

Calendar for Dec., 1905.

MOON'S PHASES. First Quarter, Sat., 8th, 3.50 p.m. Full Moon, 11th, 6h. 30m. p.m. Last Quarter, 14th, 6h. 5m. a.m. New Moon, 23rd, 10h. 4m. p.m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Sun Sets, Moon, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the month.

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stomach and affects the appetite.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.

Notes From Rome.

(N. Y. Freeman's Journal.)

The French flag that has for many centuries floated in sign of protection over numberless Catholic missions in Mohammedan and pagan Asia and Africa is at last pulled down.

France has no longer the protectorate of the Christian interests in the Orient. It is her own doing, or at least that of the French Ambassador at Constantinople.

The French Protectorate has for many years past been only a name. The poor Franciscans who have charge of the shrine in the Holy Land have been at the mercy of Turk and Arab, and greedy Christians, too, with no hope for redress for the many infringements and annoyances they have had to suffer.

Appeals to the French consulate were paid very little attention to.

A year ago an American, Father Dominic Reuter, was elected head of the Franciscans. Lately he had an interview with the French Ambassador at Constantinople, in which he represented the failure of the French Government to do its duty to the Franciscans.

The French Ambassador gave him very little satisfaction. "France was not bothering with religions in the East; the religious at home were giving her enough trouble," etc.

Father Reuter took his list of complaints, annoyances and robberies committed on various Franciscan communities in the Holy Land and elsewhere throughout Asia to the Italian Ambassador at Constantinople.

Promptly the Italian Ambassador promised to see that in the Ottoman dominions the religious houses would have the full protection of the law. And this is why the King of Italy's birthday was celebrated recently with great solemnity in the churches of the Conventual Franciscans in Constantinople.

The Ambassador of Italy and his aides were present in full regalia. The flag of Italy was run up alongside the Franciscan ensign, and thus formally and publicly Italy assumed the place so long held proudly by France.

If, as is reported, the Russian Government proposes the establishment of a Papal Nuncio at St. Petersburg, Catholic interests will be still furthered and improved.

This Christmas coming will be the first in three hundred years that the head of the French Government will fail to receive formal greetings from the Canons of St. John Lateran, of which he was, till now, an honorary member.

Bishop Seton is back in Rome from America. He brought very friendly greetings to Pius X. from President Roosevelt, which he delivered in private audience with his Holiness.

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Holiness, who desired him to thank the President of the United States.

The Salesian Fathers have just rounded out twenty-five years of active service in Rome. Their fine Church of the Sacred Heart near the railway station, built by Don Bosco, is to be supplemented by another in the most populous quarter of Rome.

They purpose also commencing this year twenty-five new churches, in honor of their twenty-five years in Rome, one each in twenty-five different parts of the world where this order was established.

Strange Marriage Case.

The strange case of Swift vs. Swift, the decision in which was given recently by the Irish Master of the Rolls, has resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The crucial point in the case was whether a marriage contracted in Austria between a Protestant and Catholic and solemnized by a Catholic priest was valid in Britain.

The Master of the Rolls held it was. Perhaps the most interesting circumstance in the case was the attempt of the plaintiff to invalidate the Austrian marriage.

The remarks of the Master of the Rolls on the Penal Laws are worth remembering. He said in part: "The writ in the present case was issued on the 3rd of February, 1904. The first question that arose was obviously as to the marriage in Austria with the Baroness. The certificate that had been produced was conclusive proof that it was celebrated in the only way that would have been lawful in Austria, and the evidence of the two Austrian lawyers who had been examined, Dr. De Griez and Dr. Krenn, was that that certificate would be accepted in an Austrian court as evidence of a marriage legally concluded; that there was absolutely no machinery in Austria then and even at the present day by which a marriage legally celebrated between a Catholic and a non-Catholic could be dissolved, and that such a marriage could only be annulled on grounds that existed before marriage. The disability that was relied on by the plaintiff was created by the 19th George II., chapter 13, an Irish statute of the year 1745, which was in force in the year 1833. Its first section recited that the law then existing to prevent Popish priests from celebrating marriages had been found to be ineffectual. A previous statute had made it a hanging matter for the priest. The section then provided that after the 1st of May, 1745, any marriage celebrated by a Popish priest and a person who had been or professed to be a Protestant within twelve months before the celebration, or between two Protestants, should be absolutely null and void to all intents and purposes, without any process, judgment, or sentence of law whatever. There could be no doubt that the Austrian marriage was celebrated by a Roman Catholic priest. But some restriction must be imposed on the language of this section. It contained no reference to the locality in which the marriage was celebrated; but it manifestly gave no power to avoid marriage between the subjects of foreign States over whom this country had no jurisdiction. It must receive a rational interpretation. No doubt if the priest had celebrated the marriage in Ireland he would have been within the enactment. But that was not the present case. The act was to prevent Popish priests from celebrating marriages but not to prevent Protestants and Catholics from contracting marriage. Such marriage had always been lawful in Ireland. Even the cruelty of the Irish native Parliament never dreamt of rendering it illegal per se. It had been stated that this Act was part of a code. That was quite true, but the code dealt exclusively with subjects of the King and with the celebration of marriages within the Kingdom of Ireland. The 12th George the 1st, passed in 1728, made the celebration of such marriages penal and a felony, but it did not annul them. It did not say that the marriages should be null and void; it made it penal on the part of the clergymen who celebrated them. From the code it was to be deduced that mixed marriages were discouraged and were rendered void after the 1st of May, 1745, if celebrated by a Popish priest; but that did not extend to marriages celebrated abroad. On the contrary, marriage celebrated abroad had been always perfectly good and valid if unimpedable on some other ground. He was therefore of opinion that the marriage of the 3rd of February, 1833, was perfectly valid.

Father of Five Religions

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." These words may very aptly be applied to Mr. Mathias Ostendarp, one of Cincinnati's most respected citizens, and a pioneer settler, who departed this life aged 76 years.

He was a native of Oesede, Amt Lohr, near Osnabruck, Germany. In 1847 he emigrated to this country and settled in Cincinnati. In 1806 he married Agnes Ostendarp (nee Stricker). God blessed their union with seven children, of whom five gave themselves to the service of

Many Women Suffer

UNTOLD AGONY FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Very often they think it is from so-called "Female Disease." There is less female trouble than they think. Women suffer from backache, sleeplessness, nervousness, irritability, and a dragging-down feeling in the loins. So do men, and they do not have "female trouble." Why, then, blame all your trouble to Female Disease? With healthy kidneys, few women will ever have "female disease." The kidneys are so closely connected with all the internal organs, that when the kidneys go wrong, everything goes wrong. Much distress would be saved if women would only take

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MISCELLANEOUS.

At the close of an address during an electioneering campaign in Ireland questions were invited A man was making for the platform when he received a whack over the head with a stick. He was stunned, and had to be carried out amid an uproar. When order was restored the chairman rose and blandly said:—"Is there any other gentleman who would like to ask a question?" Needless to say, there was not.

I was cured of painful Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT.

BYARD McMULLIN. Osham, Ont.

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