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Calendar for the Week.

- Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier. 4 - Fast Day. 5 - St. Peter Chrysologus. 6 - St. Stanislaus Kostka. 7 - St. Ambrose. 8 - Immaculate Conception. 9 - Fast Day. 10 - St. Eustachius.

The name of Dr. Goldwin Smith appears for \$100 among the subscribers to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The illness of the Archbishop of Montreal is regarded with considerable anxiety. Prayers for the venerable prelate were offered up in all the churches of the archdiocese on Sunday last.

The intelligence that Mr. John McKeown, the learned and respected County Crown Attorney for Lincoln, is lying ill at the Hotel Dieu hospital, Kingston, will occasion general regret and anxiety.

Startling disclosures have been made in England and in Ireland in connection with the spy "Jones," produced in the dynamite trial of Ivory. The Crown put forward this man as an agent sent to the United States for the express purpose of manufacturing a plot.

Mr. John Redmond is in New York, where as an Irishman and one who has done years of active and fruitful political service for the National cause, he was sure of a hospitable reception.

The continued defeats inflicted on the Spanish forces in Cuba by the insurgents have led some observers in America to expect that the upshot

will be a revolution in Spain. We have the advantage of receiving private correspondence from a well informed Spanish source, which leads us to a directly contrary expectation.

The Montreal Star publishes a telegram from Winnipeg, adequately reporting the sermons on Sunday last of Archbishop Languevin and Father Cherrier. The Archbishop summed up the whole situation when he said: "If the Catholics should accept this settlement, which did not give them even the shadow of their rights, they would abandon their position and condemn themselves."

Mrs. Sullivan, a respectable resident of this city, has been rescued from the long term of imprisonment imposed upon her because she carried away a few charred sticks from a ruined structure near where she lives.

The Hamilton Herald, always fair and independent in its utterances, thinks The Register has been a severe critic of Judge Robertson's language at Guelph.

The Minister of Justice could not remove Judge Robertson from the bench because of a few lightly-spoken and perhaps unfortunate words which, though they wounded a certain class of citizens, were not intended to wound.

It would perhaps be safer, when occupants of the bench are tempted to show the indignities of their wit and humor to play around subjects which in observation and religious politics, to refrain.

We are not inclined either to doubt the soundness of The Herald's opinion as to what view the Minister of Justice would be likely to take of the matter, nor yet to question the friendly spirit in which it tells Judge Robertson to apologize.

A False Alarm.

The satisfaction of our Orange fellow-citizens with the "settlement" was momentarily ruffled by a false alarm raised in the columns of The Mail and Empire last week.

The Orangemen jumped to their feet at once, and it was feared would have repudiated the "settlement" on the spot. But wiser counsels prevailed.

But suppose, for the sake of argument, that the farcical "settlement" should be given a fair test by the Catholics of the west, what would happen? Are any of us so innocent as to imagine that the average Orangeman would tolerate the tuition of his child by a Roman Catholic?

But our Orange friends could easily put aside such fears. They could, as they no doubt did, reflect that they have the remedy for the vaguely possible evil mentioned by The Mail and Empire in their own hands.

Ontario or Quebec.

Last week we warned the Catholic people of Ontario that the second political triumph, which, thanks to Mr. Laurier, the anti-Catholic forces have won in the West meant renewed strife in Ontario over the school issue.

If French Canada makes no uncertain sound not only will Mr. Laurier take the hint, but political calculations in Ontario will have to be reconst. If Quebec speaks out for justice and the constitution, we may expect to see a change come over the spirit of Liberal political dreams.

They are Happy.

Our respected Protestant contemporaries are all naturally elated over the "settlement." Their comments are most interesting. The Canadian Baptist is content, because "Baptists as a body do most certainly want purely secular schools."

Our serious and respected neighbor, The Christian Guardian, manages to discern in the Laurier-Greenway understanding an endorsement of Methodist principles. We are not able to follow its reasoning as well as we would wish; but what it says is this.

Whitewash Won't Stick.

A feeble effort was put forward last week to whitewash that wonderful "settlement" of the school question. The artists chosen for the work out such a silly fable, however, that the thing was almost immediately abandoned.

Mr. O'Reilly, of Prescott, completed the trio of satisfied (self-satisfied) whitewashers. We presume they are not to be recalled, as the Quebec Liberals seem to have changed the tune of pretended satisfaction with the "settlement" for the more warlike music of a struggle with the Church.

Mr. Laurier and Archbishop Languevin.

The notorious Quebec paper L'Electeur asks how could Archbishop Languevin have expected to be consulted by Mr. Laurier about the terms of the "settlement" after the efforts made by his Grace to rouse Quebec against the Liberal leader?

Society Notices.

We have received an angry letter from Mr. Hugh McCaffrey, Provincial President of the A.O.H. He is apparently under the impression that the letter from him which appeared in the last issue of The Register was altered in this office.

Mr. McCaffrey's letter, however, is but an extreme instance of the return which a Catholic newspaper is accustomed to receive for the invariable hospitality of its columns given to notices which are understood on all hands to be business puffs of the insurance features of Catholic societies.

Advent.

Low the winds whisper, "Will the Bridgroom come?" The silent world is sleeping cold and still, The trees and flowers are dead, the birds are dumb, No more is heard the vixen bees soft hum, Winter hath cast its mantle o'er the hill.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Catholic Order of Foresters.

The Catholic Order of Foresters held their third annual concert and social on Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 24th last, in Pigeon's Hall.

The committee was composed of energetic members, no doubt, as no pains or expense were spared in compiling a first class programme for the occasion which met the approbation of the public.

The best talent selected was procured at an early date, and a first class orchestra secured for the social "hop," which was patronized by a large number of handsomely dressed and gentlemanly educated to the art.

St. Peter's Church.

On last Sunday evening a branch of the League of the Cross was established in St. Peter's church, Bathurst st. The sermon on the occasion was given, and the crosses blessed and distributed by Rev. Father Walsh, pastor of the church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

London Catholic Club.

The London Catholic Young Men's Club met in their spacious apartments, at 355 Richmond street, on Friday evening last for the first time.

Already the first installment of handsome furniture has been placed in the reading room, and the upper rooms, which will be used for purposes of numerous meetings, are being put into shape.

Obituary.

Mr. David McCaffrey, who had enjoyed the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens for over fifty years, died at his residence McMillan street, on the 28th inst. Mr. McCaffrey was born in Liverpool 70 years ago, nearly sixty of which were spent in Toronto.