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Calendar for the Week.

- Dec. 31—St. Sylvester, P.
Jan. 1—Circumcision of our Lord.
2—Octave of St. Stephen.
3—Octave of St. John.
4—Octave Holy Innocents.
5—St. Telesphorus, P.M.
6—The Epiphany of our Lord.

Last week we published a letter from Senator Power without comment. This was in deference to the Christmas spirit; but we cannot allow the Senator's criticism to pass altogether without notice.

The critics of the secular papers without an exception have been so pleased with the "Stabat Mater" as rendered in St. Michael's Cathedral by the Philharmonic Society that they ask why the citizens of Toronto are deprived of the frequent blessing of such music.

In its issue of Dec. 29, The Kingston Freeman, one of the listed organs of the Ottawa government, went into a great rage over as commonplace a statement of fact as ever appeared in this paper.

Kingston himself, for the fact that the Kingston Freeman is not a Catholic paper. We are morally certain that The Orange Sentinel and The Toronto Star are not Catholic papers.

One of our Anglican contemporaries in Toronto a little while ago published a complaint against London Punch. It was declared that the famous London humorist had turned Catholic under a Catholic editor.

A notorious Quebec paper called L'Electeur, an organ of the provincial and Federal Liberals, has been officially denounced by the Archbishop and Bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec as a publication dangerous to faith and to the interests of Catholic education.

The disgraceful parade of billingsgate that took place in the Council Chamber of Toronto on Monday was not after all so much out of harmony with the general character of municipal politics in this city.

electors, told them that he was there to say that he was a man and a pauper. And he said it all by way of attack upon the sitting mayor, who informed the electors of the ingratitude of his assailant.

Do the citizens of Toronto ever ask themselves how the administration of their affairs have come to such a pass? There is not a business man in the city, nor is there a rate-payer outside what is called the "machine" who do not annually bemoan the sad state of municipal government.

The evil influence in Toronto municipal politics began long ago with the baptism of the city in Orangism. The first care was to exclude Catholics from representation in the Council or employment by the Corporation.

A Modern Instance.

We have in Toronto two societies, or rather two branches of the same society, intended to protect the path of children whose natural protectors have become their worst enemies, and whom we can fancy Longfellow apostrophized in the lines:

In the blessed work of protecting God's beloved little ones one can hardly imagine the demon of bigotry interfering. But we have seen such a thing in Toronto only last week.

matters except an occasional pair of boots and a dress or two. The police report in The Evening News says: Recently Mr. Thompson and his wife, Mrs. O'penshaw, as she is now known, met in Mrs. Keeler's and had a glorious row.

The police magistrate informed Mr. Hynes that the endeavor to rescue the child from the atmosphere into which the mother had drawn her was a perfectly proper case to be brought into court; but the child was willing, and "the mother was a good woman but for her bigamous marriage with O'penshaw," which a lawyer had told her "was not punishable."

O little souls! as pure and white And crystalline as rays of light.

how long shall it be before you become lurid ere you have reached "the wayside inn, where toll shall cease and rest begin?"

The Orange circular concluded: "You are bound together for the defence of Protestantism, and I confidently appeal to you to come to our relief."

A New Phase of an Old Fight.

There appears to be visible on the horizon of Irish politics a faint gleam of hope for the symbolic figure of Erin weeping beside the waters of the Boyne, where her latter-day sons first baptized their dissensions in fratricidal blood-letting under foreign leaders from both sides.

The coalition of Unionist landlords, anti-Parnellites and Parnellites against the Government's delay in dealing with the report of the financial commission, has most audaciously surprised the Government, for it was as if the landlords' discontent over the Land Act and their desire for lessened taxation from some source.

Leader in the House of Commons, and Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are desirous of restoring the conclusions of the financial commission, and will ask the House to appoint a special committee to take further evidence.

It is alleged that Ireland is to day an almost completely Anglicanized country, and the union of all forces for obtaining lessened taxation may be cited as one of the arguments favorable to this view.

The Protestant Bishop, the Catholic Bishop, the landlord and the tenant, the Unionist and the Nationalist, all stood upon the same platform. The Earl of Bandon presided, and the Catholic Bishop of Olyne was the first speaker.

It was a momentous question they had met there that day to go into, and he would ask them to remember that they might be met by stubbornness and by official obstinacy. He hoped that no statesman would try and stop this movement.

Yes; Ireland is becoming Anglicanized.

Irishmen can unite, and Lord Castletown says they can even rebel, fight like John Bull when they are struck in that part which John Bull finds so tender—the pocket.

It was a Conservative Government ordered the commission; and a Con-

servative Government cannot shrink its findings. The plea is also put forward that Ireland at this stage of its history cannot make a claim against the United Kingdom as a separate nation could.

Apart from the views of the Government of the day, it is important to observe that Sir Edward Hamilton in his evidence (No. 10438) assented to the proposition submitted to him that "Ireland has been since the Act of Union, is now, and will be as long as the Act of Union remains in force, a separate entity to the extent that her circumstances have to be considered when a claim or case arises under this proviso."

Hon. Edward Blake's important connection with the Commission on Financial Relations will serve to increase the interest of his Canadian friends in the new departure which Irish agitation has taken; but it is only fair to say that the services rendered on the Commission by Mr. Sexton were excelled by no other member of the Committee.

Cornwall and Stormont.

The victory of the government in the by-election in Cornwall and Stormont has been accepted by the entire political press of Ontario as an emphatic declaration that the Manitoba school question must be considered dead, that the country is heartily sick of it and that the Laurier-Greenway "settlement," or any settlement, is preferable to keeping the dispute open.

It is very probable that Irishmen will not have to fight for their financial redress. They have now, as they have had since Mr. Gladstone flung the banner of Home Rule to the breeze, the English Liberal party behind them. The present Conservative Government, badly scared by the signs of universal disaffection in Ireland, have resorted to oft-tried means of meeting the coming storm.

Death of a Catholic Novelist. WASHINGTON, December 28.—Mrs. Anna Hanson Dorsey, the pioneer of Catholic literature in this country, who had been lying dangerously ill at her home in this city for the past two months, died on Friday.

Lady Hingston's Gift. Lady Hingston, of Montreal has presented a statue of St. Anthony of Padua to St. Nihiun's Cathedral at Alexandria, Ont.