

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

JUNE

- 4—Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi and Solemnity of that feast.
- 5, Monday—Of the Octave. St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr.
- 6, Tuesday—Of the Octave. St. Norbert, Bishop.
- 7, Wednesday—Of the Octave.
- 8, Thursday—Octave of Corpus Christi.
- 9, Friday—Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 10, Saturday—Saint Margaret, Widow.

BRIEFLETS.

Mrs. Blake, of Portage la Prairie, is somewhat unwell at St. Boniface Hospital.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface will be one of the speakers at the University Convocation next Friday at 3 p. m.

Chief Justice Killam and Principal McVicar have kindly consented to address the University next Friday at Convocation.

The Conferring of Degrees and the bestowal of scholarships for the University of Manitoba will take place in the Legislative Chamber, Kennedy street, June 2nd, at 3 p. m.

Mr. E. J. Dermody, formerly manager of the "Northwest Review," who had lately been in business at Whitewood, Assa, has accepted a position as travelling agent for the Rublee Fruit Company.

The Most Reverend Archbishop of St. Boniface returned from Fargo yesterday evening and this morning blessed the marriage of Miss Dubuc with Mr. Bourgoin, Manager of the Hochelega Bank. The happy couple leave for the coast to-day.

The new Catholic Cathedral at Fargo was dedicated on Tuesday the 30th. The event corresponded with the silver jubilee of Bishop Shanley's priesthood. His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface was the most distinguished guest. The ceremonies were very well carried out.

THE WINNIPEG LISTS.

A great deal of indignation has resulted from the conduct of the Dominion Government over the making up of a special voters' list for the Winnipeg bye-election. That precious Franchise Act, of which Liberals have boasted so freely, has had a practical application there, and is, together with the scheming and trickery permissible under it, responsible for the violation of common sense and honesty that is being perpetrated there. The government was obliged to make up a new list for this election because the law requires it whenever the Provincial list is more than one year old. In this instance the government ordered the list made, and fixed the 13th of May as the day upon which it was to have been completed. They then appointed men to do the work and these latter opened offices and went to large expense which, of course the government must pay. They had almost completed the list, after several weeks' work, when suddenly, on the 12th of May, just one day before the day set for closing, the government sent orders to stop work and throw away the list they had prepared. Thus all the time and money were lost and an almost completed list was made valueless. The reason the government gives for such strange conduct is that the Provincial government has also started to make up a list for their own use which was to be completed on the 16th of May. But why the government should allow the work to proceed until the very last day and until almost the full expense had been

incurred is not explained. It is generally supposed that the government continued the work and expense until it could be determined which of the two lists was most likely to give the government candidate the advantage, and having discovered that there was a better chance under the provincial list, and that it offered the greatest room for manipulation, they finally decided to adopt it—"The West", Regina.

SHAKESPEARE A CATHOLIC.

Of late years there has been not a little controversy as to the religious belief of Shakespeare. Mr. Sidney Lee, in his recently published "Life of William Shakespeare", declares positively and emphatically that the great poet was a Protestant. Dr. Appleton Morgan, president of the New York Shakespeare Society, who is not a Catholic, says Shakespeare was a Catholic, and he gives good reasons for making this assertion. Dr. Morgan for a quarter of a century has devoted himself to Shakespearean themes. In a letter published in the May issue of the Catholic World he says, referring to the religion of Shakespeare: "The only person within a century of Shakespeare's date who ever made a statement on the subject, one way or the other, verbally or on paper, was Archdeacon John Davies, the vicar of Daperton, in Gloucestershire, England, a clergyman of the Establishment. In or about the year 1703 Archdeacon Davies made some autograph notes upon the diary of the Rev. William Fulman (also a clergyman of the English Church); and, among these notes, is the following direct statement: 'He (Shakespeare) died a Papist'. Now, as Archdeacon Davies was a Protestant clergyman, this statement is what lawyers call a 'declaration against interest', and therefore one to which great weight is to be reasonably given. Moreover, the use of the word 'Papist', instead of 'of the old faith' or 'Catholic', shows that the statement was made reluctantly and with feeling. Even if contradicted, these considerations would favor it. But it stands uncontradicted! Of course, Shakespeare was obliged, like every other subject of Elizabeth, to outwardly conform to the two 'Acts of Uniformity' which obtained during the period including Shakespeare's natural life. But Archdeacon Davies' statement leads to the conclusion (and I for one can arrive at no other) that, toward the close of his life, Shakespeare sought occasion, in some form, to publicly announce his attachment to the religion of his fathers and of his race." It must be admitted that Dr. Morgan's claim is deserving of more consideration than that of those who make statements that Shakespeare was a Protestant without giving proof of their assertions. Catholic students of Shakespeare have often remarked that his works contain many indications that their author was a Catholic. So, we see, Dr. Morgan's clear statement is only a confirmation of what has long been believed by Catholics familiar with the writings of the immortal Bard of Avon.

LAUGHS BETTER THAN TEARS.

I bless all the apostolic college of humorists. The man that makes me laugh is my benefactor. I do not thank anybody to make me cry. I can do that without any assistance. We all cry enough and have enough to cry about. God bless all skillful punsters, all reparteeists, all propounders of ingenious conundrums, all those who mirthfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. Thomas Hood and Charles Dickens and Sydney Smith had a divine mission, and so have their suc-

cessors in these times. They stir into the acid beverage of life the saccharine. They make the cup of earthly existence, which is sometimes stale, effervesce and bubble. They placate animosities. They foster longevity. They slay follies and absurdities which all the sermons of all the pulpits cannot reach.—T. De Witt Talmage.

WHAT IT GENERALLY AMOUNTS TO.

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