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Calendar for the Week.

- Aug. 25—St. Louis IX., King of France. 26—St. Zephyrinus. 27—St. Joseph Chastantius. 28—St. Augustin. 29—Beholding of St. John the Baptist. 30—St. Rose of Lima. 31—St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne.

Readers of THE REGISTER who are members of the O.M.B.A. will have the advantage of reading in our next issue a special report of the convention now being held in Quebec.

At the triennial meeting of the Dominion Educationists' Association, held in Halifax, N.S., during the first week of last month, Dr. MacCabe, Principal of the Ottawa Normal School, was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

Canadian Churchman—Although the late Archbishop Walsh was not of our communion, we can yet join with those who lament his loss and revere his memory. He was indeed one of whom we could say, "Quoniam talis, utinam noster esset."

"Kit," writing from Santiago, under date August 8th describes the service done by the chaplains during the attack on Sibony. She writes: "One Catholic priest, Father Fitzgerald, a professor of the Catholic University at Washington, of the Twenty-second Regulars, stood with his boys day and night in the trenches, under fire, and in camp."

That was an edifying story the newspapers "printed" on Friday morning of the career of Rev. William J. Thompson late of Hamilton, Brantford and Toronto, and later of Salem Mass. Thompson, by calling a sailor, came from England to Canada to preach the "Pentecost gospel."

and hesitate not an instant over the means or agents they employ, even such means as the P. P. A. and such agents as this man and the wretched Margaret L. Sheppard.

A missionary of the name of Rooke writes in The Canadian Baptist from Oruro, Bolivia, an account of his "first experience" in that country. His short letter deals in matters of language, bad money and "homish practices."

The Ontario Government has recorded for the second time its majority of six in the Legislature. But on this occasion it registered with Mr. Speaker Evan-turel to say whether the Government followers who hold their seats by virtue of the election constables votes could under the rules of the House take part in the division.

The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ publishes the following note: "The Holy See has been informed that the priest of St. Stephen, in Vienna, married on July 31, with religious ceremony, Princess Dorothea of Cobourg a Catholic, with Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Schlewig-Holstein, a Protestant, although it was notorious that the latter had not given the necessary pledges for the Catholic education of any children of the marriage."

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more forcible application here. Issues of national, provincial, or municipal interest are all the time coming forward which affect the sympathies of Catholics towards a party or the other, and so influence Catholic opinion as to produce neglect of Catholics in the party work of registration.

During the past few weeks contradictory rumors concerning the health of Pope Leo have been flying thick and fast upon the wings of the press. The correspondents have been insisting that His Holiness is in a dying condition, and with characteristic thoughtfulness several successors have been appointed with more or less unanimous approval.

On August 8 Mr. P. L. Connellan, Rome correspondent of The Dublin Freeman's Journal wrote as follows: "I thought the thermometer registers from 88 to 90 degrees in the shade the dispartitions spirit of the Italian journalist knows no repose."

It was when these journalistic disputes were at their height that Monsignor Kelly, Rector of the Irish College in Rome, was received in special audience by His Holiness. The very Rev. Rector returned from Ireland, and his inward with the Pontiff has enabled him to measure the value of the alarmist reports that have been spread abroad.

There have of late appeared in THE REGISTER reviews of and extracts from the voluminous Encyclopaedia of Canada edited by Mr. Cassell Hopkins and published by the Lincocott Publishing Co. While our articles have dealt exclusively with some of the writings of the Catholic contributors to the work—among others the late Archbishop Walsh—it is almost unnecessary to say that all the other hundreds of subjects comprised within the work are being treated by writers as prominent and competent as the distinguished Catholic contributors.

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ignorance, which should cease to be a factor in holding back the Dominion from progress at home and success abroad. One result to be anticipated from this undertaking is that it will still further strengthen that love of country which more and more marks citizens of the Dominion. The first volume deals with the history of Canada, the early discoveries and explorations, the struggle between France and England, the wars with the United States, the early constitutional history of the Colony, the trade and tariffs, banks and banking. The contributors are for the most part well qualified to write on the subjects entrusted to them; and the editor himself has touched the volume with valuable notes and narratives connecting the articles of his contributors. We find a difficulty in singling out for special commendation any part of a work in which some three hundred persons have collaborated.

Catholics and Kingston Liberals.

While Mr. Douglas Stewart, Inspector of Penitentiaries, was engaged upon the investigation into the latest phase of the malady that has all but destroyed the efficiency of the Kingston Penitentiary staff, THE REGISTER, for obvious reasons of fairness, suspended the discussion of the case with The Kingston Whig. Before Mr. Stewart began his investigation THE REGISTER made the suggestion that the proceedings be open to the public.

The Whig denies the charge of THE REGISTER that the Liberal Association of Kingston is attempting to reduce the warden of the Penitentiary to the position of its battle-holder. The charge is perfectly true. What else in THE Whig doing in this very instance? Why if the charge is not correct, does Mr. Stewart in his annual report to Parliament pray that the institution be delivered from "the tentacles of the local octopoda?"

Here we have a public institution maintained for the protection of society, supported by public taxes, and THE Whig sets up the monstrous claim that it must be conducted for the benefit of hungry partisan office seekers and along the lines laid down by the Liberal Association of Kingston. No wonder the Kingston Penitentiary is honey-combed with intrigue and dissension.

Let THE Whig come on; openly state its facts. It gives a partial statement when it declares the religious feeling of old was intensified by the appointment of a Roman Catholic official. We do not know to whom THE Whig refers; but we can understand that the appointment of a Roman Catholic official was quite sufficient to cause an attack of acute "inflammation" to that small portion of the "Protestant mind" that rules the sanctum of THE Whig.

and run up against the consequences. Even THE Times of Kingston regrets the attempt of THE Whig to fan the religious fire, and declares that its statements in respect to the recent dismissals are without foundation.

The Whig boasts of its liberality because it supported the Hon. Wm. Hart. And it states in effect that Mr. Hart—and hence no Roman Catholic of course—could be elected in any other Ontario city. What a foolish statement! Have we not Mr. Foy of the city of Toronto, and Mr. McKee from Windsor, and Mr. Kleopfer from Guelph and others too numerous to mention? Elected too without the aid of THE Whig.

The statement made by THE Whig that the Catholics of Kingston hung back in scores and refused to vote while the Protestant Liberals—bless their souls!—marched valiantly forward and carried the day is a ludicrous and clumsy falsehood. This same libel that the Catholics of Kingston refused to vote for Mr. Hart till they were "bought" had been bandied about the streets of Kingston; but THE Whig has been the first to give it a public expression.

What are the facts? For twenty-five years, with the exception of one Parliament, the city of Kingston was represented by a Conservative. All this time the mountain was laboring but brought forth nothing. The strong man of the party, the cronies of THE Whig—Protestants of course, the loyal and true indeed—went forth to conquer; but for some reason their energy failed to carry the day.

It was not till Mr. Hart appeared on the scene that the Liberals of Kingston won their first victory. Let us remark in passing that THE Whig like some others fell in line behind Mr. Hart only at the eleventh hour. These facts are known to every man in Kingston; and yet THE Whig would have us believe that the Catholics of Kingston withheld their support from Mr. Hart—all they were "bought" of course. But the Protestants, under the inspiring influence of THE Whig, went forth to death or victory.

Well does THE Whig know that the Liberal Party would not have a ghost of a chance in Kingston should Mr. Hart retire. THE Whig points in triumph to "a list that most prove interesting" and holds it forth as an eye-opener to THE REGISTER.

THE REGISTER knew of this list; knows the situation thoroughly, knew it long before the Government officials gave it to THE Whig. Far better would it have been for THE Whig had it not wasted its space in publishing this list. Who made these appointments? How many of them were made by the Liberal Government? It is due to whatever little of the spirit of fairness the Conservatives possessed that these appointments were made and that Catholics were given, if not their rights, at least recognition.

Not one new office has been opened to Catholics in the Kingston district since this Government came to power. In fact it has been a constant struggle on the part of the Reform Catholics there to hold positions filled by Catholics through the late Conservative Government. No thanks to THE Whig or the Liberals of Kingston if Catholics have some little share of public appointments in Kingston.

THE Whig boasts its fairness towards Catholics. Wherein pray has it been manifested? What has it done? True, it permitted Catholics to come to its office and pay their subscription accounts, a proceeding that we fancy would be rather dangerous for them now and in the future. For its "Protestant mind" is inflamed just now and anything Catholic would have a irritating influence. Let not THE

Whig lay the flattering unction to its soul. However, that it has been the protector of Catholic rights. Its stock in trade during the campaign of '90 was the amendment of the Bishops and the appointments to the Kingston Penitentiary. The Catholics of Kingston are quite independent of THE Whig; they owe it nothing.

As for this journal its course is clear. We will not be deterred by the hysterics of THE Whig from performing our duty. We have no axe to grind; we are not looking for Senatorships, or government printing contracts, or offices for needy relatives. To protect Catholic rights, to fight for justice, to expose oppression and wrong in the public service is our part.

Ireland and the America Cup.

Hon. Charles Russell, son of Lord Russell of Killowen, Chief Justice of England, is the bearer to America of an Irish challenge for the America Cup. Mr. Russell came over in company with Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick to Quebec and left on Monday for New York to meet his countryman Sir Thomas Lipton, of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, owner of the challenging yacht. Although Mr. Russell is not the authorized representative of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, he and Sir Thomas Lipton, both being members, are confident of being able to make preliminary arrangements with the American committee before the arrival of the Irish committee, commissioned to come to New York and decide upon all conditions of the proposed race.

"Is it true that the new challenger is to have a new designer?" "Quite so. The Shamrock will be designed by Mr. Fife of Fairlie, who has prepared the models for numbers of successful boats, some of which have made their mark in American waters. Mr. Fife is a young man full of ambition, enthusiasm and energy. He regards the present as the opportunity of his life, and is most anxious to see the race come off."

Extending the Curriculum.

The friends of St. Michael's College, Toronto, and the Catholic public generally will be interested in the re-arrangement of St. Michael's College Curriculum, which the Principal, Rev. Dr. J. R. Teefy, has after mature deliberation decided upon. In close touch as he is with the leaders of the Universities and High Schools of Ontario, through his connection with the Senate of Toronto University, Dr. Teefy could not fail to see that the majority of Ontario students are desirous of fitting themselves for one or other of the public examinations and to respond to their wishes in every particular. According to a circular which he has addressed to the clergy and others he says: "With this in view, we have so arranged our course of studies as to be in a position to prepare young men for Second and First-class Certificates and for University Matriculation on the plan adopted throughout the High Schools and Collegiate Institutions of the Province. Moreover, now that the Educational Department has made the study of Latin compulsory for all these examinations, we have so adjusted the