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POPE LEO XIII.



SATURDAY, MAR 28, 1903.

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

MARCH.

29—Passion Sunday.
30—Monday—St. John Damascene.
31—Tuesday—Feria.

APRIL.

1—Wednesday—Feria.
2—Thursday—St. Francis de Paul.
3—Friday—Compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
4—Saturday—St. Isidor.

CONDITIONS TO BE MET.

Speaking last week to a gentleman who knows something of the different elements which compose the vast body of immigrants who have been pouring into the country during the last few months, he pointed out the significant fact that a very considerable proportion of the new comers are Catholics, and, he added, as systematic arrangements have now been perfected for the encouragement of this class of immigration and the settlement of the people in colonies where they will have every facility for worship and education there is no doubt this feature will be even more marked in the future. In Alberta, along the line of the Calgary and Edmonton railway several Catholic centres have recently sprung into existence. In Saskatchewan there is the German Catholic colony founded under the direction of the Benedictine Fathers, who have secured an immense tract of excellent land, which will soon be occupied by thousands of settlers. In Assiniboia the Catholic settlement at Balgonie has spread south to such a degree that three new churches will be erected this summer at points along the new railway line from Arcoia to Regina, and priests are coming from Germany to minister to the spiritual needs of the rapidly growing flock. Another well organized Catholic colony is to take possession of a fine stretch of country between Alameda and Estevan, and the Catholic settlement in the same district at Alma is prosperous and thriving. These are only a few of the many indications there are that a very wonderful percentage of the new-comers are practical and devoted members of the Catholic Church, and it is consoling to know that adequate provision is being made for their spiritual well-being.

There is, however, another point connected with this matter that is worthy of consideration, and that is the provision that will have to be made in the very near future for the accommodation of the increased Catholic population of Winnipeg. It is very evident that the number of Catholics in this city is growing weekly and churches will have to be built here as well as in the Catholic settlements in the country districts. It is well known there is already a demand which cannot be met for pews in St. Mary's—for instance—from many families recently arrived in the parish, and the large crowd of strangers seen every Sunday at Mass indicate that this question will become very acute at a not distant date.

Catholics will undoubtedly soon be found in considerable numbers residing in such residential districts as Fort Rouge and the western parts of the city, which are now included in St. Mary's parish, and as the present church will only accommodate a certain number and has already just about reached the limit it is clear something will have to be done very shortly.

ST. PIE-LETELLIER.

March 17th, 1903.

On Sunday evening an eight days' mission was brought to a close by a big reception of men in the "League of the Sacred Heart." Before benediction the officers of the new league were elected as follows: Mr. Guilbert, President. Mr. Jacques Parent, vice-president. Mr. P. Turner, secretary. Immediately after the service Mr. Parent read an address to Father Proulx, S.J., expressing the thanks of the congregation to the missionary who had so devoted himself the whole week in their spiritual interests. The Reverend Father replied most kindly, congratulating all on the zeal they had displayed in assisting at all the services, in spite of the very bad roads. His Grace, the Archbishop, who arrived at Letellier on Friday afternoon, accompanied by the Reverend Father Lecoq and Dr. Belliveau was present at the evening service on that day. Mr. Gravelines read an address of welcome, to which His Grace replied with his customary eloquence, telling us, among other things, that he had come to receive the vows of one of the sisters himself, not only to honor and encourage our sisters, but also to honor the parish and show his appreciation of the way in which Letellier had first striven for a convent and then received the sisters with open arms.

On Saturday morning the ladies of Ste. Anne who have been a congregation for some time, but who had not yet been formally received in the Church, publicly consecrated themselves to Ste. Anne, to the number of fifty. The Archbishop again kindly addressed a few words to them before leaving for the train.

The first young lady to join the "Mission Sisters" here is Miss L'Oiselle, who leaves Letellier in a few days with the Mother Prioress of Ste. Rose du Lac for the noviciate.

The Reverend Fathers Fillion and Bastien assisted during several days at our retreat. Our pastor can feel at ease now, as probably all the Easter duties in his parish have been fulfilled.

A petition has been signed and forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor for the formation of an agricultural society at Letellier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bois, of St. Pie, reached home on Saturday after an extended trip in the Province of Quebec and Eastern States.

OUR ST. PATRICK'S CONCERT,

17th March, 1903.

Many were the praises extended to the President and members of the Catholic Club for the great success achieved at their St. Patrick's annual concert. We are loath to introduce any discordant note into the sweet harmonies of the day,

still we consider it our duty to express regret at one item at least on the programme of the evening.

A year ago some selections were made and given as a recitation from Drummond's book on the habitant of the Province of Quebec. As many French Canadians had thought it proper to do honor to the Great Patron Saint of Ireland by being present at the concert, they could well have expected that some consideration would have been entertained regarding their national feelings. Still nothing was said, for poor as the English of the Habitant might appear, it is worth much more than the French of most of our English-speaking fellow-citizens. The same thing was repeated on the 17th March of this year. Again perhaps we would have held our peace on the subject, but when the elocutionist of the evening showed the bad taste of giving a recitation not only injurious to the French Canadians present, but partaking so glaringly of the nature of a slur on the miracles wrought at the Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaufre of Quebec; and when the gentleman seemed to have merited not only the applause of the audience, but even the honor of an encore, we are at a loss how to understand the spirit of Faith of our Irish Catholics on the circumstance. We more than doubt that the Great Saint Patrick could have been pleased with them. And so we ventured to tell the organizers of the St. Patrick's concert that it would not only be good policy but good common Catholic sense not to allow in the future their grand programme to be disgraced as it was on the 17th of March, 1903.

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HONORING IRELAND'S DAY.

The opera house was well filled last evening on the anniversary of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, and those who attended were well repaid by listening to the excellent lecture on Irish Orators, delivered by the Rev. Father Drummond.

The lecturer chose six famous Irish patriots and orators, Grattan, Edmund Burke and Sheridan, as representing the intellect of the Irish race; and Curran, Shiel and O'Connell, as remarkable for their warmth of heart. The lecturer showed how Grattan overcame great natural defects so completely that he astonished the British House of Commons by his eloquence. It was he who created the Irish parliament, and unfortunately he also witnessed its destruction. Edmund Burke was spoken of as the greatest prose writer on political and social questions in the English language. His mind was, if anything, too vast for practical oratory. His speeches were sometimes too prosy to listen to. Sheridan was considered by Byron, the most gifted man the latter ever knew, and in the celebrated Warren Hastings trial, convinced Hastings' lawyer, that Hastings was the worst criminal in the world.

At this point an intermission took place, and some interesting instrumental and vocal music was offered to the audience. Captain Bagley's orchestra rendered some selections of Irish airs, and B. J. Walsh sang Kathleen Mavourneen. The choir rendered their part very well, as also did Mrs. Winter in the famous songs, "The Piper," and "The Minstrel Boy," and both were encored.

The numbers given by the choir during the evening were St. Patrick's Day, and Oft in the Stilly Night.

In delivering the second part of the lecture, Rev. Father Drummond began with a reference to John Philpot Curran, and gave several amusing instances of his humor. Curran was no mere trifler, but a man of deep pathos. He struggled fiercely to defend the victims of judicial injustice in the rebellion of 1798. He was an example of the combination in the Irish character of merriment with melancholy, and both of these feelings sprang from the same source, a sense of incongruity.

In depicting Richard Lalor Shiel, the lecturer said he was a great man, the author of the most wonderfully clever book, "Sketches of the Irish Bar." He was a man of

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great oratorical power, in spite of glaring natural defects. He was also a man of great sincerity, as was proved by his personality in acting as assistant to Daniel O'Connell, or Shiel was from a literary point of view a much greater man than Daniel O'Connell, though the latter was by far the greatest orator.

The last part of the lecture was a panegyric of Daniel O'Connell, who was a man who had had no training except that of the will, and wanted no corrections of natural defects. He seemed to spring full armed into the public arena; physically, mentally and morally he was complete. Providence seemed to have chosen him expressly for the time when he appeared. He had every style of oratory, the humorous, the argumentative and the pathetic. He was the people's ideal, and really Ireland's uncrowned king.—Calgary Herald, Mar. 18.

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