

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- AUGUST.
- 20—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Joachim. Father of the Blessed Virgin. Solemnity of the Assumption.
  - 21, Monday—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress of the Order of the Visitation.
  - 22, Tuesday—Octave of the Assumption.
  - 23, Wednesday—Vigil. St. Philip Beniti, Conf.
  - 24, Thursday—St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
  - 25, Friday—St. Louis, King of France.
  - 26, Saturday—St. Bernard, Abbot (transferred from the 20th inst.)

BRIEFLETS.

We regret to learn that Msgr. Ritchot's health is visibly failing.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface arrived from the east last Saturday.

Brother Alarie, S.J., arrived at St. Boniface College yesterday morning from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

No official intimation of the date of the Delegate Apostolic's arrival in Ottawa has been received as yet.

A Winnipeg photographer was fined for taking pictures on Sunday, and yet if there were no sun-days how could the photographer live?

Rev. Father Grenier, S.J., left for the east via Chicago and Detroit yesterday. He will be employed in the novitiate at Sault-au-Récollet.

Rev. Father Marcoux, former Vice-Rector of Laval University and now pastor of Indian Orchard, Mass., arrived here on Friday on a visit to the Northwest.

Rev. Father Drummond, S.J., who is now making his annual retreat, will lecture in the Catholic Church at Rat Portage next Sunday evening in aid of a local charity.

This morning quite a number of the St. Boniface College students received Holy Communion in the college chapel and afterwards breakfasted in the college.

A new double hand-ball court is going up in the St. Boniface College playground. It will be further afield than the old one, though facing, as that one did, the northeast door.

Rev. Fathers Morin, Bélanger and the other priests, who stopped over from the west last Thursday, continued their eastward journey on Friday. Father Morin will be back with some more settlers about the middle of September.

This is the feast of Our Lady's Assumption. In this country it is not a holiday of obligation, but it is solemnized on the following Sunday. The eve of the solemnity, next Saturday, is a day of fast and abstinence.

Rev. Father St-Amand came in last week from Rainy River, where he leads the zealous life of a lonely missionary. He went out to see Rev. Father Giroux at Ste. Anne, and returned in time to begin his retreat with the rest of the clergy.

Dr. Lapponi, physician to Leo XIII., in a contribution to the "Vox Urbis" says it is fair to hope that the Holy Father, being completely restored to health, may reach the hundredth year of his life in the strength of age.

Mr. Charles Emilius Lamb, son of the Rev. Henry William Lamb, Rector of Marton-on-Dove, Derbyshire, and Mrs. Eleonora Schmitt, wife of Mr. Oscar

Schmitt, Professor of Lynn Grammar School, were both received into the Catholic Church on the feast of St. Anthony, June 13th, in the chapel at Islington Hall, King's Lynn, England, by the Very Rev. Canon Van Santem, of Spalding.

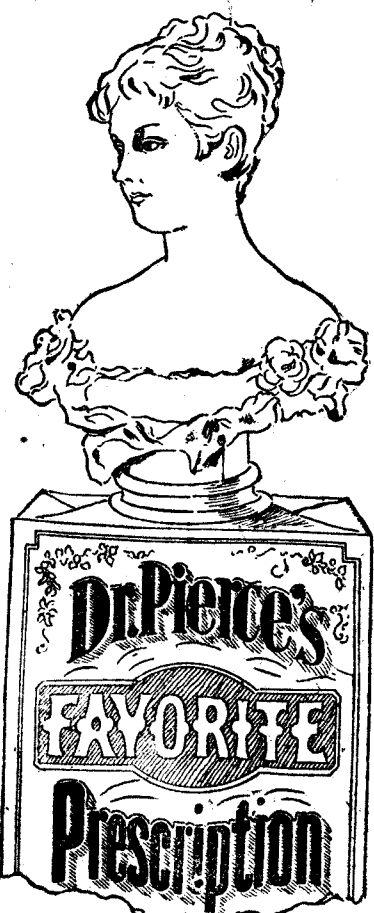
Early last week two workmen were severely injured in the Northern Pacific yards by cars backing up on them while they were breaking old rails. It was at first thought that one of them, Snyder Olafson, could not live many hours; but, thanks to the skill of the surgeons and the nursing of the Sisters, he has improved wonderfully and is likely to recover. The other, E. G. Lothman, had only a broken leg and will soon be quite well.

Rev. Father Morin and a party of representative clergy of Quebec returned to the city last Thursday evening from a trip to the Pacific coast which they took for the purpose of seeing the country in order to give information to those of their several parishes who wish to move to the west. Father Morin states that he has never seen the country looking better and that if the present crop prospects be realized immigration from the lower provinces will be very large.—Free Press.

NOTES FROM STE. ROSE.

"As old as Adam." What does that mean? The soul of Adam is as young as ours. It knows no time, its youth is immortal. What is it to be old? But a small matter. Age touches our soul's tabernacle, our earthly envelope, our material being, but our souls are equally and immortally young and will be through the ages.

I have seen the following reflections in a young girl's diary (it takes a young person to write these things, when we are older we try to forget them.) "I have been thinking of Old Age which Youbert has beautifully called the port of Eternity. How surely and sadly it creeps over all, and yet so gradually that we hardly feel it come, so stealthy are the years, so velvet-footed. We cannot but delight in being young; can after years restore the delicate fragrance of life's morning hours which resemble the morning hours of



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early spring. Can any after time renew the dewy pearl of innocence, which gems life's opening blossoms? What a world of beautiful mysteries like, unexpanded rose-buds, lies folded in the virginal leaves of our souls! What a chorus of wonderful hopes and desires, like the voices of half-awakened birds, makes melody, in those dim dawning hours! But this song dies away in our ears when we near the ineffable borders where terminate Time and Space."

All the saying of philosophers notwithstanding, there is one thing quite sure; no woman would ever admit that she or any one she loved, was old, the mother-heart keeps all things young.

Although indeed time brings its compensations for age in the saints is like a beautiful sunset, the light from Eternity streams in through the half-open door and illumines their evenings. "The sins of my youth and my ignorance remember not, O Lord!" But the Psalmist asks no such mercy for the sins of his old age.

Recently, the ceremonies of the First Communion were beautifully carried out here, the Rev. Father Geelen gave of his best, in a touching sermon, which he preached to these happy little ones. We think he has learnt from his Divine Master the art of attracting little children; he gave of the best in the adornments for the altar and in the choir, where he sang some really lovely hymns, which we did not know before and which we think came from France where, you know, there is a monopoly of things celestial.

The Rev. Father McDonnell is here on a visit of some weeks, to our great joy, staying with his cousin Mr. D. McDonnell of Ste. Rose, so we can be quite grand and have two priests for the services on Sundays with a sermon in English thrown in by way of a treat.

THE BOTTOM DROPPED OUT.

Harry Hurl, a farmer living five miles east of Stephen, Minn., reports that while two of his hired men were digging a well on his farm, and had got down a depth of 44 feet, the bottom suddenly fell in. One of the men was thrown into a whirl of water and disappeared, and has not been seen or heard of since. The other man, when he felt that the ground was giving away under him, caught on to the rope that was used in hoisting the dirt up, and was drawn to the top. Mr. Hurl then got a rope and chain about 100 feet long and attached a great weight to it and dropped it in the well; it did not touch bottom, but was washed rapidly west, showing that a large body of water was underneath.

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