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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

FEBRUARY.

16 Quinquagesima Sunday.
17 Monday—Votive office of the Angels. Seventieth anniversary of the approbation of the Rules of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate by Leo XII.
18 Shrove Tuesday—Votive office of the Apostles.
19 Ash Wednesday—Beginning of the Lenten Fast.
20 Thursday—Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
21 Friday—The Crown of Thorns of Our Blessed Lord.
22 Saturday—The Chair of St. Peter at Antioch.

Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.

I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.

1. All Sundays in the year.
2. Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
3. Jan. 6th. The Epiphany.
4. The Ascension.
5. Nov. 1st. All Saints.
6. Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
7. Dec. 25th Christmas.

II. DAYS OF FAST.

1. The forty days of Lent.
2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent
3. The Ember days, at the four Seasons, being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of
   a. The first week in Lent.
   b. Whitsun Week.
   c. The third week in September.
   d. The third week in Advent.
4. The Vigils of
   a. Whitsunday.
   b. The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul.
   c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
   d. All Saints.
   e. Christmas.

III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

All Fridays in the year.
Wednesdays, Fridays } in Advent and Lent.
Thursday, Saturday } in Holy week
The Ember Days.
The Vigils above mentioned.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

The local legislature is again in session Mr. R. P. Roblin has been selected leader of the Opposition.

Mr. J. J. Bann, recently of Portage la Prairie, is in town. He will probably leave for the south in a few days.

Father Lacombe is still at Ottawa promoting the interests of his proposed Half-Breed colony on the Saskatchewan.

The Sisters of St. Boniface Hospital acknowledge the receipt of a substantial cheque from Dr. Todd, being their share of the proceeds of the repetition of the oratorio "Messiah."

The meeting of Branch No. 38 of the C. M. B. A. Relief association which was to have been held last week was postponed until Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock in the hall of branch 163 of the C. M. B. A.

For fine tailoring go to Wm. Markinski, Rossin House Block, near C. P. R. He does ladies' and gentlemens' tailoring in first class style and at reasonable rates. Ladies furs altered to latest fashions and repaired.

A novena is in progress at each of the parish churches throughout the archdiocese for the intention of Catholic separate schools. It commenced on Sunday last and will continue until next Sunday evening. The prayers commence each evening at the city churches at 7.30.

At the Manitoba College Alma Mater society's dinner last Friday, Mr. Joseph Bernier, B. A., of St. Boniface College, made a very graceful and conciliatory speech. People say that, tnough Dr. Good's was, as usual, the wittiest, Mr. J. Bernier's was the most scholariy speech of the evening. We hope to publish it next week.

Mr. Hormisdas Dupas, of Letellier, after three weeks' sojourn at St. Boniface Hospital, left it perfectly cured last Friday. He remained over till Monday as a guest of Mr. Joseph Roy of St. Boniface, and then went home, intending to stop at Mr. Landry's, of Morris, whose wife is convalescing at the same hospital.

A good supply of circulars explanatory of the aims and objects of the C. M. B. A. and the means to be taken to become a member have been received by the officers of the local branches, and we recommend all those of our readers who although eligible have not yet joined the organization to obtain copies of the circular and diligently study the contents.

The members of St. Mary's conference of St. Vincent de Paul have already commenced preparations for their annual entertainment on St. Patrick's day in aid of the poor of the city. In all probability a departure from the usual custom will be made and the entertainment this year will take the form of a promenade concert. As usual the aid of all other Catholic societies has been enlisted and joint committees will make all the arrangements.

At the last meeting of Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A., the auditors presented their report and spoke in high terms of the excellent manner in which the books and accounts are kept by the financial secretary, Mr. D. F. Allman, and the taeasurer, Mr. N. Bergeron. They also shewed that notwithstanding liberal donations for benevolent and charitable purposes during the past year the funds of the branch are in a very satisfactory condition. It is a plessure for us to note the sabstantial standing of the C. M. B. A. in this city, and we would again urge all eligible Catholics in this city to seriously consider the advisability of joining one of the local branches.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ORGAN FUND.

Results of the Drawing.

The first drawing in connection with the organ fund of the Church of the Immaculate Conception took place on Monday evening. Two of the ladies who undertook to collect had filled a book each, namely Mrs. A. Bernhart and Mrs. F. W. Russell, and the drawing covered classes A and D. The prizes given were valuable and well worth having, and were won as follows:

1st—Solid gold (14 karat) Waltham Watch; won by Mr. E. L. Drewry.

2nd—Handsome set of fish knives and forks in case; won by Mr. Sinnet.

3rd—Silver pudding dish; won by Miss Celia Bertrand.

4th—Fancy china and silver mounted biscuit jar; won by Rev. Father Poitras.

5th—Enamelled iron clock; won by Mr. Gibson.

6th—Pearl handle knife, fork and spoon in case; won by Miss O'Connell.

7th—Individual breakfast cruet; won by Mr. E. L. Drewry.

8th—Grand glass marmalade jar; won by Mrs. Haynan.

9th—Rocking chair; won by Mr. E. F. Hutchings.

10th—Silk and lace lamp shade; won by Mr. W. J. Mitchell.

11—Silver mounted perfume bottle; won by Mr. Wardell.

12—Fancy Japanese ash tray; won by Rev. Father Cherrier.

The drawing was in charge of the management committee and notwithstanding the great number of chances aggregating altogether nearly three thousand was carried out with great dispatch and in a manner which gave entire satisfaction to the large number of subscribers who were present.

Clandeboye Bay.

The Rev. Father Comeau arrived here about 6 o'clock on Saturday evening to say Mass on the following Sunday. There was a good attendance at Mass and Benediction, and many profited of the Father's visit to approach the sacraments. The Rev. Fatner spent Monday visiting his parishioners at their homes.

On Sunday Mr. Roger Flamand's little girl was baptized, and on Tuesday morning Mr. Gaspard Chaltran's little girl which was born the day before. This is the third baptism this winter as Mrs. Paul Peloquin, Jr., had a little boy before Christmas.

The weather is beautiful; so far the winter has been very agreeable and blizzards in this neighborhood have been very few and far between.

On Saturday the 15th we intended holding a social for the benefit of the church, thus combining zeal and pleasure which seems to be the most successful way of making a few dollars.

THEATRICAL MORALITY.

From the Providence Visitor.

The highly Christian views of our contemporary, the Catholic Telegraph, in reference to the nature and tendency of theatrical representations, meet our most hearty approval and acquiescence. Repeated instances of turpitude, springing from this source of evil, have at various times come within the scope of our observation and have strengthened our conviction that there exists no means more demoralizing or corrupt to the moral sensibility than modern stage exhibitions.

Much, we are aware, is alleged in favor of dramatic entertainments. It is said that the portraitures of life enacted upon the stage give clear and correct notions of human nature as it is—that they improve the taste and refine the nobler qualities of the soul. Were this true, it would by no means afford even a plausible pretext for incurring the loss of religion and morality which they involve.

But there never was an error more glaring and absurd than that which would attribute to them such an influence. In point of literary excellence the ephemeral dramas of the day, whatever may be the merit of those of the olden school, possess little or nothing to recommend them to the hearing of the student of solid literature; while by far the greater portion of them are superlatively scandalous and nonsensical. In fact experience has proved them to be fatally destructive to literature so called, and highly deleterious to true taste. Like ether works of fiction, they unhinge the mind and unfit it for healthful exercise; they fill it with day-dreams and romantic visions, at best ridiculous, often ruinous.

Works of worth, books of history, biography and personal memoirs—treatises of science, observations of nature and her phenomenon, are all neglected; and senseless "children of a large growth" flock to the play to witness the interesting feats of the end-man and buffoon, or to admire the modest parade of the woman of abandoned character. And thus are the young to improve their mind and refine their taste! Was ever a conceit more supremely silly!

No fact within the whole range of moral truisms is more positively certain than that of the fatal tendency of regular and constant resort to the theatre. In the young particularly it is utterly subversive of all religion and morality, and too often the road to ruin of soul and body for time and eternity. So many temptations, so much evil example, such winking at vice in all its forms and degrees, are not in general likely to pass unheeded by the youthful and inexperienced observer. Apprehending no deleterious results from occasional visits, and seeing no harm in innocent amusement, he wonders that sensible men should deprecate the insinuating delights of the stage; and although he never intends to become regular in his attendance, he cannot but join in the loud applause and participate in the boisterous merriment called forth by the obscene jest or indelicate allusion.

At first he renders the amusement subservient to purposes of mere curiosity or necessary relaxation from business or study. But the attractions of the spectacle fail not in the course of time to obtain a permanent influence Business is neglected, the pursuits of literature abandoned, pleasure of a harmless character foregone, and preference given to those of the dime or five-cent character. When his own resources fail, the desk of an indulgent parent, or an over-indulgent parent, is rifled to obtain admission.

The habit is insensibly formed, the moral feelings gradually vitiated; and before the individual thinks he has the slightest grounds for suspecting danger, reformation has become almost impossible, or wholly impracticable.

He becomes reconciled to immodesty, and can tolerate in his newly acquired charity, all dereliction from principle, irreligion in its worst and most dangerous shapes, and the most open violation of the common decency of society.

How a servant of Him, "Who cannot behold sin without infinite abhorrence" can frequent the modern theatre, is more than we can determine. The spirit of the Church, its precepts and every principle unite in condemning this shameful violation of Christian propriety.

ANENT DR. HARRISON.

To the Editor of the NORTHWEST REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the issue of the Nor'Wester of Friday last that Dr. Harrison does not consider the Catholics of Manitoba have any right to privileges which are not enjoyed by by Protestants. I think it only fair as owing to the Dr's position of ex-Premier of Manitoba he must necessarily have some influence with, at any rate a portion of the Conservative Party, that he and they should be shewn that we are entitled to certain privileges whether they are enjoyed by Protestants or not. This is not a case where "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." At that time, Catholic majority in Manitoba consented to come into confederation, they came in on certain conditions with the promise of ceatain privileges regarding their schools. These privileges, although that majority has since become a minority, we are still as much as ever entitled to notwithstanding all other considerations and whether we have a grievance or not. Dr. Harrison knows as well as any save man in Manitoba that the Privy Council in England has already finally decided that question.

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