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Calendar for the Week.

- Jan. 13 - St. Veronica. 14 - St. Hilary. 15 - St. Paul, first Hermit. 16 - Feast of the Holy Name. 17 - St. Anthony. 18 - St. Peter's Chair, Rome. 19 - St. Wulstan.

We took the part of Mr. S. H. Blake a few weeks ago; but we will not do it again.

In another page will be found a tabulated statement of the collection of Peter's Pence in the Kingston Diocese in November last.

The Provincial parliamentarians will finish their work this week and the dissolution of the Legislature will follow immediately.

It will be remembered that a deputation of ladies recently waited upon the Ontario government with regard to the unsatisfactory position of private maternity places and "baby farms" in Toronto.

No. 4 of The Pen. "A literary, historical and critical review," published by J. K. Foran, Lit. D., LL.B., comes to hand. It is the customary thing to wish all new literary ventures every success.

Home Rule and Imperial Interests.

Certain writers and politicians persistently raise the cry that Irish Home Rule would injure imperial interests. The Island of Jersey enjoys the most perfect Home Rule, and, in the present number of The North American Review, Max O'Rell describes it as "A paradise of good government," and its inhabitants the "richest, the happiest, the freest and the best governed people on earth."

The Papal Encyclical.

We publish to-day the translation of the Papal decision on the Manitoba school question as given out at Quebec. We have before us two other translations of the document, and their agreement sentence by sentence shows how accurately the work has been done by different hands.

the Holy Father omit himself to show an example of the policy of moderation and concord which he counsels. For we discern all his characteristic gentleness and breadth of mind in the allusion which he makes to the public school laws of the government and people of Manitoba in common with the other provinces of Confederation.

Mr. S. H. Blake, (Politician) on Catholic Education.

A sermon preached by Mr. S. H. Blake, Q.C. in the Carlton street Methodist Church, before the Toronto Evangelical Alliance, was reported in the daily papers of Friday last.

Mr. Blake referred feelingly to the spirit of unity among the different nations and churches represented at these grand meetings. One of the lessons which he drew from it was that they should not give more than is due to their Roman Catholic brethren in the way of education.

Mr. Blake makes three assertions, concerning respectively Spain, France and South America, all alike incorrect and misleading. Concerning Spain he shows that he cannot tell the present population of that country much less its educational statistics.

work of teaching possess ample natural ability and are well trained. For it is right that the Catholic schools should be able to compete in mental culture and literary requirements with any other schools, however flourishing they may be.

Home Rule and Industrial Advancement.

The following striking sentences form the introduction of an article in the January number of The North American Review, by the eminent statistician, Michael G. Mulhall, F. S.S., upon the industrial advance of Germany: "The formation of the new German Empire in 1871 was the signal for industrial development in all the states of Germany under a variety of forms."

The Government and the Farmers' Loan.

There has just issued from the office of the Ontario Government printers the annual report of the finances of the building societies, loan companies, loaning land companies and trust companies for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

provision the annual report issued by the government of the finances of those institutions would be nothing else than an official barrier hiding the rottenness of companies inviting the investments of the industrious.

To Force Amalgamation.

The Public School Board of Toronto and the Toronto City Council seem determined to choke off public opinion upon the question of school board amalgamation and carry the scheme by coercive measures pure and simple. The position is this: The Public School Board wants amalgamation, the High School Board does not.

This Board cannot be too cautious in reverting to the amalgamation policy adopted in some counties in early days, when certain village High Schools consented to union with the local Public Schools for the sake of obtaining shelter, it being understood that such unions have not been uniform the abodes of harmonious progress.

how can the reasons given be expected to stand long against the high handed and blind policy of the City Council? An example of the recklessness of the latter to-day, was given on Monday, at the inaugural meeting of the Council, when appointment of representatives to the High School Board was adjourned until the pledges to work for amalgamation could be first obtained.

The Best Interests of Toronto.

Mayor Shaw read his inaugural message to the new City Council of Toronto on Monday last. His theme was the advancement of the interests of the city, which is a matter very much in the public mind at the present time. The chief reason for all this grave and wide-spread concern that Toronto may be side-tracked from the highways of commerce, and that grass may yet grow upon some of our hand-some streets, is apparently the hope less condition of Toronto real estate.