you an help the poor on with a garment of praise, it will be better for them than blankets.

How sweet it is to be saved by

Jesus; if ts seems as if it were better than if we had never fallen. It is such a joy not to be able to do without Him for one moment. Such a joy to find Him everywhere and always to find Him laying us un. der new obligations and binding us with fresh chains of love. Would that we were bound so fast to Him that we would never get loose from Him. of business, man of the

world, man of many prejudices, habits, interests; who even deem such subjects irksome — my neighbor — are we not afraid to think it out? At least, as we pass by with averted glance, let our pu.se quicken a moment at this thought; that, in some depths of our heing now lies, dormant perhaps, but not dead, the baptismal spirit that will one day clamour out, with us or against us: Credol t believel

The weakt is of Man.—The highworld, man of many prejudices, ha-

The weakings of Man.—The highest power of man, his best calculation; shows, like his weakest and his poorest, that God has ruled all things in baselines in the control of things in beauty, and that all Conscience is God's deputy in the soul.

man's twitchings and struggles are powerless, when they act against this eternal law. God of order, God of heauty, how can we thank Thee for such daily miracles? How Thee for such daily miracles? How can we learn, grow, to prize as we ought. life and its wonders? Strengthen us, Father, strengthen us! that our free lives also may accord better and more often with Thy Eternal Life; that we may labor with Thy laws, win Thy power—Thou in us, and we in Thee.

Since we are grass and like a

Since we are grass and like a brief day of years at best, what is the use of so much auxious care, of so much fussing and fretting? What is the good of hoarding money for other people to run them-selves with when you are dead? What is the good of hating your neighbor? What is the sense of trying to act a part, of seeming to trying to act a part, of seeming to be other than we are? What is the gain of guile or envy or vvil speaking? What? I should like to know. For, since you are grass and shall soon lie down in the grave, God knows you and I do not want our dreams in that sleep of death to be of he te or malice or evil speaking. Then be swift to

Best Left Alone.-I believe any reasonable man cannot read in connection a Catholic and an anti-Catholic work without discovering the logical truth of the one and the false premises of the other. Childish and stupid seem to me the arguments of the Protestants; empty, vulgar, and worthless the tir-ades of infidels and funatical writers. I would not recommend any Catholic to read aught of those; they are vanity and vexation of ney are vanity and vexation of spirit; they are full of subtle-poison, that robs the heart of rest, of health, of hope — of everything. A single page of plausible falsehood may pervert an unprejudiced mind so that a whole volume of truth will hardly restore it; therefore leave them alone.—Charles Warren Stoddard.

Did you ever stand at the foot of a great lighthouse at night? Through brilliant lenses splendid floods of light were poured out to sea, but not one tiny little gleam of radiance did that great lamp pour on the bit of sand close around the base of its tower. Do not be like lighthouses in this regard. Wherever else, far away or near you, pour the beams of your Christian life, be sure you brighten the space close about you in your own home. Let the light of gentleness, forbearance, kindness, unselfishness, and thoughtful ministry fall on the life next to yours, on your wearv mother, your bur-Did you ever stand at the foot of your weary mother, your burdened father, your tempted brother, upon the children in your family, on the cuests who drop in, on servants who help in domestic duties, Carry Christ home and serve Him there.

"ROADS TO ROME."

A book of most unusual importance has just been issued by Longmans and reviewed by The Missionmans and reviewed by The Mission-ary. It vives the life-story of sixty-five eminent converts in England written by themselves. To get glimpse at the inner life of an emi-nent man is most interesting as a psychological study. It is a revela-tion of a common nature that makes all men akin, as well as it is an incentive for higher ideas for our own sluggish spirit.

When this glimpse is an insight . the springs of action that determine one to take the crucial step of his life, to cast aside the religion of his birth and education and to come into the Church of the truth, it makes it doubly interest-

ing.
In England the conversions have been largely among the educated classes. The statistics, as compiled by W. Gordon Gorman some yearn ago, make the list as follows: Anglican elergymen, 446; Arglican Sisters, 37; Peers, 27; Members of the nobility, 4-7; Baronets, 32; the medical profession, 60; army officers, 205; naval officers, 39. The legal profession, 129. Authors, poets, and journalists 162. Public officials, 90. From Oxford University, 445; from Cambridge University, 213; from Trinity College, Dublin, 23; and from other universities, 40. Of these converts 448 have become priests, either rebeen largely among the educated classes. The statistics, as compil-448 have become priests, either regular or secular, and 130 have become nuns. The simple enumeration of these figures makes a most powerful argument for the drawing power of the old Mother Church. In the present volume sixty-five of the more eminent of these converts have given the reasons that have led them to sacrifice all and come the way of the Master. It is a book the way of the Master. It is a book worth having at hand, and it will make most intensely interesting reading to convert themselves, or to those who are engaged in the work of convert-making.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his tands by an East Idian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remains the state of the control of the cont edy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical e for Nervous Debility and a Nervous Complaints. Having and its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering. I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, will full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 847 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

IRISH-AMERICAN WIT

Hon. Champ. Clark, a witty Missouri congressman, contributes The Saturday Evening Post a long article on "The Use of Wit, Humor and Anecdote in Public Speech. and Anecdote in Fubic Speech, in a late issue of that journal. He relates the following passage at arms that took place in the American congress between two discinguished Irish-American members that will interest all lovers of parliamentary repartee:
"Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall

of Virginia told me one of the finest and most effectual anecdotes ever heard in congress. It was at the expense of William Bourke Cockran, whose fame as an orator extends all over the English-speaking world. Among his many qualiing world. Among his many qualifications for public speaking, Mr. Cockran has a voice which would have aroused the envy of the Bull of Basha. It so happened that O'Ferrali and Cockran locked horns on a contested election case, and Cockran's voice was in prime condition. O'Ferrall, though chairman

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of the Democratic committee elections, advocated the seating of the Republican, for which Cockran assailed him bitterly and bombarded him with his heaviest artillery until everybody within half a mile was deaf from the noise.

was deaf from the noise.

"O'Ferrall began his reply as follows. The remarks of the gentleman from New York remind me of the story of an old colored man down in Virginia who was riding a mule and who was caught in a violent thender storm while passing through a dense forest. Being unable to make any headway except through the fitful flashes of lightning which occasionally revealed his surroundings, and becoming greatly alarmed at the loud and terrible peals of thunder which shook the earth and reverberated over his head, he at last appealed to the throne of Grace in this fashto the throne of Grace in this fashion: "O Lawd, if it's jest the same 10n: "O Lawd, if it's jest the same to You, I'd rather liev a little less noise an' a little mo' light!" Now,' cucluded O'Ferrall, we have had a hogshead of noise and would be thankful for a thimble'ul of light on this important subject."

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