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CALENDAR.

Sept. 20—Sunday XVII. after Pentecost. The Seven Dolours of St. V. M.
Sept. 21—St. Matthew, Apostle.
Sept. 22—St. Thomas of Villanova, Bishop and Confessor.
Sept. 23—St. Linus, Pope and Martyr.
Sept. 24—Our Lady of Mercy.
Sept. 25—St. Eusebius and Companions, Martyrs.
Sept. 26—St. Eusebius, Pope and Martyr.

Lines

WRITTEN AT THE CATHOLIC CEMETERY WHILE THE REMAINS OF THE LATE SISTER BERNARD WERE BEING INTERRED.

Press the earth lightly, it rests on a heart
Oh! so faithful and true
And so loyal to the Lord,
Who but knew her, and joy'd her in part.
Press the earth lightly, oh! sexton, beware,
That sweet, gentle form,
Now safe from life's storm
In lasting repose shelters there.
Press the earth lightly; 'tis something
Alas!
That is treasuring away
For eternity's day;
Once a temple of God—now a shrine.
Press the earth lightly; the taper-like hands
At all were relaxed,
But met stern life's duties, demands.
Press it ever so lightly; those death-dim'd
Eyes
That in want's dread shade oft smiled,
And fever's night-long hours beguiled,
Must shine like stars yet in the sky.
Press the grave lightly; the vigil and prayer
And the soul's solicitude,
And heart's fond gratitude
And purity and love are garnered there.
Press ever so lightly the sainted sod,
'Tis a priceless gem, 'tis a mine of gold,
'Tis a crown of merit and worth untold,
It never was earth's; she gave all to God.
St. Thomas, Sept. 9th, 1885. W. F.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

DIOCESE SYNOD, CONVENED WITH GRAND CEREMONIAL AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.—THE REVEREND CLERGY (REGULAR AND SECULAR) TO THE NUMBER OF FORTY SEVEN, ASSEMBLED BY COMMAND OF THE RT. REVEREND DR. CARBERRY, BISHOP OF HAMILTON.—THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE, ETC.

Tuesday of last week (the festival of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady), was a day of special joy and gladness to the faithful of the city of Hamilton, who had the privilege of witnessing for the first time the grand ceremonial prescribed for the opening of synods, and which were carried out, on this occasion, with all possible solemnity and splendour.

The preparation of the proper work of a synod is at all times a work of importance and of mental anxiety to the prelate whose duty it is to preside. In the case of the Bishop of Hamilton, it was a work involving special labor and attention, inasmuch as it fell to his lot to inaugurate the first regular synod of the diocese. But Rt. Rev. Dr. Carberry, with his vast experience, learning, zeal and tact, notwithstanding the many disadvantages incidental to his position, his short residence in Canada, his limited knowledge of priests and people and of their ways and wants and habits, and his constant attention to the many calls on his time and to his official duties throughout the diocese, we are credibly informed that this indefatigable prelate, amid his manifold labors, actually found time to frame and formulate, with his own pen, in elegant Latin, the several statutes and disciplinary decrees (including diocesan customs) which were submitted for deliberation and subsequent enactment at his first diocesan synod.

A short survey of the work done by this zealous and active Bishop may not be here out of place. It is now little more than seventeen months since, amid general rejoicing, he took possession of his Episcopal See. Eight counties, including some thirty missions, many widely scattered, were placed under his jurisdiction. A comparative stranger to the ways of the country, and already advanced in years, he was anxious to make the acquaintance of his clergy and people of the various nationalities, and to see every mission of his vast diocese, while the sun was still shining and before snow flakes fell, foreshadowing the terrors of a Canadian winter, so often pictured to him in scenes that must have made him shudder in his school-boy days in sunny Italy. Arriving just in time for the fatiguing work of Holy Week, and, after having officiated at Pontifical Mass and preached in his Cathedral on Easter Sunday, he started presently on a tour of the diocese, notifying the respective pastors of missions of his intention to visit each of them in rapid succession. Wherever he went work was awaiting him; schools, churches and convents were to be inspected, deputations to be received and addressed, sermons to be preached and children and adults to be examined and confirmed. Week after week and month after month this constant toil was cheerfully endured until, at length, as the day of the anniversary

of his consecration dawned, he returned to his Episcopal city after visiting almost every one of the thirty parishes and administering Confirmation to about fifteen hundred persons. The visitation in every instance was canonical, and having prepared a special report of the state of religion in each mission, His Lordship returned well pleased with all that he had seen and heard of the zeal and piety of the clergy and laity committed to his charge. During the intervals of visitation he found time to preside at the examinations of Berlin College and of the several academies under the care of the Ladies of Loretto, as well as other schools throughout the city and diocese. He presided at several receptions and professions of sisters, ordained one priest, increased the number of clergy and of ecclesiastical students, assisted at the annual retreat of the clergy and at two clerical conferences, founded the Arch-confraternity of "The League of the Cross," dedicated several new churches, laid the foundations of a beautiful Gothic chapel for the House of Providence, and on last Sunday solemnly consecrated the new church at Formosa. These and many other good works have been accomplished by his zeal in the short time that has elapsed since his arrival, and as some token of their appreciation and esteem we are gratified to learn that the clergy and laity of the diocese have already taken measures to create a fund with the view of procuring a suitable Episcopal Residence for their worthy bishop. At a meeting of the clergy held last year eight thousand dollars was subscribed (half of which has been already paid) in their own name and that of their respective missions, largely sum, it is expected, will be largely supplemented by the good Catholics of Hamilton, among whom His Lordship will permanently reside.

The Synod—First Session.

Preparatory to the opening session the bishops and priests, to the number of forty-seven, assembled in the sacristy or winter chapel of St. Mary's, whence they proceeded in solemn procession, reciting psalms, to the door of the cathedral. Headed by the sub-deacon carrying the cross, followed by the sanctuary boys, students and clergy in their respective orders, the procession entered, filing down the aisle and entering the Sanctuary, when, after adorning the Blessed Sacrament in one of the chapels, the clergy arranged themselves on either side, and His Lordship proceeded to the throne to assume his vestments. Pontifical Mass (the Mass of the Holy Ghost) was then celebrated in presence of a large congregation. Very Rev. Father Heenan, Vicar General, acting as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Rev. M. Halm, the assistant priest, Very Rev. Father Dowling, Vicar General, Deacons of honor, Rev. Dr. Elena and Rev. Dr. Funcken; deacons of the mass, Rev. Chancellor Keough and Rev. P. Lennon. Immediately after mass the congregation retired and His Lordship, having put on the red cope and precious mitre advanced from his throne, crozier in hand, to the foot of the altar, accompanied by his deacons and attendant priests. There, laying aside his mitre and kneeling before the tabernacle, he began the antiphon, which the choir continued, followed by the chanting of the 68th psalm. Other prayers followed, at the end of which the Bishop, having put on the mitre, knelt with all the clergy whilst the chanters sang "The Litany of the Saints," all the priests joining in the responses. At the close of the litany the Bishop rose and holding his crozier in his left hand, standing with his face towards the assembled clergy, invoked the divine blessing on the Synod. The litany over, other prescribed prayers were said, the gospel was sung by the deacon and the hymn "Veni Creator" was intoned by the Bishop and continued by the choir. After this solemnly imploring the light and assistance of the Holy Ghost upon their work, the clergy returned their seats to listen to the words of admonition, direction and counsel addressed to them by His Lordship. After first addressing them in the Latin tongue in the beautiful words of the Pontifical, His Lordship was pleased to deliver a short but highly instructive and paternal discourse in English in which, in his own genial and dignified way, he cordially welcomed all the assembled fathers to the synod and expressed his gratification that all had so readily and so respectfully answered the summons to attend. He said he felt fully the weight of the great responsibility that rested on him as chief pastor of the diocese, to legislate for the good of the souls intrusted to his charge, and was pleased to add that he was only continuing the good work already begun by his zealous and devoted predecessors in the see of Hamilton who had labored so indefatigably for the good of the diocese and the fruits of whose zeal were visible amongst us. His Lordship next entered in forcible and fervent language on the duties of priests towards their flocks, reminding them, among many other obligations, to attend to the instruction of the people in the mysteries of the faith, to devote themselves especially to the religious training of youth, and to be ever ready to administer the sacraments, which were the channels of divine grace. His Lordship concluded an address replete with wisdom,unction and seal by inviting the assembled fathers to kindly co-operate with him in the work of diocesan legislation and to be ever faithful in complying with the decrees of the Provincial Council, which would presently be promulgated, as well as with such other statutes as would be enacted at this

diocesan synod. The names of the clergy being then read, and each having answered *adum* (present) it was found that all commanded to attend were present, save two detained by illness, who forwarded medical certificates to that effect.

The officers of the synod were next appointed as follows:

Promotor, Very Rev. T. J. Dowling, V. G.

Master of Ceremonies, Very Rev. E. J. Heenan, V. G.

Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Rev. M. Halm.

Notary, Very Rev. L. Elena, D. D.

Secretary, Rev. E. Carre.

Indices Causarum for Synod; Rev. Dr. Elena, Rev. Father Doherty, S. J., Rev. Chancellor Keough and Rev. Fr. O'Connell.

Procurotors of Clergy, Rev. E. Laussie, V. F., and Rev. P. M. Bardou.

The secretary then read aloud in Latin the decrees of the Council of Trent regarding residence and the profession of the faith, which all were bound to make. Each clergyman then, in the order of seniority, advanced and, kneeling at the feet of the bishop, made the required profession of faith in his hands according to the form prescribed in the Pontifical. The secretary was next instructed by the Bishop to read aloud the decrees of the Provincial Council, which had been approved by the Holy See, and which His Lordship now declares formally promulgated throughout the diocese of Hamilton. Afterwards the diocesan constitutions and customs were read, regarding which the Reverend clergy were invited to deliberate and discuss and to report any desirable changes, amendments or modifications through the appointed Procurotors at future sessions. The bishop then having charitably admonished the fathers to conduct their proceedings with edification, gave his solemn blessing and thus closed the first session.

SECOND SESSION.

At the second session, which was held in the afternoon, after the prescribed prayers and psalms had been said and the "Veni Creator" sung, all sat in solemn silence whilst His Lordship again addressed them in the words of the Pontifical. The names of the clergy and officers being called by the secretary, each rose in his place and responded. After this the secretary read the declaration of the promulgation of the decrees of the Provincial Council. He next read a certain number of the diocesan statutes, some of which were discussed and amended. Then the suffrages were taken and those which were approved were confirmed, the rest being laid over until next session, which, His Lordship announced, would take place next morning, to be preceded by a solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of the deceased Bishops and priests of the diocese. The celebrant and assistants for the Mass having been appointed, His Lordship rose and gave his solemn blessing and the synod adjourned.

THIRD SESSION.

On Wednesday morning, at the appointed hour, the Bishop and the Reverend clergy again assembled in the chapel to assist at the solemn Requiem Mass, which was celebrated *Coram Episcopo*, the music being the old grand Gregorian chant, rendered with great solemnity and devotion, by a splendid choir composed exclusively of the clergy. The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. T. J. Dowling, V. G., Promotor of the Synod, and Rev. Father Gehl as sub-deacon. At the *Dies Irae* the organ, by a happy suggestion of the Bishop, was for the moment suppressed and, as the sudden silence fell on the assembled fathers, quickly broken by the burst of a wailing and of woe mingled with those pious strains of agony and supplication so solemnly rendered by priests, who, more than others can feel their significance—as the notes of the doleful dirge rang through the empty aisles, awakening the echoes of the old cathedral, many souls were startled at the thought of judgment, and many hearts, stirred by holy emotions, were moved to join devoutly in the prayer for deceased fathers that their souls had passed away that their souls might enjoy that eternal rest and perpetual light which are the joy and glory of the blessed. At the end of Mass the absolution was pronounced by the bishop.

At the opening of the third session the prescribed ceremonies, prayers and hymns being finished, His Lordship, seated with his mitre, addressed the Synod in the words of the Pontifical. The diocesan constitutions were then read as amended, and were approved and adopted. Each priest then presented the annual report of his mission, including the *status animarum* of the parish. The account of Peter Pence presented by Rt. Rev. Father Doherty was then read, showing that about eleven hundred dollars had been already collected. A fund for infirm priests was founded and a committee consisting of three clergymen appointed as trustees, viz. Rev. Fathers Elena, Bardou, and Doherty of Arthur. Very Rev. Father Dowling, V. G., was appointed to take charge of the diocesan offerings in aid of the propagation of the faith. The office of vicar-gerane was created for the northern part of the diocese and the time and places for the winter theological conferences having been appointed, a special conference was held at the close of the Synod at which Very Rev. L. Funcken, D. D., was appointed examiner. Ten of the priests then presented themselves and passed a

most successful examination in dogmatic and moral theology. Dr. Funcken expressed himself as delighted at the satisfactory manner in which the most practical and intricate questions proposed were clearly and ably solved. The time having arrived for closing the synod and conference, His Lordship then recited the prescribed prayers and gave his solemn benediction. After this the Promotor of the Synod sang the versicle "Recedamus in Pace," all the clergy answering, in the words of the Pontifical, "In nomine Christi. Amen."

By special invitation of the bishop the clergy were afterwards entertained at a grand banquet, at the close of which His Lordship was pleased to congratulate them all on the successful termination of the synod. He thanked them for their attendance and for their cordial co-operation in the good work accomplished, praised their zeal, devotion and generosity and dismissed them with a special blessing for themselves and the respective flocks entrusted to their pastoral charge. The Promotor of the Synod, in the name of the clergy, thanked His Lordship for his hospitality, for the gracious manner in which he had received and entertained them, and for the kindness and courtesy extended to them all during the Synod.

SACRED HEART CONVENT.

Visit of the Governor-General.

On Wednesday of last week His Excellency the Governor-General, who had come to London for the purpose of opening the Provincial exhibition, took occasion to visit the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

On the arrival of His Excellency and suite at the convent they were met on the lawn by the children of the separate school in connection with the institution. On entering the building the Governor-General was met by His Lordship Bishop Walsh, Right Rev. Monsignor Bruyere, V. G., Rev. W. Flannery, P. P. St. Thomas, and the Lady Superior of the academy. The visitors were then escorted to the study hall, where a throne was provided for the Governor-General, his suite occupying seats on either side. The hall was most tastefully decorated, the walls being festooned and hung with eury lace and natural flowers. The walls outside were ornamented with red, white and blue bunting hung in festoons, and appropriate mottoes.

When all were seated Handel's Grand March was performed on two pianos by the Misses Leach, Love, Cross and Coffey, after which Weber's Welcome Chorus was sung by the Misses Ivy, Love, E. Lear, A. Bucke, Janie Bucke, Eveline Brown, H. Jenkins, E. Jenkins, A. Aust, M. Coffey, M. Cross, C. Grigg, M. McLeod, L. Stanley, C. McNulty, K. McNulty, E. Cahill, S. Amyot, M. Downie.

A dialogue of welcome, spoken in English by eleven small girls, was then rendered, which His Excellency pleasantly acknowledged. The girls were: Misses Maude Regan, Jane Miles, Gwendoline Miles, Ida Wilson, Stella McNiff, Maggie Wilson, Sadie Kennedy, Annie Mazurek, Stella Regan, Helen Jenkins, Marnie O'Leane.

His Excellency pronounced the dialogue exquisite, and said he would inquire of Lady Lansdowne of what a welcome she might expect, upon hearing of which she would most assuredly come. At all events he would bring her with him on his next visit.

Miss Mary McDonald then stepped forward and read in French to His Excellency an address from the pupils of the Sacred Heart.

The Governor-General replied in French, stating that he was pleased beyond measure when he saw how much was being done for superior education by the ladies of the Sacred Heart. He noticed with much satisfaction its influence in other cities he had visited. He was also very much pleased to see the children from the neighboring great republic being educated here. As a Protestant he thanked the Lady Superior for opening the doors of the Sacred Heart Academy to children of other denominations, and stated it was characteristic of the liberal spirit he found prevailing in Canada. His Excellency complimented the Lady Superior, and stated he was surprised at hearing the French language spoken so fluently and correctly by children. He thanked them again most sincerely for the kind reception he had received at their hands.

The children now sang in grand chorus "God Save the Queen," with harp, piano and organ accompaniment, Miss Mary Coffey presiding at the harp.

The visitors then departed, bringing with them a very pleasant recollection of the manner in which they were entertained.

The illuminated address presented to His Excellency was executed by one of the ladies of the Convent. It was executed in burnished gold and silver in medieval style, the initial letters being most elaborate in design. It was pronounced by all who had the privilege of examining it, the most perfect specimen of such work, both in design and execution, they had ever seen.

The young ladies and children who took part in the reception and presentation all wore white and natural flowers.

Separate Schools.

There will not in all probability be many separate schools in the West visited by their Inspector during the current term. Inspector Donovan has been sent into the Eastern District to assist his colleague in the extensive and onerous official work of that section of the Province.

CANTUS GREGORIANUS.

From the Pastor.

One can hardly help characterizing as simply scandalous the opposition made by some ecclesiastics to the reception of the plain chant prepared with so much care and as an integral part of the liturgy by the Sacred Cong. of Rites. It was certainly to be expected that the publication by His Holiness, Leo XIII., of that emphatic document, *Romanorum Pontificum sollicitudo*, would set all controversy at rest, and that the chant which alone is admitted as authentic would be everywhere received with loyal submission and obedience. But this is far from being the case. The decree itself and the action of the Sacred Cong. of Rites have been carpied and cavilled at both in private lecture and public print, and now arguments are adduced to show that the decree has no binding force whatever. Recognizing the necessity of putting an early stop to those whisperings and murmuring the Sacred Congregation, in response to the Bishop of Arras, Mgr. Rigueux, has issued the following decree:

Non nulla dubia circa Decretum S. R. C. 26 Aprilis 1883. "*Romanorum Pontificum sollicitudo*." Pluribus in Galliae provinciis in medium prolata fuerit et in foliis publicis pervulgata, quae causam sunt cur vis illius Decretum inter plures musicae sacrae disposita fuerit. Ideo episcopus Petrocoronensis et Sarlatensis humiliter rogat S. Congregationem ut propositis quaestionibus responderet dignetur.

Juxta quosdam auctores, decreta, S. R. C. vim suam non obtinent nisi in collectione Gardelliana inserantur; porro quum plura decreta circa cantum Gregorianum in hac collectione non sint posita, iidem auctoribus videntur hae decreta in oblivione relinquentia, quae fons in posterum corrigenda erunt. Decretum 26 Aprilis 1883, auctoritate abidem ut nunquam in supradicta collectione colligendum et prout nullius esse obligationis. Praeterea, non desunt qui in decreto 26 Aprilis 1883 errores aliquos historicos detegere praesumant circa emendationem a Joanne Petro Aloysio Proenestino ejusque discipulis in cantu Gregorianum peractam, et idcirco infirmum dicunt esse tenorem illius decreti ut nota in falso supposito innum. Denique rumor aliquis hac vice pervenit aliquos viros Romae petiisse cum intentione a Sede impetrandi ut praedicta decisiones circa cantum legitimum, nuper recognitam, apud eum equitem Pustet editum, relaxare vellet, et circa praedicta praescripta silentium altum tenent Quo circa suppliciter rogo ut haec dubia S. R. C. solvant.

1. Requiruntur, ut: 1. To make a devalent aliquod decretum of the Sacred S. R. C. ut reper. Congregationis Rites etiam in an. binding must such de- thentica collectione? 2. Is historical er- tum decretum 26 Aprilis 1883, auctoritate abidem ut nota in falso supposito innum. Denique rumor aliquis hac vice pervenit aliquos viros Romae petiisse cum intentione a Sede impetrandi ut praedicta decisiones circa cantum legitimum, nuper recognitam, apud eum equitem Pustet editum, relaxare vellet, et circa praedicta praescripta silentium altum tenent Quo circa suppliciter rogo ut haec dubia S. R. C. solvant.

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Notandum.—Cantus Gregorianus juxta appropinquatum Chant as set probatum editionem in the approved decreta, jam in usum edition has long been viget, idcirco nulla in use in some and opus est praescrip. therefore needs no legislative horatione proval for its intro- ductione prout dicitur in the dioc- in alia diocessibus.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. AMBROSE DURKIN, O. P., WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE THE 31ST JULY, 1885.

Oh! for a minstrel's hand to chant the praise
Of men like thee, dear Ambrose, just and free:
Whose chords attuned to chorons of the sea
Went singing by virtue to remotest days;
Should wake past chivalrous and religious
To harmonize a sonnet, meet for thee,
Thou first of men in an illustrious life,
New-born—saint! to wear eternal bays.

But ah! our voiceless harp no longer swells
Through castle hall with murmuring tangle
Of high, high, high, high, high, high, high,
Since palmers died, or doughty knight-
hood fell.

Then all ye lyric, woodland zephyrs rise
To waft his requiem, through life's mourn-
ful vale,
Whom angels lifted to applauding skies.
J. A. ROCHEFORD, O. P.

Cardinal Newman and Miracles.

For myself, lest I appear to be in any way shrinking from a determinate judgment on the claims of those miracles and relics which Protestants are so startled at, I will avow distinctly that I think it impossible to withstand the evidence which is brought for the authentication of the blood of Januarius at Naples, and for the Madonna in the Roman States. I firmly believe that portions of the true Cross are at Rome and elsewhere. I firmly believe that the relics of the saints are doing innumerable miracles and graces daily. I firmly believe that the saints in their lifetime have before now raised the dead to life, crossed the sea without vessels, multiplied grain and bread, cured incurable diseases, and superseded the operation of the laws of the universe in a multitude of ways. Many men when they hear an educated man so speak, will at once impute the avowal to insanity, or to imbecility of

mind, or to fanaticism. They have a right to say so, if they will; and we have a right to ask them why they do not say it of those who bow down before the Mystery of mysteries, the Divine Incarnation. If they do not believe this, they are not Protestants; if they do let them grant that He Who has done the greater may do the less. ("Present Position of Catholics," p. 298.)

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The French Government has named Mother St. Cyprien, superioress of the Sisters of St. Augustine at Marseilles, a member of the national order of the Legion of Honor.

Rev. Abram J. Ryan, the poet-priest of the South, is the guest of Rev. P. M. Jones, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Father Ryan is not in good health, but still keeps at his literary labors, and is preparing "A Crown for Our King," as a companion volume to one of his books already published.

Among the recent converts to the Church are to be included the Rev. Thomas Mossman, B. A., rector of East and West Torrington, England, and the Baroness Koneritz, whose husband is attached to the service of the King of Saxony. Her father was at one time Prussian Plenipotentiary at Dresden.

Father Deshon, of the Paulist Community, who became a convert, and left the military service after the Mexican war, is spoken of by the *Washington Herald* as "one of the most accomplished officers ever in the U. S. Army." He was second in the class that graduated at West Point in 1843. The late General Grant was a classmate.—*Ave Maria.*

At the meeting of Catholics in Munster, Dr. Windhorst, the Prussian Catholic leader, said the Pope still ruled the world. The Holy Chair must be made independent of the Powers. We now, he said, stand steadfast for the Pope through life or death. The speaker asked for three cheers for Pope Leo, which were given with enthusiasm. Several resolutions were passed demanding the unconditional repeal of the decretum in fine laws, especially those dealing with religious orders and the education of the clergy.

An affecting coincidence occurred at the funeral of the late Father Gibbs, of Pittsburg. The celebrant, Rt. Rev. Bishop Mullen, while returning from his first decennial visit to the Holy Father, stopped at Paris to purchase vestments for his cathedral at Erie. While in that city he remembered his old fellow-seminarian, Father Gibbs, and concluded to present him with a set of black vestments, which he procured and expressed; but the first time they were worn was by the donor himself, at the requiem of Father Gibbs, the friend for whom they had been intended.

CANADIAN NEWS.

It is believed that the submission of the Scott Act in Essex county will be delayed till next year.

The trial of Scott was concluded on Sept. 10, at Regina, and resulted in his acquittal. All the Indians were released on their own bail.

The number of immigrants to the Dominion so far this year is much larger than was anticipated, being nearly equal to the number arriving for the same period last year.

After a sharp debate in the War office it has been recommended to grant medals to the Canadian soldiers who were engaged in suppressing the Riel rebellion, and the Queen has approved of the recommendation.

Work on the phosphate mines in the district of Buckingham, Quebec, is being pushed with great vigour, and with successful results, the vein of phosphate improving in quality as its depth from the surface increases.

Twenty-six deaths from smallpox occurred in Montreal on Saturday and Sunday. The total mortality for the week was 102 deaths in the city, an increase of ten over the week previous, and thirty in the villages adjoining the city.

The banking schooner *Guardian Angel*, while beating to windward of Cape Barrard, Sept. 9, capsized and all hands were lost except one seaman, who was picked off the wreck by a passing boat and brought to Trepassy, N. B.

The Manitoba Appeal Court gave judgment on Sept. 9, in the Riel case, refusing the application for a new trial, and confirming the previous conviction. The three judges were unanimous in their decision.

The former students of Montreal College, the oldest seat of learning there, and at which a vast number of distinguished and able archbishops, bishops and cardinals have graduated, held a reunion on Sept. 10. Twelve hundred sat down to a banquet on the grounds of the college.

The Ontario Governmental Commission on Prison Reform, who have been authorized to make inspection of the prison system of different States of the Union, arrived in this city on Sunday evening for the purpose of examining the Eastern Penitentiary. These gentlemen are Judge J. S. Sinclair, of Hamilton, Ont.; Hon. J. N. Langmuir, and D. A. O'Sullivan, Esq., of Toronto. The latter named, who is a leading and prominent lawyer, is one of the contributors to the *American Catholic Quarterly Review*.—*Philadelphia Standard.*