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**CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.**  
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**FEBRUARY.**  
21 Sexagesima Sunday.  
22 Monday—The Chair of St. Peter at Antioch.  
23 Tuesday—Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord. Vigil.  
24 Wednesday—St. Matthias, Apostle.  
25 Thursday—St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor (transferred from the 23rd inst.).  
26 Friday—St. Margaret, Penitent.  
27 Saturday—Votive office of the Immaculate Conception.

**CITY AND ELSEWHERE.**  
The Provincial Legislature is called for the 18th inst.  
Mr. M. Collins who farms north of Carberry, was in town this week.

Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A. hold a regular meeting at Unity Hall this evening.  
Rev. Father Zerbach, of Regina, who was in town the past few days, went west to-day.

Miss O'Day, of Winnipeg, a well-known member of St. Mary's congregation, will be married this week at Toronto to Mr. A. E. Smith, assistant ticket agent at the C. P. R. depot here.

For certain reasons Father Cherrier has found it desirable to give up the 9 o'clock mass which he recently established and for the future on Sunday mornings the only low mass will be at 8.30 o'clock.

The corporation of the town of St. Boniface are applying to the local legislature for an act to legalize a by-law to assist Edouard Guilbault in the establishment of a tin box and general metal-ware manufactory.

Mr. John J. Arsneault, of Oak Lake, Man., has been dismissed from the position of Homestead Inspector, which he has filled for many years. It is a case of persecution against a French-speaking Catholic, which we shall deal with later on.

The readers of the REVIEW who have books or Catholic literature of any kind which they can spare, would do well to send them to the members of the Truth Society, by whom they will be well taken care of and put to good use in connection with their library.

The annual bonspiel which was commenced on Monday of last week and which has only been brought to a close was the most successful and enjoyable in the history of the association, and proved that curling as a winter sport is by no means losing its hold on the people of Manitoba.

On Thursday evening the 25th inst. a grand sacred concert will be given in St. Mary's Church by the choir. Tickets have been placed in the hands of members of the congregation for sale and arrangements are being made whereby those who purchased them will afterwards be able to exchange them for coupon tickets and thus be sure of the seat they will occupy.

An open meeting of the Catholic Truth Society will be held at St. Mary's school room on Monday evening next, to which all are invited. A good programme of music is being arranged and Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., will be present and publicly say a few words. A final meeting of the committee to complete arrangements is called for Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the school room.

A good meeting of the Catholic Truth Society was held at St. Mary's school-room on Monday evening. President J. A. McInnis in the chair. One new member was initiated and two new applications read. On Monday evening the 8th March a paper will be read by Mr. D. Coyle and on the 15th March Mr. O'Brien will read a paper and on the 22 Mr. F. Smith will entertain the members.

St. Mary's church was crowded on Sunday morning, a large number of strangers being present in addition to the regular congregation. The musical part of the service was of a particularly attractive nature. The choir which was in full strength sang Mercadante's Mass. At the offertory Mr. Braxton Smith, the tenor of the Albani concert company, sang "Cujus Animam" from Rossini's Stabat Mater, and Mr. Lempiere Pringle, of the same company, was heard to splendid effect in the magnificent basso solo "Pro Peccatis, also from the Stabat Mater." Mr. Evans the Church organist also played skilful accompaniments.

On Saturday last Mr. J. B. Lanzon and Mr. S. A. D. Bertrand were nominated for the vacancy in the local legislature caused by the resignation of Mr. J. E. P. Prendergast who at the last election was chosen member for St. Boniface. Mr. Lanzon stands as the uncompromising champion of Catholic rights, and Mr. Bertrand as the representative of those who claim that the agreement between the two governments re the school question should be accepted. The contest is being eagerly watched all over the country and the result of the polling which takes place on Saturday next will be awaited with much interest.

**An Unreasonable Complaint.**  
We have received a letter signed "An Observer" with no confidential indication of the lady's real name. Though we do not publish anonymous letters, we will here state that the writer complains of not having found seats reserved for herself and other strangers in St. Boniface Cathedral last Sunday when Madame Albani sang there. This complaint is unreasonable. Neither she nor her friends had been invited, and they had no right to expect that pew-owners, whose pews were particularly valuable on such an occasion, would vacate them for the sake of strangers.

**LETELLIER.**  
On Monday Feb. 8th, grand High Mass was sung in the parish church for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Cure Boucher, of Louiseville, who departed this life at an advanced age a few days ago. On Tuesday another solemn service was held for the late Reverend Nazarius Pelletier, formerly of St. Joseph (the adjoining parish) and consequently well known to the people of this neighborhood, many of whom assisted at the Requiem Mass. Several of the neighboring priests were present and left afterwards for St. Joseph, where the requiem service was held on Wednesday.

Father Juras has formed the laudable idea of building a convent in the village. So far, he has more than \$1,000 subscribed for this purpose. On Sunday after Mass he called a meeting to elect five trustees for the convent.

Mrs. LeClerc, of St. Eustache, has returned to her home, after passing a pleasant visit among her friends and relatives, in this neighborhood.

The weather since the beginning of February has been very mild in comparison with the month of January until the 10th inst. Last week there fell several inches more snow, filling the roads at places, but the continued traffic is rapidly restoring them to the desired state they were in before the last snow fall.

The Indians and others are prophesying floods on the Red Rivea for this spring. Let us hope however that they are false prophets.

**CURFEW SHALL RING.**  
Madame Monchamp Kindly Allows Us to Publish the Very Able Paper She Read, on the 6th inst., at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women.

**MADAM THE PRESIDENT AND LADIES:—**  
Craving your kind indulgence for one who has very seldom before spoken in public, I begin immediately by advocating the ringing the Curfew Bell. As a French Canadian and a Catholic, I have special reasons for championing this simple, and yet effectual means of helping on the cause of morality and order. For the word CURFEW, as you are no doubt aware, is merely a condensation of the French COUVE-FEU, which means "cover up the fire, bank up the grate before retiring." And the practice of ringing the Curfew Bell dates from Catholic times. Chambers' Encyclopedia says it appears to have prevailed throughout Europe long before the era of the Norman conquest, though, of course, it must have originated after the year 400 of the Christian era, about which time we first hear of large bells used in the open air to attract the attention of people at a distance.

The object of the Curfew Bell in those days was mainly the prevention of fires, which, owing to houses being chiefly constructed of wood, to the extreme narrowness of the streets, and to the absence of appliances for extinguishing the flames, were both frequent and destructive.

The American Cyclopaedia points to another object aimed at in the ringing of the curfew-bell, when, it says, it was a signal not only for the extinguishing of the fire on the hearth, but also for remaining within doors.  
Polydore Vergil states that William the Conqueror introduced it into England as a measure of police in 1068. The obligation of extinguishing fire and light on the ringing of the Curfew was

abolished in England by Henry I. in 1100. but the evening bell itself was continued. We find entries in the municipal records of "ryngyng ye curfew," "a man to ring the curfew," "new rope for the curfew bell," and so on, as late as the beginning of the sixteenth century. The evening bell and prayer bell, especially the Angelus bell, so beautifully portrayed by Millet in his famous painting, had their origin in the COUVE-FEU. The time at which the curfew bell was rung is set down in some books as eight o'clock, in others as nine o'clock in the evening. Probably the hour varied somewhat with the length or shortness of the days in summer and winter. The Standard Dictionary notes that the practice of ringing a bell at this hour has been continually kept up and still prevails locally in some parts of the United States and France. You will excuse me, ladies, for entering upon this history of the word, as it may help us to understand that what we are advocating has the sanction of long usage and the experience of centuries. Though the etymological derivation of curfew from COUVE-FEU was hardly necessary here, it would seem necessary for some people, as the following joke I have culled from a recent American paper, would show:

"Jenkinson, here's an item in the paper about some town adopting a curfew ordinance. What does curfew mean?" "It means that there's got to be fewer curs. It's a sort of dog law."

But to return to the time honored curfew, in our own day a reaction has set in, inclining to the re-establishment of this ancient custom, not indeed for grown up persons, to whom it formerly applied as well as to the young, but to children under — years of age. I was glad to see that His Worship Mayor McCreary, Canon Matheson, Messrs. J. H. Ashdown and Alex. Macdonald all recommend the ringing of the curfew bell in the limits of the city of Winnipeg. In many other cities on this continent the practice already prevails; quite recently it was introduced into the capital city of our Dominion. No one who is at all acquainted with what goes on in the city at night will deny that some check should be put on the rowdiness and unbecoming behavior of many boys and girls after dark. The sights and sounds that have shocked the eyes and ears of some of us furnish conclusive evidence that it is high time something should be done to stop what bids fair to become a social scandal. If certain too indulgent parents cannot control the evil tendency of their children and keep them within doors after nightfall by mere parental authority, then it is fitting that the civil power should step in and supplement their weakness. Otherwise the youth of this fair city of ours will be exposed to temptations which they are not strong enough to resist and habits of evil will be formed which in later years will with great difficulty be corrected. Before closing allow me to read the following item, published a few weeks ago in the Nor'-Wester, one of our daily papers:

"Mrs. John D. Townsend is making efforts to secure the passage of a curfew ordinance in New York City. She has been collecting statistics of youthful crime and since last January has found highway robbery at six years, murder at seven years and incendiarism at twelve years. 'Not wickedness,' says Mrs. Townsend, 'but awful precocity and parental irresponsibility are the causes of the great amount of youthful crime.'"

We must not wait for such a record to secure our own ordinance. I would, therefore, move we petition that the curfew bell be tolled every evening at o'clock in winter and at o'clock in summer, and that all boys and girls under years of age who shall be found in public places after the bell has ceased to toll, (unless accompanied by parents) shall be liable to arrest, and that a committee be formed to further its promotion.

**MADAME MONCHAMP.**  
**SAVED IN OLD AGE.**

**THE STORY OF A WOMAN WHO RECOVERED HEALTH AT SEVENTY.**

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From "Logberg," Winnipeg, Man.  
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