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CALENDAR FOR APRIL.

- 1st of St. Peter, St. Hugh Bp. and Conf. The Five Wounds of Our Lord.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN LONDON.

It was, in truth, fitting that the city of London, which last fall took the lead in the Home Rule agitation in this country, should celebrate with a solemnity of the most august and impressive character, and with an enthusiasm as earnest as it was free from undue demonstrativeness, the anniversary of E-in's patron.

of St. Patrick's Day so closely identified as to be dear to the Irish race all over the world. About the close of the fourth century St. Patrick established the Christian religion in Ireland. He was blessed with a very long life, and had before its close the happiness of seeing the whole land enrolled under the banner of Christ.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The advantages accruing to Canada from the completion of this great national highway are now clear to our American neighbors. They see that by this road Canada has in her hands the keys of the Pacific trade, and in consequence commercial advantages that must give this new nation a foremost place in the human family.

A LIVE SODALITY.

We beg to return hearty thanks to the Rev. Frank A. O'Brien, rector, of Kalamazoo, Mich., for copy in pamphlet form of "ALASKA, THE COUNTRY AND ITS INHABITANTS."

TWO SPEECHES.

In the course of the Riel debate in the House of Commons Mr. Curran, M. P. for Montreal Centre, and Mr. Blake, leader of the Opposition, both addressed the House.

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AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD.

We have already made mention of President Cleveland's unhappy choice of America's representatives abroad. The only really good selection that he made, that of Mr. A. M. Kelly, he suffered to be set aside with a subserviency as childlike and bland as might have been expected from the King of the Sandwich Islands.

GEN. BURKE'S SPEECH.

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Either Father Dowd is not the priest, the apostle of good, that he has been represented, or the Irish of Montreal are not friends of murder, outrage and lawlessness. For our part we know that Father Dowd reflects the highest credit on the Irish priesthood, as does his flock on the Irish people at large.

MASSSES FOR DECEASED PRIESTS.

For the interest and benefit of our clerical readers in this diocese and elsewhere, we reproduce an important article from the Irish Ecclesiastical Record for March, 1886. It is under the general heading of "Theological Questions," and deals with diocesan regulations regarding masses for deceased priests. The question dealt with is one of the utmost importance, and its solution of great interest and moment to the clergy.

WHITE SLAVERY.

The curse of Irish landlordism reached America in more ways than one. Some weeks ago the Chicago published a very remarkable article on alien landlordism in America, and that an Irishman named Wm. Scully, residing in London, is proprietor of 75,000 and 90,000 acres of the best lands in Illinois. The writer of the article, after visiting the Scully estate, that the lands were tilled by a class of tenants, from whom were enormous rentals. In fact, all entire proceeds from the sale of the land went to support the alien landlord, Chicago despatch dated the 19th adds that an investigation being made, and a tour of Kansas and Nebraska "the information was reached that to more than 100,000 acres of prairie lands in those States vested in the name of William Scully. All these vast tracts have been his landed estates within the years. Although a small portion cultivated, the same system of farming that exists in Illinois is rapidly introduced in these States. But and 70 families have bound their Scully. So long as they remain land they cannot throw off the yoke holds them in slavery. Before a lease they must agree to waive of exemption, and until their everything they possess, including crops, belongs to Scully. They are the poorest farmers in the part in the country, and very few can obtain credit from merchants. Scully must be obliterated. hard-hearted wretch, living on of tolling and oppressor's freedom. Let there be, we say, an example him. There is no room here on continent for the rapacity and the Irish landlord. It were a and an ever crying shame to Scully iniquity to continue, making all due allowance for improvements, anything is done, let him be paid, and efface soil of the great West, as a vile the Russian thistle.

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matter, than to many poor creatures among our parishioners who die without anyone to say Mass for them. priest who can always have Mass will generally consider that a matter of course, and sufficient discharge his obligations to the latter, and show justified in acting likewise by deceased fellow priests if diocesan did not interpose its weight. Who does interfere by compelling him thrice forego a honorarium and cell Mass for another purpose, we think that his obligation is an short of grave.

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