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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- OCTOBER.
- Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Holy Rosary.
 - Monday—St. Francis of Assisi (transferred from yesterday). Founder of the Franciscans.
 - Tuesday—St. Bruno, Founder of the Carthusians.
 - Wednesday—St. Mark, Pope.
 - Thursday—St. Bridget, Widow.
 - Friday—Saints Dionysius, Rusticus and Eleutherius, Martyrs.
 - Saturday—St. Francis Borgia, third General of the Society of Jesus.

Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.

- I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.**
- All Sundays in the year.
 - Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
 - Jan. 6th. The Epiphany.
 - The Ascension.
 - Nov. 1st. All Saints.
 - Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
 - Dec. 25th Christmas.
- II. DAYS OF FAST.**
- The forty days of Lent.
 - The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
 - The Ember days, at the four Seasons, being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of
 - The first week in Lent.
 - Whitsun Week.
 - The third week in September.
 - The third week in Advent.
 - The Vigils of
 - Whitsunday.
 - The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul.
 - The Solemnity of the Assumption.
 - All Saints.
 - Christmas.
- III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**
- All Fridays in the year.
 - Wednesdays } in Advent and Lent.
Fridays }
 - Thursday } in Holy week
Saturday }
The Ember Days.
The Vigils above mentioned.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface visited the Academy of the Immaculate Conception on Friday and was given a hearty welcome by the little ones.

The farmers are now very busy hauling in wheat to the different market points. During the past week the price has gone up a few cents, and the upward tendency is still being maintained.

The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the various Catholic societies of St. Mary's parish, are requested to be present at a meeting which will be held at St. Mary's presbytery this evening, 30th inst.

St. Mary's choir will this week commence the practice of Mercadante's Mass in B for the special services which are to be held on the completion of the improvements and alterations now being carried out.

A large number of men were laid off at the Northern Pacific shops last week. They did not get a moment's warning that this was going to happen, and as this is usually the busy season they were not expecting anything of the kind. It is said that reductions of the staff have been made over the whole system and have been rendered necessary by the depressing effect on business of the election campaign now being carried on in the States.

HOME AND FOREIGN NOTES.

From the Oblates' Missionary Record.

In Ajaccio lately a wonderfully successful Mission was given by six Oblate Fathers. The Bishop, Mgr. de la Foata, surrounded by his Chapter, took part in many of the religious exercises, and at the end blessed the Mission Cross.

The Indians of Kenim Lake, British Columbia, have set aside 200 marten skins to pay for their new church.

At Halowt, the Lower Shushwap Camp, the Indians have agreed to sell in Kamloops for the benefit of their church, 200 cords of firewood.

At the Upper Shushwap Camp, the young chief, Francois Shilpaban, has employed his men cutting down timber for the saw mills, in order to meet the expense of building their new church which is 60 x 24.

Father Daniel Burns, O. M. I., for several years a missionary in New England, died lately at El Paso in Texas. R. I. P.

The late Mr. Justice Fournier, of the Supreme Court of Canada, and former Minister of Justice, was a member of the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa. R. I. P.

During the fishing season in British Columbia, the Oblate Fathers attend to the Catholic Indians in the canneries along the Fraser.

Rev. Father Barrett, O. M. I., was the presiding genius of the Sunday school picnic of the Brownville children two or three months ago. 170 children went out to the Esperanza ranch owned by Mr. Jagon. Father Sirois was also present to help the children to enjoy the day.

At the Convent of the Incarnate Word, Brownville, Texas, on June 13, 1896, Miss M. Lacaze and Miss S. Kowalski passed with great distinction their final examination as graduates. The witnesses were Judge Porto, Mr. Albert Browne, attorney, and Mr. Jagon. The examiners were Fathers Maurel and Parisot, Brothers Bourbon and Nolan, O. M. I., of St. Joseph's College, and Dr. MacManus, of Matamoros.

On Exhibition Day in the same convent there was a good deal of Spanish spoken as well as English. It was in Spanish that Rev. Father Maurel, Superior, O. M. I., addressed the audience at the close.

200 children received Holy Communion for the first or the second time in the Catholic Church, Brownville, on the second Sunday after Easter, 1896. First Communion day is a great feast with the Texans and Mexicans. On the last day of May the church is always crowded. Not so at other times!

In 1890, when the unjust School Act was passed, there were 650 children in the Catholic schools of Winnipeg. Today there are 800. During all these years there have been only half-a-dozen Catholic pupils in the public (Protestant) schools. The percentage of Catholic children at school in the same city is double that of the Protestant children.

The Archbishop of St. Boniface reached Paris on July 19, 1896. After some stay at the General House of the Oblate Fathers, he paid his first visit to "the threshold of the Apostles."

Father B. Boyer, O. M. I., a new missionary at Bethsiamits in the Province of Quebec, is called by the Indians "Kathinuaskushit," The Long One. It is only a provisional name: when they know him better they will no doubt give him one that is more characteristic and complimentary.

Mgr. Doucet, C. P., Bishop of Nicopolis, in Bulgaria, added his diocese to the many that keep in each church a day of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in union with the perpetual adoration at Montmartre.

The whole Carthusian Order has been affiliated in the same way.

In St. Philip Neri's Church, the Pettah, Colombo, on 9 June, 1896, the Bishop of Jaffna confirmed 118 persons, including two converts, Mr. C. H. Kerr and Miss Warburton, an English lady on a visit to Ceylon. Mgr. Joulain was assisted by Fathers Gordon, Wilkinson and Burke. Mr. Neydoff and Mrs. de Jong were the sponsors.

The Sacred Heart Confraternity of Jaffna held its annual meeting in St. Patrick's College on June 2, 1896. Some lyrics composed by Mr. Subavaiampillai, a Catholic poet, were sung. The Report was read by Father Wheeler, and the lecture was delivered by Mr. B. Manneppillai. Eight Fathers were present and the students of St. Martin's Seminary.

The soldiers at St. John's, Pondoland, have built a nice little chapel, says Father LeBras, O. M. I.

Father Anthony, O. M. I., the young priest in charge of the Anuradhapura district, is a Tamil. The last official report on the Ceylon Royal Botanical Gardens says: "A vine presented by the Rev. Father Anthony has made a good start at Anuradhapura Garden and promises well."

Rev. Father Meary, O. M. I., is associated with the venerable Father Garcia, O. C., the oldest missionary in Ceylon, in the administration of the Bolawatta Mission, with 7,230 Catholics. Bolawatta is the mission to which Mgr. Bettachini was so much attached, where he held the first ordination recorded of native priests in Ceylon and where he ended his days.

In France men understand better than in some other countries the importance of a few days' retreat in retirement from ordinary occupations. At Notre Dame de l'Osier (Isere), quite a country place in Dauphiny, as many as one hundred from neighboring parishes recently took part in such a retreat. Father Monnet, O. M. I., the local Superior, preached two or three times a day, and M. l'Abbe France was the conferencier.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

IS THE TRUTH CONCERNING JOHN GIBBONS, OF EAST LONDON.

He Was Tortured With the Pains of Sciatic Rheumatism—Tried Doctors, all Sorts of Medicine and Went to the Hospital in Vain—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Him When All Else Had Failed.

From the London Advertiser.

There are two things in this world which Mr. John Gibbons, a resident of Queen's Avenue East, will henceforth place implicit confidence in. One is the judgment of his wife and the other is the curative qualities of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In his case the two went hand in hand, Mrs. Gibbons thought of the remedy, the pills did the rest, and to-day Mr. Gibbons is a well man where last fall he was virtually a cripple. An Advertiser reporter called at the house the other evening and was met at the door by Mr. Gibbons, to whom he told the object of his visit, and was cordially invited in. The reporter had no sooner got seated when Mr. Gibbons went into an adjoining room. The sound of clinking bottles floated through the half open door and when Mr. Gibbons re-appeared he had in his arms a whole basket of bottles—all he has to show for many and many a hard earned dollar spent in useless drugs. As Mr. Gibbons was busy showing the bottles and descanting upon the impotency of the medicines they had contained, the reporter had abundant opportunity of marking the personal appearance of the man. His speech betrays his English birth and his face still bears the marks of suffering, but his frame is erect his step light and elastic, and when he tells you that he can work, run or jump with any man, you cannot help but believe him. He is 29 years of age and was born in Bow Road, Stratford, England. He came to Canada in 1882 and located at Galt, where he is well and favorably known. He worked for the Hon. Mr. Young, member of parliament, for a long time, and seven years ago he married Miss Alice Mann, also of Galt. After Mr. Gibbons removed to London he settled down near the car-shops and did very well, always having plenty of work and always having the strength to do it. He cared nothing about a wetting until one day a year ago he took an acute attack of sciatic rheumatism following wet feet. "I lay down on this floor," said Mr. Gibbons in telling his story, "night and day suffering terrible agony. I could not get up a step and my wife had to help me up from the floor. I felt the pain in my back first. It then apparently left my back and got into my hips. Doctors came here to see me. They gave me prescriptions, but none of them seemed to do me any good. The neighbors could hear me all over Queen's Avenue when I would get an attack of the pains. Last fall I was taken out of this place in a hack and taken to the hospital. I remained there about three weeks and the doctors did what they could for me but could not give me any relief. At the end of three weeks I came home again suffering as much as ever. My wife got hold of a pamphlet which told of a number of remarkable cures by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and we determined to try them. I took about three boxes and felt myself getting a little easier. I took thirteen boxes altogether, and it is over two months since I felt the least suggestion of pain." "Do you feel that you are entirely cured?" asked the reporter. "Yes, sir, I can go out and do a day's work just as well as ever I could. I feel perfectly strong and have a good appetite." "No, I don't want another attack of sickness like that," said Mr. Gibbons, as he lighted the reporter to the door.

Mrs. Gibbons was not at home on the occasion of the reporter's first visit. Subsequently he called on her and received an entire confirmation of Mr. Gibbons' story. "He was home all last summer," said Mrs. Gibbons, "and last August the pains were so severe as to bring him down on his knees, and to save himself he could not get up. I had to lift him off the floor many a time. He seemed powerless. The bottles he showed you had almost all of them been repeatedly filled so that the number of bottles is no criterion of the amount of medicine taken. "Before he took the pills," continued Mrs. Gibbons, "I thought my husband would never be able to stand upright again. But now," she added in parting, "he is as well as ever he was." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, build up the nerves, and thus drive disease from the system. In hundreds of cases they have cured, or all other medicines had failed, thus establishing the claim that they are a marvel among the triumphs of modern medical science. The genuine Pink Pills are sold only in boxes, bearing the full trade mark. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Protect yourself from imposition by refusing any pill that does not bear the registered trade mark around the box.

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