

and bow the knee as its sweet cadence falls upon the ear. Of St. Lawrence, we know something more; we know that he was Archdeacon of Rome and a martyr; although there are many legends existing respecting him, which require a large amount of credulity to believe. That he suffered death upon a gridiron may be true enough; but, that miracles were performed by the relic of his torture is an idle superstition. A magnificent church was built to his honor, in which the very gridiron is said to have been preserved.

St. Augustine. We do not wonder that the name of this illustrious Bishop of Hippo has been retained as first great in human learning and then far greater as a Christian scholar. But eminent as a divine and the most voluminous writer of all the Christian fathers; we can see no advantage to be derived from a commemoration in the Calendar for which no service is provided, and having reference to one of whom the great body of our people know nothing at all.

Beheading of St. John the Baptist. This festival was formerly called, "*Festum collectionis St. Johannis Baptistae*," * or the Feast of the gathering up of the Baptist's relics: and these relics were to be found in almost every church in Christendom; and we are told (though we do not vouch for the truth) that at the general confiscation at the Reformation, there were collected a sufficient number of his teeth to fill a hog'shead.

* The original text is now corrupted into "*Festus decollationis*," The Feast of his beheading.

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"And infant voices shall proclaim,
Their early blessings on His name."

We have testimony of the suitability of our Sunday afternoon church

service for winning the young, by their regular attendance in large numbers, and very decorous behaviour. They enjoy the music of their companions in the choir, and are led into thoughtful regard for what is proceeding by their example. The heartiness of the service draws the elders; and we may expect that when the members of the congregation shall have returned from their summer excursions and retreats, the cathedral will be quite as well filled in the afternoon as at morning and evening.

Who can sing praises with such fervency as children? and what is so irresistibly captivating as seeing them engaged in prayer, and hearing their sweet voices uttering songs of love and gratitude? Who can resist the holy impulse to prayer when they plaintively and harmoniously cry, "take not thy Holy Spirit from us?" The picture of "the child Samuel on his knees" has always found admirers and purchasers; and the representation of children receiving blessing from our Lord, is a most attractive compartment of our cathedral window. We know that much of what is evil and afflictive comes to us through the eye and ear; and are wise when we make arrangements and use opportunities for improving our hearts, by exercising ourselves in such feelings as must prevail, when we see and hear children engaged in praise and prayer.

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CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Some of our readers may hardly be aware that there has been for some years a Church Woman's Missionary Association in our Parish; and have not thought of the amount of means