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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Calendar for the Week.

Dec. 31—8 Sylvester, P.
Jan. 1—Circumcision of our Lord.
2—Octave of St. Stonton

Last week we published a letter stor Power without comment This was in deference to the Christmas spirit; but we cannot allow the spirit; but we cannot allow the Senator's criticism to pass altogether without notice. He says once more that we have fallen into error in reading the Ottawa memorandum of "settlement" of the school question. He contends that religious teaching in the schools of Manitoba is made absolute and imperative. The point is not from the distinctively Catholic standpoint an important one in any event; but it is well to understand it rightly. Senator Power says the dum sets forth in the second paragraph that "religious teaching to be given." If he will look at th be given. It he will look at any ragraph of the memorandum again will not see the word is in it. here is nothing absolute and imper-ve; everything is indefinite and everything is indefinite and ive. The word is if it appeared permissive. The word is 11 t appeared in the memorandum where Senator Power has interpolated it, might possibly add a little more of the possibly and a little more of the character of definiteness concerning the permissive teaching of religion. But then the word is not there.

The critics of the secular papers without one exception have been soldersed with the "Stabat Mater" a ndered in St. Michael's Cathedral 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 The question is a pertinent one, the more so that we reminded the Catholic Church recunsed the Catholic Church in former days in this city was more generous it the public disposition of her legacy of glorious music. The members of our Catholic choirs ar.i. the professional musicians of are so inter-related that it ah not, on Sundays at least, be impossible e one central choir for the e in the Cathedral of some ganize on performance in the Cathedral of some of the famous compositions of the sons of mother Church. It is done else where; why not here? Music like art is one of the adopted children of the Church, led out of the bondage and corruption of barbarism by the ion of barbarism by t If our Catholic choirs early popes. If our Catholic choirs in Toronto be able, as they unquestion-ably are, to show forth the loveliness and inspiration of Catholic music to the citizens at large, they ought to organize and do it.

In its issue of Dec. 20, 100 ton Freeman, one of the listed organ In its issue of Dec. 28, The Kings of the Ottawa government, went a great rage over as commonnia of the Chawa government, went into a great rage over as commonplace a statement of fact as ever appeared in this paper. We had said that papers like The Freeman and The Toronto Star should not make too loud a profession that they speak for Catholic opinion. The remark was called for by the appearance in The Star, The Oranga Sentinol, The Guelph Mercury and many more journals that are backing Mr. Laurier on the school question, of a quotation from The Freeman declaring that the "settlement" was satisfactory. The Orange Sentinel and the Star both declared that the Archbishop of Kingston was that the Archbishop of Kingston was supposed to speak through The Fred man; therefore that Mr. Laurier's ttlement" had the support of the archy. Now we have the highest hority, that of the Archbishop of

Kingston himself, for the fact that th paper. We are morally certain that The Orange Sentinel and The Toronto The Orange Sentine and the Loronco Star are not Catholic papers So we think we were putting it mildly indeed when we advised those papers not to make too loud a profession of any sent-official Catholic character. And for so commonplace an observation The Freeman calls us a whining pharasarcal religionist. It is always phorisance. The way with a man who makes a religion of partisanship, that he abuses and denounces every other form of religion. But this is a free country, and The Kingston Freeman can have its religion to its own liking. We shall not disturb its devotions, as long are it does not pretend to speak for the way with a man who makes a as it does not pretend to speak for Catholic religious opinion, with the partisan view of giving its co-worship pors of Mr. Laurier, The Star and The Ocanes Santiacl on properties. range Sentinel, an opportunity of ecciving Protestant electors by the ingenious plea that the Archbishop Kingston is satisfied with the "settl because The Freeman is pub lished in his diocese.

One of our Anglican contemporar in Toronto a little while ago published a complaint against London Punch. It was declared that the famous London It was accorded that the famous London humorist had turned Catholic under a Catholic editor. We rejoice to notice that the latest number of Punch is a truly Catholic impression. In it is ied an appeal in verse in behalf of the great Catholic charity. Nazaroth House, Hammersmith, the charity of whose worthy nuns Mr. Punch sings with fervor. The com-plete poem is too long to reproduce here, but we give the closing lines:

. . . the wastes of London's life an

arching thirst is sore, sorrow of

Poverty's parching thirst is sore, sorrow of every side
Pleads mutely for compassionate aid that overtaxes still

overtaxes still
The scant resource of Christian love, the
coffers of good will.
Help swell them 1 "Tis a Christian task that
brings a double boon
To self and too the suffering poor. Send
featured and some

Go, see the sisterhood's good work, sick children taught to smile,
And old tolk in safe hermitage It shall be

And old tolk in safe hermitage worth your while,
And leave sweet recollection. Nought will be rejected there,
The modest dole, the cast off garb, the broken food, the prayer!
All who would mark at Christmastide, love,

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 Cubbs. ince of Quebec as a publication angerous to faith and to the interests of Catholic education. It is not for or Catholic education. It is not for want of warnings that L Electeur has been finally placed under the ban. It has been warned helf a dozen times; but its stock in trade is inventions but its stock in trade is inventions designed to constantly misrepresent the position of the hierarchy on the education question. Whenever the Quebec bishops have spoken on the schools L'Electeur has come out im mediately with a whole cloth yarn to the effect that the Bishops of some other province are of a different way of thinking. This sort of thing seems to have an effect in Quebec where political lines are rigidly seems to have an efiect in Quebec where political lines are rigidly drawn, and where presumed Cathocity is a sort of journalistic feature of papers published in the French language. In Ontario there would be no necessity for condemning such a newspaper. The law of gravitation would ver quickly bring it down in the public estimation to the level of United Canada and prints of that description. It is the best thing that description. It is the best th after all that public opinion should make or mar the fortunes of news make or mar the fortunes of news papers; but there can be no room for sympathy with the publishers of L'Electeur. Anyway the Liberals may make more capital out of the condemnation in Outario than they are likely to lose in Quebec, as the paper was but an insignificant sheet

Municipal Politics.

The disgraceful parade of billings gate 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 munici pal politics in this city. One modest candidate for the honor of the chief magistracy of a city of 200,000 inhabi-tants, a city that enjoys some reputa-tion for learning and refinement, addressing an audience of citizens and

electors, told them that he was there to say that he was a knave and a panper. And he said it all by way of attack upon the sitting mayor, who informed the electors of the the electors of the ingratitude of his assailant. "I have fed him," said the mayor, "twenty-five dollars of my the mayor, "twenty-five dollars of my money went to keep him out of jail, and after he was in jail twenty-fire dollars more went to get him out." A further startling variety of abusiveness having been flung at the mayor the knavish candidate declared that he was the mayor have the startly become the size.

got busted booming the city."
This is a novel election issue to b

Do the citizens of Toronto ever as themselves how the administration of their affairs have come to such a pass? There is not a business man in city, nor is there a rate payer outside what is called the "machine" who do what is called the "machine" who do not annually bemoan the sad state of municipal government. Year aft ryear, however, the same sort of men, a considerable percentage of individuals amongst them, to whom the salary is a natural desirability, come out as aldermen; and they would be certain of election in preference to really representative men should they offer themselves in the field.

The evil influence in Toronto manicipal politics began long ago with the baptism of the city in Orangeism. The first care was to exclude Oatholies from representation in the Coun-

lies from representation in the C cil or employment by the Corporation. Before the new water service was given to the city there was one Cathomploye in that department. H was dismissed; but he had to be taken back again the following week because no one else knew the mystery of the city mains. As the Oatholic population of the city increased more integriting. population of the city increased more ingenious devices and improved ma-chinery were needed to sustain the eligious exclusion by the Orange lairymen at the city hall. The closer the rings were made the more numer-ous became the abuses; and in short the cvil has develope the cvil has developed and spread steadily with the growth of the city. Some day the storn necessity will force itself upon the citizens at large that the rings must be broken; but in lores itself upon the citizens at large that the rings must be broken; but in the meantime Oatholies would do well to think of organizing in some way that would secure their rights as citizens in view of the change that must come sooner or later. Could they be disfranchised altogether on religious grounds the religious grounds they may be a religious grounds they may be sure that would have been done long ago. As things are at present they at least have votes; and it is their duty to cast these votes for the best among the actual occupants of the field. Some of the aldermanic candidates are entitled to recognition of their records either as citizens or as mem-bers of the council. Amongst others are Alderman Lamb in Ward 2, Mr. Drayton in Ward 2 and Mr. Small in Ward 1.

A Modern Instance.

We have in Toronto two societies, or rather two branches of the same society, intended to protect the path of ren whose natural protector have become their worst en whom we can fancy apostrophised in the lines : Longfellov

little feet! that such long years fust wander on through hopes and

fears, Must ache and bleed beneath your load I, nearer to the wayside inn
Where to it shall cease and rest begin,
Am weary thinking of your road.

O little souls! as pure and white And crystalline as rays of light Direct from heaven, their source divi Refracted through the mist of years How red my setting sun appears, How lurid looks this soul of mine.

In the blessed work of protecting God's beloved little ones one of hardly imagine the demon of bigotry nardy magne the demon of bigotry interfering. But we have seen such a thing in Torontc only last week. The facts are found in a number of issues of The Evening News. The story begins in the Police Court, where Mr. begins in the Police Cours, where Mr. Patrick Hynes, agent for the St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society, applied that Gertrude Thompson, a child of thirteen, should be taken from the charge of her mother. Gertrude was one of the three children of a man named Thompson, described by the magistrate as being "about as bad as they make," and Margaret Thompson, now bigamously married Thompson, now bigamously married to Alexander Openshaw, a porter at a Protestant mission in the city. For ten years Gertrude has not lived with either of her parents, but with a Mrs. Keeler, who provided for her in all matters except an occasional pair of boots and a dress or two. The police report in The Evening News says.

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Recently Mr. Thompson and his wife.

or Mrs. Openshaw, as she is now known,
met in Mrs. Keelers and had a glorious
row. The hean toll Mrs. Thompson
what he thought of her, and she what
she thought of him. She said he was a
third, and he said she committed a
crime which thay lived in Syracuse.
She did not dony this, but charged him
with aiding her in the matter. Finally
he spat in "Lot face and the language
became ac dirty that some who were
present withdrow
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The police magistrate informed Mr. lynes that the endeavor to resoue the Hypes that the endeavor to resouce and child from the atmosphere into which the mother had drawn her was a perfectly proper case to be brought into court: but the chill was willing, and "the mother was a good woman but for her bigamous marriage with Openshaw," which a lawyer had told her "was not punishable," Although puzzled what to do he decided to leave the child with her mother. The witnesses brought into court by the mother threw some additional light upon the future surroundings of this upon the future surroundings of this child. "A fashionable woman with enormous puff sleeves and a hat with gorgeous purple trimmings, deposed in behalf of the mother, that "if Thompson did not come up to the mark as a husband Mrs. Thomson had a rogfort light to the a perfect right to try her luck again. Several other ladies, the reporter adds, surprised his Worship by their views on the moral question." A such is the moral atmosphere in whi Gertrudo may grow into womanho

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how long shall it be before you become
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wayside inn, where toil shall cease
and rest begin?"

Although Mr. Hynes' good intention
was frustrated by the Magistrate,
reluctantly it must be said, he found

reluctantly it must be said, he found he had also put the demon of bigotry outside the court in a bad temper. outside the court in a bad temmer. Immediately Mr. J. Stuart Coloman, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, issued circulars to the Orange lodges of the city, asking for subscriptions of \$5 and \$10 to stop Roman Catholics from capturing children of Protestant belief. Were the women who surprised the Police Magistrate by their views on the moral question the representatives of Protestant belief according to Mr. Stuart Goleman's ideas?

The Orange circular concluded:

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"You are bound together for the defence of Protestantism, and I considently appeal to you to come to our relief."

Is the defence of Protestantism mentioned here the defence of the views on the moral question of the women already referred to? Well, well! the world is not all

Well, well the world is not all barren; and we are pleased at least to know that Mr. Stuart Coleman has been rebuked both by The Evening News and by Mr. J. K. Maedonald, president of the Children's Aid

A New Phase of an Old Fight.

There appears to be visible on the 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 fratracidal blood-letting under foreign leaders on both sides. If the cable despatches of the past week convey a true idea of the grand union of Unionists, Nationalists and Recalcitrants, to fight the English coverns. fight the English governors, who have them of £200,000,000 s

fight the English governors, who have robbed them of £200,000,000 since the Union in the form of over taxation, then Ireland may at last be approaching a new ora in her history. The cable correspondent says:

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 ounduly surprised the Government, forewarned as it was of the landlord's discontent over the Land Act and their desire for lessened taxation from some source. The landlords now see in the finding of the financial commission a firm basis for an immediate revision of taxation and are going to seek to obtain it. There is the keenest contest among all sections to bring the question before Parliament. Beside Mr. Dillon, John Redmond will move an amendment to the address asking oarliest redress of the disproportion constributed by Ireiand to the Imperial Exchequer. A similar amendment will be moved in the House of Lords from the Unionist side. Considerable interest is manifested in Parliamentary circles as to how the Government will meet this domand, backed as it will be by Nationalists and Unionists combined. Mr. A. J. Balfour, as to how the Government will most this demand, backed as it will be by Nationalist and Unionists combined. Mr. A. J. Balfour First Lord of the Treasury and Change

Leader in the House of Commons, and Sir Michael Hicks Box h. Thancellor of the Michael Hicks Rea II. "hancoller of the Exchequer, are desirous of re-trying the Exchequer, are desirous of re-trying the consistation of the financial commission, and will sak the House to appoint a special committee to take further evidence. Be, in Mr. Batfour and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach rely upon proving the correctness of the minority report of Sir David Barbour, which questioned the conclusions of the majority of the commission they seem also to intent limpacing the evidence of financial expertalise. Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir Robert Office and Sir Affred Milner.

It is allowed that England in to done

It is alleged that Ireland is to day It is alleged that Ireland is to day an almost completely Anglicized country, and the union of all forces for obtaining lessened taxation may be cited as one of the arguments favorable to this view. It is a well-known fact that the tenderest part of John Bull, that is to say when he is considered collectively, is his pocket. If you hit him there he will lose no time in preparing to fight if he is able, or if not to arbitrate. Heretofore he has if not to arbitrate. Heretofore he has had his hand in the pocket of his nad his hand in the pocket of his neighbor Pat all slong, and has helped himself to Pat's last shilling, escaping critical observation of so much inti-macy by making it appear that the members of Pat's household world murder each other if unctuous John were not in their midst. The official report of the Commission on Finance Relations has at last shown Irishmen of every stripe that all these years John has really been fomenting their domestic broils and making a very profitable business cut of it. Representatives of all classos of Irishmen, the Old Irish, the English-Irish, the majority, the minority and the factions, talked matters over at a public meeting in Cork on December 13th. 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 Cloyne was the first speaker. The Protestant Bishop of Cork seconded the resolution moved by his Catholic brother. Strange to by his Catholic brother. Strange to say the idea of rebellion recommended itself most strongly to a Protestant Unionist landlord, Lord Castletown, who is thus reported :

Unionist landlord, Lord Castletown, who is thus reported:

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 stubberness and by official obstinacy. He hoped that no statesman would try and stop this movement. If there was such ne would ask him to think selemily and aeriously of what a nation could do, a nation such as united Ireland could do when justice was on their side, and when their very welfare and their very life depended on the result very possibly of this contest, He felt so deeply on this great question that he would like to draw attention to the fact that history sometimes repeated itself and that an obstinate stateman and a cruel, unfair taxtion cost Great Britain one of her greatest colonies, the United States (asplause). He hoped, and every man in that room no doubt hoped, that Cork might never have to follow the example of Boston: but fif twas necessary they would be right because they had justice on their side they were right in adopting any means they had in their power to prevent the sapping of their life-blood and try and rotain the laboring men and the bune and sinew of the country who ought to contribute to the welfare of their commerce, the auccess of their agriculture, and the nationhood of Ireland (applause).

Yes; Ireland is becoming Anglicized.

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

tender—she pocker.

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, heldly taggrad by the tive Government, badly scared by the signs of universal disaffection in Ireland, have resorted to oft-tried means of meeting the coming storm. The Times has undertaken to write the agitation down, to kill it by its frowns. The Times declares that the report of the Financial Relations Commission is not official, and everything must be investigated all over again in official British fashion. Mr. John Morley, than whom no better friend of Ireland breathes outside the Nationalist party, takes The Times to task and quotes Mr. Gosehon's official announcement of the Commission from Hansard. tive Government, badly scared by takes The Times to task and quotes Mr. Goschen's official announcement of the Commission from Hansard. Speaking in the House of Commons on June 12, 1890, Mr. Goschen said:

"The intention of the Government is to secure a practical investigation into the pre-sent incidence of taxation in Ireland, and

It was a Conservative Government dered the commission; and a Conservative Government cannot shirk its findings. The plea is also put forward that Irr land at this stage of its history cannot make a claim against the United Kingdom as a separate nation could. But Mr. Morley takes the wind out The Times on this point also when he wires. when he writes:

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Apart from the views of the Government of the day, it is important to observe that the day, it is important to observe that it is the day, it is important to observe that it is described by the day of the first including a the first and the day of the day of the first and will be at long as the A t of Union, is now, and will be at long as the A t of Union remains in force, a separate entity to the extent that her of cannot access have to be considered when a claim or case arises under this provise —the provise, namely, in Article 7 of the Treat and the provise, namely, in Article 7 of the Treat at the printiple of indiscriminate taxation between the two countries is be subject to such particular exemptions of abatements in Iroland as circumstances may appear from time to time to demand. It is in facel, incomprehensible that any other construction should be placed on Article 7 than that it guaranteed to Iroland separate freatment on the basis of respective truum freatment on the basis of respective truum stances and relative resources. From Sit stances and relative resources it appears that this, at any rate, is the view of the Treasury (see Q 10,095), as it was of the framers of the order of reference of 1890.

Hon Elward Blake's important

Hon Elward Blake's important Hon Elward Blako's important connection with the Commission on Pinancial Relations will serve to increase the interest of his Canadian friends in the new deperture 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 on were excelled by no other me of the Committee

Cornwall and Stormont.

The victory of the government in the by-election in Cornwall and Stor-mont has been accepted by the entire political press of Ontario as an emhatic declaration that the Mar school question must be considered dead, that the country is heartily sick of it and that the Laurier Greenway "settlement," or any settlement, is pre ferable to keeping the dispute open. Greenway was determined to wear out the endurance of the Domin the endurance of the Dominion, and Mr. Laurier at best was no match for Greenway in any test of endurance, that is if the French-Canadian leader ever intended—which is now extreme-ly doubtful—to put any obstacle in the way of the sweet will of his that is if the Prenon-Canadian leader ever intended—which is now extremely doubtful—to put any obstacle in the way of the sweet will of his western brother Liberal. The political press would have us believe that no matter what species of political perfidy might be brought home to the Liberals in connection with this question, Protestants and Catholies destrenothing more earnestly now than the words "Manitoba school question" shall cease troubling them when they look into their morning papers. Although Messrs. Laurier and Tarte may turn their coats without compunction, although Irish-Catholic Liberals like Mr. Devlin may eat crow from the not too clean hand of J. Israel Tarte, though poor Catholies in Manitoba have to face the prospect of supporting voluntary schools and the State schools as well, that not all these things shall count against the fastidious weariness of an electorate. The sapient political press may be right; but it seems to us that it took an extraordinary effort on the part of the ministry, and of men like Mr. Devlin who came at their book, to make the Cornwall and Stormont election tall any such story. And it also seems to us that the large French population in Cornwall were too reluctant to believe that Messrs. Tarte and Lsurier detarts. Cornwall were too reluctant to believe that Messrs. Tarte and Laurier deserve the hard things that are being said of them. Also, as we said before the election, the choice of Mr. Leiteh was not a happy one. The constituency had been long regresented by a trusted and representative Irish Catholic and when the wire-pullers on both sides showed an instant determination to prevent the constituency continuing sides showed an instant determina-to prevent the constituency contin-to be represented by a Cathollo, cerity shrank backward and profess al politics held high carnival. At same time we cannot but feel prover the evidence furnished by election that our English excel lic, sin At the prou. ever the evidence furnished by the election that our English-speaking Oatholic electors, Irish and Scotch, affect no foppish bored air in the struggle for a principle that is certainly much dearer to them than any party allegiance.

Death of a Catholic Novelist Washington, December 28.—M Anna Hanson Dorsey, the pioneer Catholic literature in this country, w had been lying dangerously ill at home in this city, for the past t months, died on Friday.

Lady Hingston's Gift.

Lady Hingston of Montreal has presented a statue of St. Anthony of Padua to St. Ninian's Cathedral at Alexandria, Opt.