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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

MARCH.

- 6.—Second Sunday in Lent.
7. Monday—St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor.
8. Tuesday—St. John of God, Confessor.
9. Wednesday—St. Frances of Rome, Widow.
10. Thursday—The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.
11. Friday—The Holy Winding-sheet.
12. Saturday—St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor.

BRIEFLETS.

Rev. Father Woodcuter, of Gretna, is in town.

Rev. Father P. Magnan, Superior at Qu' Appelle, was here last Friday.

Rev. Father Guillet, O. M. I., preached an instructive sermon on Ash Wednesday at the 9 o'clock Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Rev. Father Belle, O. M. I., has been nominated to the post of Vicar of the Oblate Missions in the arch-diocese of Colombo.

Rev. Father Camper, O. M. I., was in town last Friday, to consult with His Grace about the rebuilding of the St. Laurent Presbytery.

Rev. Father George, O. M. I., who is now convalescent at St. Boniface Hospital, will shortly leave for the missions of Fort Francis, to which he has been recently appointed.

Mr. F. W. Henbald is a rustler. He has already sent us his gorgeous pictorial announcement of the "Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair," Winnipeg, July 11 to 16, 1898.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface preached in his Cathedral at High Mass last Sunday, giving excellent practical directions as to the proper observance of the Lenten penitential spirit.

Rev. Father Blais, O. M. I., left the St. Boniface Hospital yesterday, and will go to the Province of Quebec to-morrow for the benefit of his health. He will be accompanied by Rev. Fr. Cloutier.

Our Holy Father, Leo XIII., has now entered on his twenty-first year since his election to the Sovereign Pontificate. The twentieth anniversary of his coronation occurs the day after to-morrow, March 3rd.

Eastern enterprise doesn't seem to be "in it" with the West. With all its sprightliness the Montreal Star does not hesitate to begin now, as a special treat, a South African serial which the Winnipeg Free Press finished several months ago.

M. l'Abbe Maillard has just finished a most lifelike portrait of Mgr. Ritchot. The venerable pastor of St. Norbert declares that he cannot see any difference between the artist's "counterfeit presentment" and what his looking-glass reflects.

When we hear of great cold waves and huge falls of snow all over the continent, we bless our stars for being in Manitoba where this winter has hitherto been mild and delightful, with little snow and less dark days, and with plenty of our incomparable sunshine.

St. HYACINTHE, February 19.—Mr. R. E. Fontaine, lawyer of this city, has been elected Mayor of St. Hyacinthe le Confesseur for the 33rd time. One may judge of the popularity of Mr. Fontaine by the fact that he has also been prefect of the country for the last twenty-five years.—MONTREAL STAR.

The students of St. Boniface College are preparing a great three-act tragedy, "Bonivines," by Rev. Father Longhaye, S. J., for the celebration on March 21st of His Grace's Consecration Anniversary. The play will be given on the eve and the celebration will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd. The real anniversary is the 19th; but, as this date falls on a Saturday, an inconvenient day for

the country clergy, the anniversary will be celebrated three days later.

Cholera has broken out at Jaffina (Ceylon), and cases are also reported from districts in the neighborhood. Measures have been taken to prevent the epidemic from spreading. His Lordship, Bishop Jolain, O. M. I., and the Oblate missionaries have our sympathy in this time of anxiety for their flocks.

The Newman Literary Guild.

Last Friday evening the Newman Literary Guild held, in St. Mary's School, a meeting which, both in point of attendance and in the debate that took place, was very interesting.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved that the printing press is more useful to man than steam as a motive power," Mr. E. Golden for the affirmative and Mr. Marrin for the negative. Both sides defended their views with first class arguments, and it was only after the judge had taken some time to weigh the arguments of both sides that he decided in favor of the affirmative.

Quite a number of young ladies accepted the invitation, which was extended to them by the guild the Friday before, to join in this literary work, and we hope to see a still larger number at the next meeting.

The meeting next Friday will be especially interesting, as the Rev. Fr. Guillet will conclude his paper on "The use and abuse of novels."—Com.

Mr. James Fitzsimmons

Many friends all over the Dominion will unite with us in mourning the loss of Mr. James Fitzsimmons, Deputy Warden of Stony Mountain penitentiary, who quietly breathed his last in St. Boniface Hospital at seven o'clock in the evening of Saturday, the 26th ult. Being about sixty years of age, he was preparing to retire from his long and faithful service as a penitentiary officer, and looked forward to years of well earned repose, when he was stricken down with cirrhosis of the liver. As he had long been afflicted with poor health, this last fatal malady resisted all the efforts of the best medical attendance and the devoted nursing of the good Sisters. With truly Christian fortitude Mr. Fitzsimmons accepted the Divine Will and received the last Sacraments with edifying resignation and fervor. He had always been an exemplary and pious Catholic; in fact, the persecutions he endured in the exact fulfilment of his duties were due, in a great measure, to his outspoken attachment to the true faith.

He lost his wife some seven years ago and wished to be buried by her side in Kingston, whither his remains will be taken to-morrow. His only immediate relatives still living are two sisters, one in Ireland and another in Brooklyn, N. Y. He himself was a native of County Wexford. The Catholic sisterhoods of British Columbia, toward whom he was ever most generous in his benefactions, will, we feel sure, remember their dear and devoted friend in their fervent prayers. R. I. P.

Mr. Patrick Barrett.

We regret to announce the sudden death last Saturday night, after an illness of only one hour and a half, of Mr. Patrick Barrett, of 708 Dufferin Avenue, a highly respected ex-employee of the C. P. R., who had been for some time past spending his declining years in the bosom of his family. He was so practical a Catholic that his death, though sudden, was not "unprovided." He was about 66 years of age. The Requiem Mass was offered for him this morning at 9 o'clock in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, from which the funeral took place. R. I. P.

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