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Calendar for Week Ending February 25th.

19 Sun 1st of Lent—St. Conrad (O. S. F. 1851).
20 Mon St. Mildred, V. (650)—Election of Leo
XIII.
21 Tue St. Peter, M. (743).
22 Wed Ember Day—St. Peter's Chair at
Antioch.
23 Thu St. Peter Damian, Bp. D. (1072)—St.
Euthelbert.
24 Fri Ember Day—St. Matthias, Apostle (63).
25 Sat Ember Day—The Lance and Nails.

Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.

I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.
1. All Sundays in the year.
2. Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
3. Jan. 25th. 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 St. Peter and Paul.
c. The Solemnity of the Assumption and
d. All Saints.
e. Christmas.
III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.
All Fridays in the year.
Wednesdays in Advent
Wednesdays in Holy week
Thursdays
Fridays
Saturdays
Ash Wednesday.
The Ember Days.
The Vigils above mentioned.
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of the Roman Church?—St. Ambrose
(A. D. 385-387).

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Atlas dull winter is approaching,
I heard a friend to-day
The subject of the weather broaching,
With sighs, complaining, say,
Yet, why so dread the winter's coming?
Why not a but features drear?
Why not the pleasant phases sum-
ming,
Find chill forgot in cheer?
I well a former friend remember
Who would in summer's prime
Rejoice 'twas June, yet glad December
Should come in proper time.
And in December, while elated
With winter, would express
His joy that June, was fragrance
freighted,
The earth betimes should bless.
In sunny summer, thus rejoicing,
In welcome winter glad,
Still equal praise and pleasure voicing,
I never knew him sad.
Since then when'er one blames the
Season
In tones of loud lament,
I feel the sure and simple reason
Is found in discontent.
For it is not the outward weather
That causes peace or pain;
But from within come altogether
Our sunshine and our rain.

A PUPIL OF THE JESUITS.

Pope Leo XIII. Greatly Indebted
to the Followers of Loyola.
Eminent Scholars Under Whom the Present
Sovereign Pontiff Studied as an Ec-
clesiastic—Early Career of the
Holy Father.
[Written for the Citizen.]
The fact that Leo XIII. is admitted
one of the most accomplished Pontiffs
that ever occupied the chair of St. Peter,
his erudition being as versatile as it is
vast, is not to be wondered at when one
takes into consideration the eminent
scholars with whom he was brought into
close contact in the earlier years of his
life. To the Jesuits, those unrivalled
educators of youth, the Sovereign Pontiff
is largely indebted for that love of litera-
ture which has always characterized his
career in a marked manner; for it was at
the Jesuit College of Viterbo, whither he
and his brother, the late Cardinal Pecci,
were sent in 1818* that he first imbibed
that love of the ancient and modern
classics which has rendered him one of
the first Latinists and most graceful
scholars of his age. There he had for
Latin professor Father Vincent Pavini,
S. J., and among the earliest productions
of his muse are some Latin verses which
at the age of twelve, he indited to that
beloved instructor.
At the Academy for Noble Ecclesiastics
at Rome, which institution is not inap-
propriately called the nursery of ecclesiastical diplo-
mats, the future Pope had for instructors
such intellectual giants as Ferrone, the
famous theological writer; Anthony
Kohlmann, who, years before, with that
other distinguished Jesuit, Benedict
Fenwick, who became, subsequently, the
second bishop of Boston, co tributed so
much toward the organization of the
New York diocese, and who at one time
held the presidency of Georgetown
College; and the brilliant Spanish Jesuit
Francis Manero, who, with Father
Monchaca, another Spanish son of St.
Ignatius, taught the renowned Cardinal
Mai much of that palaeographic lore by
which he was destined to win such high
honors.
To another Jesuit, and to one who
doffed the purple robes of a cardinal to
don the black cassock of a novice, Leo
XIII. is largely a debtor also. This was
the prelate who ordained him to the
priesthood, Cardinal Odescalchi, contem-
porary in the Sacred College of such men
as De Gregorio, who was imprisoned for
his fidelity to the Holy See; Opizzoni,
who for half a century presided over
that see to which the Holy Father
recently sent the elder of the two Car-
dinals Vannutelli; and Bella Genga,
whom he helped to elect Leo XII. Of
this prelate as he saw him entering the
conclave that chose the Cardinal-Priest
of St. Mary's-Beyond-the-Tiber the
successor of Pius VII., Cardinal Wiseman
said: "One was there who no doubt
entered as he came out, without a flutter
of anxiety when he faced the gate on
either side. This was Odescalchi, young
still, most noble in rank and heart, with
saintliness marked on his countenance,
and probably already meditating his
retreat from dignity and office;" and of
the same dignitary and his influence
on the present head of the church, the
distinguished English author, Mr. Gran-
ville Murray, wrote a dozen years ago:
"Joachim Pecci might have remained a
scholar and nothing more, but in the
third decade of his life he fell under the
influence—one would rather say rose to
the influence—of the famous Cardinal
Odescalchi, a man who, in another age,
might have replayed the great part of
Ignatius Loyola. Odescalchi it was who
renounced the purple to enter the Order
of Jesus, and gave innumerable other
proofs of his Christian humility and
devotion to his Master's cause. Among
the services he rendered the church of
Rome, not the least was the conversion

of Pecci, as one may call it, in the true
sense of the word. He turned his mind
to a serious, though not austere, view of
religion, and had the happiness of ad-
mitting him to holy orders."
And the prelate who performed such
an important part in that ceremony, the
fiftieth anniversary of which the entire
Catholic world is now joyfully preparing
to commemorate, Cardinal John Baptist
Lambroschini, who consecrated Mgr.
Pecci Archbishop of Damietta in the
church of St. Lawrence on the morning
of Feb. 19, 1843, was another devoted
patron of arts and literature in which he
himself highly excelled. He it was who,
holding the Umbrian bishopric of
Orvieto, invited to his episcopal city that
prodigy of learning and research
who afterwards became so famous as
Angelo Cardinal Mai, keeping him there
until a government edict ordered all
Italians to reside within their native
province. Among the other important
posts which his great learning won this
Cardinal-consecrator of the present Pope
was that of librarian of the Vatican,
which office he held till the time of his
death in 1853, when he was worthily
succeeded by Cardinal Mai.
It is not surprising, therefore, that the
young ecclesiastic who was brought
under the benign influence of such pro-
found scholars and eminent teachers as
these should have himself become one of
the most polished and thorough students
of his day, of whom an illustrious Italian
said in 1882 that "since the eighteenth
century, since the time of Benedict XIV.
and Clement XIV., Rome has not seen a
Pope of so cultivated a mind, so
accomplished in Latin and Tuscan verse,
so familiar at once with classic and
contemporary letters." Neither is it to
be thought strange that, when he had
attained his present exalted office, Leo
XIII. hastened to show his gratitude
toward that society whose professors
first enabled him to see the beauties that
lay latent in classic literature; and
which counted within its ranks the men
who had exercised the greatest influ-
ence on his earlier years. In favor of the
Jesuits he renewed all the decrees and
indults from those of Paul III. down to
his own time; no favor that he could
grant has been denied, and it is a source
of pride to American Catholics that one
of the recipients of his most signal favors
was the learned Jesuit Camillus Mazella,
a former professor at Woodstock, Md.,
whom, chiefly because of his great theo-
logical acquirements, the Holy Father
made a cardinal deacon seven years
ago.

It is not, of course, to be claimed that
the eminent divines here mentioned,
and the many others who doubtless
influenced Mgr. Pecci more or less during
his earlier years, made him the accom-
plished scholar, skilful diplomat and
glorious Sovereign Pontiff that he is.
His own innate piety, his undoubted
abilities of the highest order and the
prayerful habits that have always been
his—these are the things which have
rendered him what he is, the glory of
the church and one of the master-minds
of his age. As everything that concerns
his earlier career, though, has an especial
attraction now, in view of the impending
celebration of his episcopal jubilee, the
reader may not find uninteresting these
brief allusions to the men who exerted
such a beneficial influence on him then,
especially as one was an ecclesiastic
who had, before his return to Rome,
conferred great benefits on the American
Catholic church.

WILLIAM D. KELLY.

The Fulfilment of a Pledge.
Irish Catholic.
The declarations contained in the
Queen's speech, repeated and empha-
sized as they were in the words of Earl
Kimberley in the House of Lords, and of
Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons
on Tuesday night last, are destined to
live long in the memories of the people
of this country. Not for more than a
century has an epoch so momentous
opened in the history of our country as
that at the outset of which we now stand.
A little reflection will show that the
accuracy of this assertion is in no degree
affected by the fate one way or the other
of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill.
Whether that measure be successfully
carried through Parliament or defeated,
it is absolutely certain that the near
future must be big with events full
of fate and portent, whether of good or evil,
for Ireland and her people. In this fact
there lies, no doubt, food for serious
thought for Irishmen of all shades of
political belief, but we venture to think
that on careful examination it will be
found that the preponderance of those
warnings and admonitions which may be
interpreted from its existence are such
as most of all demand the careful con-

sideration of the enemies of Home Rule.
No one, indeed, who observes the present
political situation with intelligence will,
we think, quarrel with the accuracy of
this statement. If there be any, how-
ever, who doubt its correctness, we would
invite them to regard matters from a
standpoint the fairness of which even
they will scarcely question.
The foes of Irish Self-Government have
been wont to expatiate at length on the
foolish rashness with which Mr. Glad-
stone pledges himself to the Home Rule
policy, on the unwisdom which induced
him to yield to and admit the justice of
our national claims, and on the temerity
which led him to acknowledge the val-
idity of our demand for the restoration
of a legislature of which we were de-
prived by a system of corruption and of
terrorism. Notwithstanding these
denunciations, however, Ireland, as
well as Mr. Gladstone, has seen the
policy and course of action thus recapit-
ulated endorsed and accepted by a
majority of the electors of the Three
Kingdoms, brought, as it were, to the
very verge of actual accomplishment and
realisation, certainly placed in such
position that nothing but the adoption
of a system of savage political warfare,
of legislative ambushes, tomahawks,
and well-poisonings, can possibly prevent
its complete achievement. Is it, then,
too much to ask on which side would be
the rashness and the folly, if by the
adoption of such unworthy means as
these the hands of the clock of Liberty
were to be set back, the already enkind-
led flames of Irish hope quenched in
the gloom of resentment and of anger,
the demands of justice answered by the
scowls of political Sioux or Apaches
whose victory could only be the triumph
of destruction and of hate? Where
would the rashness lie in such case as
this? If, therefore, Mr. Gladstone has
been rash, there is a possible rashness,
ten thousand times more dangerous than
his, which his enemies may commit, and
which, no less than the success of his
policy, would create for Ireland respon-
sibilities of the most serious and imper-
ative kind. That our people, however
will confront the future undismayed
and with hearts brave enough to encounter
either fate, we know; while the entire
Irish nation will recognise meantime
in what has already happened evidence of
loyal desire on the part of Mr. Gladstone
to give complete fulfilment to the pledge
he has made to it.

[Since the above was written the whole
world has hung on the eloquent words of
the G. O. M. in introducing the Home
Rule Bill. The opposition to it is strong
and bitter, but if Irishmen in the Impe-
rial House of Commons remain true to
Gladstone nothing can prevent its
triumphant passage despite the demoral-
izing opposition of Balfour et al.—Ed.
Review.]
A Brave Priest.
Some of the honor of the Dahomey
campaign accrues to the brave priest, the
Pere Dabordero, who, in his quality of
Army Chaplain, faced the enemy's shot
with an intrepidity equal to that of the
bravest soldier. A French officer, just
returned from Dahomey, says a Paris
correspondent, relates that on one occa-
sion when the French soldiers were
firing on their knees, concealed by
brushwood, the Pere Dabordero insisted
on standing upright. This was that he
might scan in every direction and see
who were struck by the balls of the
Dahomeans. When constantly urged by
officers and soldiers to withdraw from
spots of danger, he would never do so.
When told that he would meet his death,
his reply was: "We shall see." With
the skirts of his soutane tightly tucked
around him, his was the task to back
away the wounded as they fell, and to
administer the last Sacraments to the
dying. An ovation awaited him at
Dahomey, where Catholics, Protestants
and Jews alike received him with open
arms.

News in General.

Robert Duncan, in business for a quar-
ter of a century in Hamilton as a book
and stationery dealer, is dead.

The little daughter of F. Pepler of
Berlin, Ont., fell on a tin cup which pen-
etrated her brain, killing her instantly.

Thos. Kenny, a ten-year-old convict
from Guelph for larceny, suicided in the
penitentiary at Kingston last week by
cutting his throat. He was 49 years of
age and had served two years.

In future the young and first convic-
tion prisoners will be separated from the
older and more incorrigible convicts at
the penitentiary at Kingston by the
introduction of the isolated system. Its
invention of the warden to have the
new cells ready for occupancy by the
first of May. The prisoners are now
graded by the style of their clothing.

James McGee, Q. C., of London, has
been appointed county crown attorney of
Middlesex in succession to the late
Charles Hutchinson.