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CATHOLIC CALENDAR.

AUGUST.

THURSDAY, 14.—Of the Octave. Vigil of the Assumption. St. Eusebius, Confessor. Fast.

FRIDAY, 15.—Assumption of the B. V. M. Holiday of Obligation. Fest. Feclius xiv. 11-20; Gosp. Luke x. 38-42.

SATURDAY, 16.—St. Hyacinth, Confessor. Cons. Bp. Baker, Wilmington, 1818.

SUNDAY, 17.—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Octave of St. Lawrence, Epist. and Gosp. as on last Sunday: Last. Gosp. Mark vii. 31-37.

MONDAY, 18.—St. Joachim, Father of the B. V. M. (Aug. 17). St. Agapitus, Martyr.

TUESDAY, 19.—Of the Octave of the Assumption.

WEDNESDAY, 20.—St. Bernard, Abbot, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. Cons. Bp. O'Connor, Oul. a. 78.

The official returns of emigration for the month of July from all British ports give the total number of emigrants to America as 21,657. Of these 17,214 were bound for the United States and 4,443 for Canada—a proportion of nearly four to one.

A correspondent of the New York Herald reports that a large number of desertions are stated from the Northwest Mounted Police. Such being the case, does General Middleton imagine that with inferior pay, fewer chances of advancement, and longer terms of service, he can raise an army of 10,000 Canadians to fight Imperial battles 10,000 miles away for a shilling a day?

An exchange says:—"Old Thomas Allen, a survivor of the Balklava charge, died the other day in a London poorhouse. The Government have been paying him a magnificent pension of 12 cents a day." This kind of information will make Canadians eager to enlist in the army of "ten thousand regulars General Middleton would like to raise in Canada." Heaps of glory in fighting for a shilling a day, dying in a poorhouse and being buried in Potter's field!

In 1876 Tilden, the counted-out candidate, received 4,284,757 votes, and Hayes 4,033,950. In 1880 Garfield polled 4,449,053, and Hancock 4,442,035. Garfield, the Republican candidate, had only a majority of 7,000 votes. From the above figures it will be seen the Democratic outlook is favorable. The Green-backers and Temperance men will, as they have done in the past, weaken the Republican party. Governor Cleveland, moreover, is a more popular candidate than General Hancock, who had only his war record to fall back on, and as twenty years have elapsed since the war, people are wearied of such records.

Now that the Association of English scientists and formidably accomplished philosophers is about to come among the plain folks of Montreal, it behooves those who are to entertain these distinguished visitors to study up elementary science. For instance, never talk of coal if an impression is to be made, but term it a "carboniferous deposit of the silurian age." Post up on simple physiological phenomena and talk of sugar as saccharine matter, and milk as a lactical fluid. Such chunks of intellectuality thrown judiciously at the scientists will as effectually take the wind out of them as if they were boulders of old red sandstone that caught them in the abdomen.

ARISTOCRATIC dead-beats who come out here, live *en Prince*, and fancy they can utilize every person within their reach, have of late discovered that Canadians are no longer to be imposed upon. These mean specimens of the confidence operator occasionally crop up in the Courts here, and now two lordly Britons who endeavored to defraud the Rosin House, Toronto, have just been released from jail where they have languished for the past two months, and were cruelly deprived of their beer and brandies-and-sodas with which they were wont to stimulate their beefy brains. When will Canadians acquire sense enough to give these importations an extremely wide berth? People here have too many antiquated notions regarding letters of introduction; which in good old times were never given except to esteemed and valued friends, and were regarded in the light of a recommendation. Now they are given indiscriminately to mere strangers, and every worthless, unscrupulous vagabond who arrives from the mother country generally carries with him a pocketful of letters of introduction, and longer letters of recommendation, and one is under no obligation to extend

courtesies and hospitalities until time proves that the recipient is worthy of them. Pause a little before taking fresh importations into the bosom of a family, and the chances are that no regrets will ensue.

THE French Canadian, for the first time in the political history of the United States, has become a factor of sufficient importance to be courted by both the great political parties. The Republicans are making the strongest efforts to capture him *en masse* because he is numerous in Maine, and Blaine must carry his own State. The New England States, where the Canadians are most numerous and most thoroughly organized, have not had a presidential candidate in the past quarter of a century, hence the heretofore indifference to the French vote. Jean Baptiste will do well to pause and consider. Such an opportunity may not occur again for some time and he should make the most of it. As a member from Nova Scotia said in the Dominion Parliament last year, the French in the Canada Pacific affair forbore to leap until the forty saw the straw in the shape of subsidies to the province of Quebec laid for them to leap upon. Let the descendants of Jacques Cartier be equally wise in the land of their adoption.

THE Mormon agents in Europe give a wide birth to Ireland, where converts are an unknown quantity, but England, Wales and Scotland offer fertile fields for their saintships. In the northern part of Europe they are very successful, but fail lamentably in the Catholic countries of Austria, France, Spain and Italy, where the preachers of polygamous doctrines are severely punished. The institution would die out in the State of Utah were it dependent for recruits on the other States or on Catholic Europe. The Irish may be poor, but they have implanted in them seeds of virtue that no tempting Mormon missionary can destroy. The English rural lower classes offer the most victims to this much married Moloch, and if Exeter, Salisbury, and other English halls in London for the manufacture of sentiment, want to assist in curing the evil, let them capture the Mormon missionaries and make them suitable guardians for Turkish harems.

It is now definitely settled that there will be a quadrilateral contest for the Presidency. Many were of the opinion that General Butler would leave the election between Blaine, Cleveland and St. John, the prohibitionist candidate; but the doughty ex-Governor has dispelled all doubts on the subject by declaring in a letter to the N. Y. Sun that his intention is to stand by the nomination of the greenback and laboring men and anti-monopolists. He intimates that he will make public the reasons for his action as soon as he can lay his hands on Cleveland's letter of acceptance, so that where he disagrees with the Democratic candidate he may do him no injustice. With Ben in the canvass there will be a lively fight all along the line. He may turn the scales so as to throw the election into Congress. If this happens to be the result of the election, there will be a regular split in the Executive, the House of Representatives electing a Democratic President and the Senate choosing a Republican Vice-President.

THE crown prosecutors in Ireland are about as infamous as the laws they are sent to enforce and vindicate. In their eyes no proceeding is too foul by which they can secure conviction which will send a "suspect" to the gallows or to penal servitude. To satisfy their ambition and to please their masters do they employ their devilish ingenuity. It is an old saying that murder will out, and a true one. To-day, almost two years after the accomplishment of a judicial murder, which is no new thing in Ireland, *United Ireland*, that fearless organ of the National party, publishes the information that Thomas Casey, the approver in the Maantrana murder case, has declared in presence of the Archbishop of Tuam and members of his flock, that Bolton, the crown prosecutor, compelled him to swear against Myles Joyce and others who were innocent of that crime. That is how the law is administered in Ireland under Mr. Gladstone. Casey is not the first one who, under judicial or official pressure, has sworn away the lives of innocent men and women; nor is Bolton the only crown prosecutor who has thus compassed the legal murder of his fellow men.

THE Scotch Land League quietly continues to make rapid progress. The press, including even the Liberal newspapers, have formed a conspiracy of silence in respect to its meetings, which are either not reported at all or are disposed of in an invisible paragraph. To checkmate this move of the landlord press, the League has under consideration a proposition to start a paper of its own, as was done by the National League in Ireland in founding *United Ireland*, which has been the most forcible instrument of the agitation. The Scotch League are also thinking of engaging Henry George for a series of lectures, and of keeping him in Scotland for several months. To aid in furthering these objects, Mr. William Forsyth, the president of the League, has been requested to come to America to appeal to his countrymen for financial assistance. Mr. Forsyth is an able man and an eloquent speaker, who will be no discredit anywhere to Scotland or her sons. The Scotch League can see no reason why the Scotch residents of the United States and Canada, who are numerous and wealthy, should not help their kindred at home to get rid of the evils of landlordism, as the Irish in America so liberally did for their countrymen.

CLUB LIFE IN CANADA.

CANADIANS as a rule, owing no doubt to the severity of the climate, are more domesticated people than either the English or the American. London and New York now own a countless number of clubs of various degrees

in the social scale, and considering how many old country people we have in our midst, it is not surprising that the clubs have found an abiding place in Montreal, both among the French and English. These places are, unfortunately, mere gambling dens, and many a young business man runs the day he was ever brought under the malign influence of club life. A check is needed and we hope it will soon be applied. Some of the characteristics of club houses have come under discussion of late in England, owing to a judicial decision in the case of a club whose managing committee had been convicted of keeping a gambling house. The learned judge said that the club is supposed to be a social organization intended to provide home comforts, as far as possible, for gentlemen who are either homeless or whose homes are at a distance. Viewed in this light they are decided conveniences. But there is another view of the case, namely, in the facilities which are provided in these club houses for indiscriminate gambling and drinking among the members. Where the law forbids gambling, as it does in Montreal, it is a great convenience for those who want to play to have a place where they can do so with impunity. Again, where the sale of liquor is restricted to certain houses and forbidden on Sunday, the man who wants to drink can indulge to as great an extent as he wishes if he only belongs to a club, and for members of these institutions there is practically no restriction. Now if the principle of protection from social vice be a good one, it is good for the rich as well as the poor, and if the tavern must be closed to prevent the poor man from squandering the money needed for the support of his family, the rich man should also be restricted. If he gambles and drinks to excess in the luxurious privacy of a club, he can ruin himself and his family just as easily as the poor man can in the convenient saloon, and he can bring ruin and loss upon himself by the failure of his business. A man disposed to drink will not, as a rule, drink so much at a public bar as he would when he sits down in the comfortable private room of a club. Few can get credit in a gambling hell, but a member of a club can always manage to get funds to indulge in high play. If our hotels are obliged to close their bars on Sunday, why should the clubs be allowed to sell liquor at all hours and to enjoy privileges which are denied to the rest of the community?

CONCERNING IMPERIAL CONFEDERATION.

One who delights in metaphor tells us that the British Empire is not to be disintegrated, but that the colonies are earnestly anxious and eagerly longing for a closer connection with the mother country. England is pictured with the colonies as her daughters, sobbing on one another's shoulders, and vowing never to separate. How tenderly touching! How dramatic! And does poor old Britannia really imagine that her grown-up chicks are going to roost under her limited pair of wings? We are afraid that she will find that she has hatched out a brood of ducks that can swim alone without her aid. Spain was the greatest and wealthiest power in Europe so long as she had the treasures of the new world to draw from; but when her colonies won their independence, the day of her decadence set in. England is apparently nearing the same predicament, and is preparing to take refuge in Imperial federation. She has employed apostles to preach the doctrine of Free Trade throughout her colonies; but though they piped to them, the wilful colonists would not dance. They considered they had been long enough tributary to Manchester, and were determined to build up factories of their own. Though wild with ill-suppressed rage, England dissembled her animosity, and instead of bringing out the cat-o-nine-tails to punish the presuming youngster, as she once did with Brother Jonathan, she pulls out the gaudy bauble of Imperial confederation and tries to play the confidence game. Let Canada once give its consent to Imperial confederation, and what will be the result? She will lose her identity, be overruled in the council by multitudinous Hottentots and Hindoos, free trade between the mother country and all the colonies will be carried by a large majority, our infant industries will be strangled, and once more we shall pay tribute to Manchester. If the National Policy is the backbone of the country and of the Conservative party, how can that party sanction such a farcical Utopian scheme? Would the colonies consent? No, legislating for forty-five colonies thousands of miles apart, with different habits, products, races, and climates would be as difficult as getting all the animals in a menagerie to eat the same food. Professor Grant, of Kingston, and a few others are Quixotic on this subject and love to dream dreams. Let us see what the next President of the United States has to say on the Monroe doctrine question. It may make some change in the destiny of this Dominion.

CORRUPT BLUE BLOOD.

During the French Revolution a gentleman remonstrated with one of the people on the iniquity of shedding aristocratic blood. The latter turned on his interlocutor and demanded, "Is it then so pure?" There is a class who still reverence feudalism and all that appertains to royalty, and who are busy putting in special pleas for the present House of Lords; but the voice of the people, as echoed by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, proclaims anew that "the divine right of the king is dangerous; the divine right of the peers is a ridiculous figment." Is the blood of the present House of Lords, made up of hereditary legislators, pure enough to save it from annihilation? Are the men who claim seats by right of birth and not by the suffrage of the people, qualified by training to

legislate for a country which has long since thrown off many of the galling fetters of feudalism, and now looks for its very source of life to its commerce and its manufactures? Is the impractical young lordling, dandied and fondled into a legislator, to override the will of a practical people who send practical men to represent them in Parliament? Is young Lord Tom Noddy, a boy just of age, a fit person to sit in the Upper House and pronounce adverse judgment on bills framed and passed by men of intellectual power and mature judgment? Would many of the peers be even tolerated in the House of Commons, and how many noble lords, had they to hold seats by the suffrages of the people, would ever be heard in either House? 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