

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

## Calendar for Next Week.

DECEMBER	
24—Fourth Sunday of Advent.	Vigil of the Nativity.
25—Monday—Christmas Day.	The Nativity of Our Lord. Holy-day of obligation.
26—Tuesday—St. Stephen, Protomartyr.	
27—Wednesday—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.	
28—Thursday—The Holy Innocents.	
29—Friday—St. Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop, Martyr.	
30—Saturday—Of the octave of the Nativity.	

## "ACROSS WIDEST AMERICA"

This is the very appropriate title of a charming book just published by the "Canadian Messenger," Montreal, and written by Father Edward J. Devine, S.J. The author, who has made hosts of devoted friends all over the Dominion, describes his journey from the most easterly point of Newfoundland to the most westerly point of this western hemisphere, and his two years sojourn in Alaska. To those who are just now reading, in the American Ecclesiastical Review, his "Training of Silas," and are wondering how in the world the irrepressible Silas is going to be trained, Father Devine needs no recommendation. They know that anything from him will be full of keen but kindly insight into the foibles of human nature, of racy humor and unexpected and striking views, of deep feeling and graphic, word-painting. But there is

here something better than what the best of novels can reveal; there is the personal element, the quiet and unconscious heroism of the soldier of Christ, not inaptly typified by the "thin red line" of his route on the map of North America illustrating this volume. He takes, with equal light-heartedness, the bitter and the sweet, the rest and the hardship by land and sea, the consolations and the perils of missionary life; but one feels, running through it all and electrifying it all, the cheerfulness and joy that comes of prompt, unquestioning self-sacrifice in the loving service of the Master, whom to serve is to reign.

Father Devine's book is filled with illustrations from photographs, mostly taken by himself, that really illustrate the text. Among the many interesting views we note especially "A Newfoundland Landscape," "The two extremes of America: Cape Spear, Newfoundland, Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska," "The Sphinx of Ophir" (a giant rock forming the profile of a human head), "Eskimo maiden in winter parkeh," "Eskimo girls in summer costume," and "An autumn sunset in Northwestern Alaska." This last, in spite of the inadequacy of mere black and white, is so suggestive that one longs to see it attempted in colors, albeit of course, it could only be an attempt, for no one can paint like the Creator of sunsets.

Wishing to give an idea of "Across Widest America" by references or quotations, we are bewildered by the difficulty of choosing from so many and such varied incidents and descriptions. We had marked between seventy and eighty passages; but space limits us to a small selection from this treasure-house of gems. As we are on the eve



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of Our Lord's Nativity, let us take Father Devine's Christmas at Nome.

Meanwhile, the cold grew more intense, but did not prevent us from making ample provisions for Christmas, which came and went, leaving behind it many precious souvenirs. Midnight Mass was celebrated with all possible solemnity, Rosewig's music being rendered by a choir improvised for the occasion. The thermometer that night registered 28 deg-

rees below, but the church in Nome was crowded with people of all classes and denominations.

The Sisters of Providence had decorated the sanctuary with green boughs brought from the nearest forest, seventy-five miles away, and for the first time in this extreme end of the western world the Infant Saviour, lying in his manger of arctic moss, stretched out his tiny arms to bless all who knelt before Him.

Several events helped to make the holidays pass pleasantly away. Large Christmas trees were dressed for the public school children and the Eskimos by the few Catholic ladies in the town. They were like other Christmas trees the world over; but our proximity to the North Pole enabled us to give to the function a touch of nature rarely witnessed in more favored lands. Santa Claus, stout and hearty as usual, with kindness in his eyes and snowdrifts on his eyebrows, came tripping over the Arctic hills, carrying his bundles of good things. But he did not come alone. Three lively, kicking reindeer with their merry bells jingling in the frosty air, brought the old gentleman in his pulkha (pulkha, canoe-like travelling sledge, Stand. Dict.) "across the hardened snowcrust, to spread joy and sweetmeats among the astonished school children.

The reindeer feature had been kept quite secret, and never did I witness such enthusiasm as lighted up the expectant and delighted little sea of faces when the cry, "Here he comes! here he comes!" was heard, and jolly old Santa and his reindeer drove up to our door. Reindeer are quite gentle, I am told, and not at all demonstrative; but the shouting and enthusiasm of the Nome children were too much for their nerves. They skipped and jumped about, turned to the right and then to the left. They raised their noble antlers, sniffed the air, wondering, no doubt, whether all this Christmas excitement meant peace or war; and finally, they made a desperate attempt to get away. It took the united efforts of Santa Claus and his Lapland driver to hold them back.

Reindeer were introduced into Alaska by the United States government four or five years ago. They are confined to deer stations along the coast and up the Yukon. They are still looked upon as a luxury and their ultimate usefulness is at least problematical. The whole reindeer enterprise meets with much sarcastic opposition from the present population, who see in it only a scheme to use government money to enrich a few private individuals who know how to pull wires at Washington. Time will tell who are right and who are wrong. Of one thing, however, there is no doubt, namely that the presence of the reindeer gave a very realistic air to the children's Christmas festival one which few of us will soon forget."

Father Devine's humor crops out in the most unlikely situations. Caught unprovided with winter clothing, in an August freezing wind on Kotzebue Sound, his most northerly mission, and unable to find the "warm side of his blanket," he says of that miserably cold night: "Rest there is none, of course; and one does a great deal of thinking in those long hours about the eternal unfitness of some things, and how little one half the world knows what efforts the other half is making to sleep." Speaking of the climate of Nome, he says: "No one seemed to mind the severe cold or the snow; the weather war rarely a topic of conversation, perhaps because we had so much of it." Sometimes his humor is so elusive as to need a surgical operation for its entrance into certain craniums, as when, after mentioning the meetings of the Aurora Club, composed of a couple of dozen literary ladies in Nome, he relates that "one of the lady members read a paper once on 'Modern Metaphysics,'—which was followed by re-

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<b>BAKING POWDER</b> Snowflake 1 lb tin. .10 1 lb pkg. 3 for 25 for 2.00 Dr. Price's, Royal, Cleveland or Pure Gold 4oz tin. .15 6oz tin. .25 8oz tin. .35 12oz tin. .45 16oz tin. .45 Dr. Price's 24 lb tin. 1.10	
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<b>EVAPORATED CREAM</b> Jersey, per tin. 1.25 Jersey, per doz. 1.40 Jersey, Hotel Size per tin. .25 Jersey, Hotel Size per doz. 2.35 St. Charles, per tin. 1.25 St. Charles, per doz. 1.40	
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<b>CURRENTS</b> Finest Blue Vostizza Currants, Re-cleaned 3 lbs for. .25 13 lbs for. 1.00 Or in boxes of 40 to 50 lbs, per lb. .07	
<b>CURRENTS (Cont.)</b> Finest Patras Currants, Re-cleaned 3 lbs for. .20 16 lbs for. 1.00 Or in boxes of 40 to 50 lbs, per lb. .06 Choice Filatras Currants, Re-cleaned 4 lbs for. .25 17 lbs for. 1.00 Or in boxes of 40 to 50 lbs, uncleaned per lb. .06	
<b>COFFEE—GREEN</b> Rio, per lb. .12 Santos, per lb. .15 Jamaica, per lb. .20 Old Govt. Java, per lb. .28 Arabian Mocha, per lb. .33	
<b>COFFEE—ROASTED WHOLE OR GROUND</b> Rio, per lb. .17 10 lbs for. 1.65 Santos, per lb. .15 10 lbs for. 1.50 Jamaica, per lb. .25 10 lbs for. 2.25 Maracaibo, per lb. .30 10 lbs for. 2.75 Special Blend, per lb. .32 10 lbs for. 3.00 Mocha and Java, per lb. .40 10 lbs for. 3.75	
<b>CEREALS</b> Rolled Oats, per 80 lb Sack. 2.25 per 40 lb Sack. 1.15 per 20 lb Sack. .60 Corn Meal, per 98 lb Sack. .60 per Stone (14 lbs). .35 Standard Oatmeal (Fine), per Stone (14lb). 3.25 per Sack (98 lbs). 3.25 Granulated Oatmeal (Coarse) per Stone (14 lbs). .50 per Sack (98 lbs). 4.00 Force, per pkg. 12 1/2, per doz. 1.50 Malta Vita, per pkg. 10 1/2, per doz. 1.30 Shredded Wheat Biscuits, 2 pkgs for. .25 per doz. 2.50 Triscuits, 2 pkgs for. .25 per doz. 2.50 Orange Meat, Small, 2 pkgs for. 1.50 per doz. 1.50 Orange Meat, Large per pkg. .25 per doz. 2.75	
<b>ESSENCES</b> Lemon 10 20 35 65 Vanilla 10 20 40 80 Orange 10 20 Clove 10 Cinnamon 10 Ginger 15	
<b>EVAPORATED FRUITS</b> Apricots, Evap. Standard, per lb. 1.25 per 25 lb box. .30 Apricots, Choice Evap., per lb. .15 per 25 lb box. .35 Peas, Evap. Standard, per lb. .14 per 25 lb box. .35 Peaches, Evap. Choice, per lb. .35 per 25 lb box. 3.75 Peaches, Evap. Extra Choice, per lb. .18 per 25 lb box. 4.25 Prunes, California, 40 to 50 prunes to the pound, per lb. .40 per 25 lb box. 2.00 60 to 70 Prunes to the pound, 3 lbs for. 2.00 per 50 lb box. 3.90 90 to 100 Prunes to the pound, 4 lbs for. .25 per 25 lb box. 1.50 per 50 lb box. 2.50	
<b>FRESH FRUITS</b> California and Florida Oranges per doz. .25, .30, .35, and .40 Finest Messina and California Lemons per doz. .15 and .20 Malaga Grapes, per lb. .15 Cranberries, Choice, per qt. 12 1/2 and 15	
<b>DATE</b> Choice Hallowee, per lb. .05 Finest Hallowee, per lb. .06 Choice Fard, per lb. .12 Housewife Preserves (Pure Fruit and Sugar) per pint gem jar. .25 per doz. 2.50	
<b>CANNED FRUITS</b> Damson or Lombard Plums, per 2 lb tin. 1.25 per case of 2 doz. 2.75 Strawberries, Horse Shoe brand per 2 lb tin. .15 per case of 2 doz. 4.00 Raspberries, per 2 lb tin. .15 per case of 2 doz. 3.50 Peaches, Yellow, per 2 lb tin. .18	
<b>CANNED FRUITS (Cont.)</b> per case of 2 doz. 4.15 Peaches, Yellow, per 3 lb tin. .28 per case of 2 doz. .28 Blueberries, Loggies, per tin. 6.25 per case of 2 doz. 2.25 Apples, gallon cans, each per case of 4 doz. 1.20 per case of 4 doz. 1.15	
<b>CANNED FISH</b> Best Fraser River Salmon tall tins, per tin. .15 per doz. 1.75 per case of 4 doz. 6.75 Best Fraser River Salmon, Flat tins. .17 per doz. 1.95 per case of 4 doz. 7.50 Silver Moon Brand Salmon (Pink) tall tins, per tin. .12 per doz. 1.45 per case of 4 doz. 5.75 Scaled Brand Salmon (Pale) tall tins, per tin. .10 per doz. 1.15 per case of 4 doz. 4.50 Lobsters, Crown Brand 1 lb flat, per tin. .18 per doz. 2.10 Picnic Size, per tin. .25 per doz. 2.50 1 lb tall, per tin. .25 per doz. 4.00 Sardines, Canadian, 18, per tin. .05 Sardines, Imported, per tin. .17 per tin. 10, 12 1/2, 15, and 17 Finnan Haddies, per tin. 1.25 Kipper Haddies, Imported, per tin. 1.25 Herrings in Tomato Sauce, Imported per tin. 1.25 Fresh Herrings, Imported, per tin. .09	
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<b>CANNED MEATS</b> Clark's Corned Beef, per 1 lb tin. .15 per doz. 1.70 per 2 lb tin. .25 per doz. 2.55 Sliced Smoked Beef, per 1 lb tin. 1.70 per doz. 2.55 per 1 lb tin. .25 per doz. 2.55 Lunch Tongue, per 1 lb tin. .30 Ox Tongue, per 1 lb tin. .15 Roast Beef, per 1 lb tin. .25 Roast Beef, per 2 lb tin. .35 Roast Mutton, per 1 lb tin. .20 Roast Mutton, per 2 lb tin. .35 Ham or Veal Loaf, per 1 lb tin. .25 Chicken Loaf, per 1 lb tin. .35 Potted or Devilled Ham, Beef or Tongue per 1 lb tin. .05 per 1 lb tin. .10 Mince-meat, per pkg. .10	
<b>NUTS</b> Tarragona Almonds, Soft Shell, per lb. 1.15 Medium Soft Shell per lb. 1.15	
<b>NUTS (Cont.)</b> Grenoble Walnuts, per lb. .16 Marlon Walnuts, per lb. .12 Sicily Filberts, per lb. .11 Brazils, per lb. .17 Pecans, per lb. .17 Pecans, Extra large. 2.20 Fresh Mixed Nuts per lb. .12 Fresh Roasted Almonds, Shelled per lb. .10 Finest Jordan Almonds, Shelled, per lb. .30 Finest Valencia Almonds, Shelled, per lb. .25 Walnuts, Shelled, per lb. .25	
<b>PICKLES IN BULK</b> Lytle's Best Mixed, 1 gal pail. .70 2 gal pail. 1.20 3 gal pail. 1.65 5 gal pail. 2.50	
<b>RAISINS</b> California Seeded Raisins, per 1 lb pkg. .12 Selected Flors Valencia Raisins, per lb. .10 per 14 lb box. 1.35 Selected Valencia Raisins, 4 lbs for. .25 per 28 lb box. 1.70 Extra Fine Selected Valencia Raisins per lb. .07 per 28 lb box. 1.90 Fine Smyrna Sultanias, Raisins, 3 lbs for. .25 In boxes of about 25 lbs, per lb. .08 Finest Bleached Sultanias Raisins, per lb. .11 In boxes of about 25 lbs, per lb. .11	
<b>PEELS—CANDIED</b> Finest Lemon Peel, per lb. 1.25 per 7 lb box. 8.75 Finest Orange Peel, per lb. .12 per 7 lb box. 1.25 Finest Citron Peel, per lb. .18 per 7 lb box. 1.15 Finest Mixed Peel, per lb. .15	
<b>STARCH</b> Canada Laundry, per lb. .06 per box of 42 lbs. 2.55 No. 1 White, per lb. .07 per Keg of 100 lbs. 6.50 Ivory Gloss, 3 lbs. .25 per Keg of 100 lbs. 7.50 per case of 40 pkgs. 3.40 Ivory Gloss, per 1 lb pkg. .40 Ivory Gloss, per 3 lb box. .50 Ivory Gloss, per 6 lb tin or wooden box. .50	
<b>CORN STARCH</b> London, per 1 lb pkg. .07 per case of 40 pkgs. 2.80 St. Lawrence, per 1 lb pkg. .09 per case of 40 pkgs. 3.40	
<b>TEA</b> Our Palawan Blend, Black or Mixed per lb. .25 10 lbs for. 2.25 50 lbs for. 11.00 Our Diamond E Blend, per lb. .35 10 lbs for. 3.35 50 lbs for. 16.00 Finest Assam, Broken Pekoe, and Ceylon Blend, per lb. .45 10 lbs for. 4.50 50 lbs for. 23.00 Japan, per lb. .25 10 lbs for. 2.35 50 lbs for. 11.50 Finest Japan, per lb. .35 10 lbs for. 3.35 50 lbs for. 16.00	
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<b>VEGETABLES—CANNED</b> Tomatoes, per tin. .10 per case of 2 doz. 2.25 Corn, 3 tins for. .25 per case of 2 doz. 1.95 Peas, Champion of England, per tin. .07 per case of 2 doz. 1.95 Peas, Early June, 3 tins for. .10 per case of 2 doz. 2.35 Peas, Extra Sifted, per tin. .12 per case of 2 doz. 2.80 Pumpkins, per tin. .20 per case of 2 doz. 2.10 Beans, Refugee or Golden Wax, per tin. .09 per case of 2 doz. 2.10 French Peas, per tin. .10, 12 1/2, 15 1/2 Mushrooms, per tin. .15 Mushrooms, 1st Choice, per tin. .22 Pork and Beans, 1 lb tins, Plain or in Chili Sauce, per tin. .09 per case of 2 doz. 2.10 Pork and Beans, 1 lb tin, per tin. .05 per case of 4 doz. 2.10	
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