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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER.

- 13 Friday. St. Stanislas. Kosta. C.
- 14 Saturday. St. Joseph. B. and M.
- 15 Sunday. XXV after Pentecost.
- 16 Monday. St. Didacus.
- 17 Tuesday. St. Gregory Thaumaturgus. B. and C.
- 18 Wednesday. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and Paul.
- 19 Thursday. St. Elizabeth. Queen of Hungary.
- 20 Friday. St. Felix.
- 21 Saturday. Presentation of the B. V. M.
- 22 Sunday. XXVI. and last after Pentecost. St. Cecilia. V. and M.
- 23 Monday. St. Clement I. Pope and M.
- 24 Tuesday. St. John of the Cross. C.
- 25 Wednesday. St. Catherine. V. and M.
- 26 Thursday. St. Leonard.
- 27 Friday. Patronage of the B. V. M.
- 28 Saturday. St. Ireneus B. and his companions M.
- 29 Sunday. 1st Sunday in Advent.
- 30 Monday. St. Andrew A. and M.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1885.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It is stated that the Pope has signified his intention of placing the faculty of theology of Laval University of Quebec on the same footing as that of Rome.

Riel has received another respite and his sentence of death will most likely be carried out on the 16th, but we still adhere to our opinion that he is insane.

The whole Mexican Catholic press has welcomed with enthusiasm the idea of calling a Catholic congress in December next. It will be the first held in that Republic, and we have reason to hope that strength and renewed vitality will accrue to religion in that country, for so many years torn by dissensions and Masonic strife.

In another column will be found an excellent letter which was addressed to the "Manitoba Free Press" by Mr. Woodside, of Portage La Prairie, in answer to the unfair remarks of that journal on the Irish people and the leader of the national movement in Ireland. It should be perused by our readers as it deals most effectively with the recent utterances of that anti-Irish paper.

The English and Scotch tenant farmers are now greatly excited over their deplorable condition. They feel the relentless hand of the landlord heavy upon them and declare that something must be done if the ruin, which now stares them in the face, is to be averted. Why not inaugurate a system of boycotting; it has brought the tyrannical landlord of Ireland to his senses. Or better still, emigrate to the Canadian Northwest; they would be welcome here though it is a well-known fact that the successful transplanting of an Englishman is very difficult.

The "Daily Witness" of Montreal is receiving a severe castigation at the hands of the "True Witness." Its villainous attempts to slander the Sisters of Charity has been shown up in such a manner by our esteemed contemporary that none but those who do not want to see can fail to perceive the motives that prompted the "Witness" to make those infamous charges against the management of the St. Roch's Hospital. It is perhaps wrong to despair while life lasts, but we are afraid that our excellent contemporary the "True Witness" will never succeed in bringing over the "Witness," we will not say to bear a charitable feeling for Catholics—that would be in-

patible with its instincts—but to the cause of truth; at least whilst the Patriarch McDougall is at the helm. It would be to hope against hope to expect that such a drastic change could take place, nevertheless the "True Witness" is making the road extremely hard for that foul and slanderous sheet.

THE "ALGOMA."

The news of the wreck of the C. P. R. steamer "Algoma," which broke suddenly upon us Tuesday last, is certainly the saddest that the press of this city has been called upon to chronicle, a detailed account of which will be found elsewhere in this paper. Up to the time of going to press the facts are substantially the same as first reported—that but two of the passengers were saved.

It appears from the testimony of Capt. Moore that a blinding snowstorm arose during the passage across the Lake and that the steamer was driven upon the treacherous reefs of Isle Royal at four o'clock on Sunday morning and dashed to pieces on the rocky reefs. The unfortunate passengers, who were in bed at the time of the dreadful occurrence, were untimely taken and ushered into eternity without time being allowed to attempt their escape, and perhaps not even a moment to make peace with their creator. This is sad, and the scene at this juncture is said to beggar description, the despairing shrieks of men, women and children being heard above the roar of the raging sea. What a plaintive scene! It is not our intention here to sit in judgment and pass sentence on the commanding officer of the ill-fated steamer, who must be an efficient officer, in view of the position he held, at least until a full and authentic statement of the frightful catastrophe comes from the proper source. But we declare that the conduct of the chief officer, under the circumstances, appears strange. There is a law, well understood by mariners, compelling them to "heave to," in case of fog, storm, &c., at least this is the case on the Atlantic, and had the captain acted according to this usage, and not attempted to pilot his boat to port through an impenetrable storm, this distressing calamity, in all probability, would have been avoided. We are not aware whether this very necessary proviso is embodied in the nautical laws governing the navigation of inland seas, but it certainly goes without showing that it applies with equal force in both cases. It also appears that marine insurance risks are closed at this time of the year, which makes it extremely doubtful whether the steamer was not running in an unpropitious and dangerous season. It is to be hoped, however that Capt. Moore will clear himself of all blame for it would be serious for him if it were shown that through his negligence these forty-seven people met a sudden and unprovided death. We hope not.

CARDINAL NEWMAN.

The entire October number of the English Catholic monthly "Merry England" was devoted to Cardinal Newman as a Catholic. It consisted mainly of a selection of his own letters—the truest biography. Some gleanings from this work will not fail to be interesting to our numerous readers, among whom we are aware there are some who, humanly speaking, owe to this great and saintly priest the grace of their conversion to the true faith. He was born on the 21st February, 1801. From 1824 to 1843 he was an active minister of the Established Church of England. On the 9th October, 1845, he was received in the Catholic Church. Here is his letter of "good-bye," written to a number of friends the night before:—

"I am this night, expecting Father Dominic, the Passionist. . . . He has had little to do with conversions. I saw him here for a few minutes on St. John Baptist's Day last year. He is a simple, holy man, and withal gifted with remarkable powers. He does not know of my intention; but I mean to ask of him admission into the one Fold of Christ."

In October, 1846, he was ordained priest, and in 1879 he was created a Cardinal Deacon of the Holy Roman Church by Pope Leo XIII. During the last half century there has perhaps not been a man who has merely personally exercised so wide and loving an influence among English speaking Catholics as Cardinal Newman. Of the many who have returned to the one fold a large proportion, humanly speaking, owe their conversion to the influence of his writings and his life. The effect of his conversion upon the Established Church was incalculable. Anxious Anglicans and unscrupulous journalistic caterers of any creed have frequently started the report that he was meditating a return to the Church of England and the same charge is kept repeated up to date. A very character-

istic letter, written in 1862, deals with a report to this effect thus: "I have not had one moment's wavering of trust in the Catholic Church ever since I was received into her fold. I hold, and ever have held, that her Sovereign Pontiff is the centre of unity and the Vicar of Christ; and I have ever had, and have still, an unclouded faith in her creed in all its articles; a supreme satisfaction in her worship, discipline and teaching; and an eager longing and a hope against hope that the many dear friends whom I have left in Protestantism may be partakers of my happiness.

This being my state of mind, to add, as I hereby go on to do, that I have no intention of leaving the Catholic Church and becoming a Protestant again, would be superfluous, except that Protestants are always on the look out for some loophole or evasion in a Catholic's statement of fact. Therefore, in order to give them full satisfaction, if I can, I do hereby profess "ex animo," with an absolute internal assent and consent, that Protestantism is the dreariest of possible religions, that the thought of the Anglican services makes me shiver, and the thought of the thirty-nine articles makes me shudder. Return to the Church of England! No! 'The net is broken and we are delivered.' I should be a consummate fool (to use a mild term) if in my old age I left 'the land flowing with milk and honey' for the city of confusion and the house of bondage."

A silly and ignorant writer in a late issue of "The Week," like many another of his kind before, has something to say of Cardinal Newman's "hatred" of the doctrine of "Papal Infallibility," which was formally defined by the Vatican Council in 1870. A letter written to a newspaper in 1872 is upon this subject: "If I could say much and quote much from what I have written, in comment upon this nasty view of me. But, not to take up too much of your room, I will, in order to pluck it up, 'by the very roots' (to use your correspondent's own expression) quote one out of various passages, in which, long before the Vatican Council was dreamed of, at least by me, I enunciated absolutely the doctrine of the Pope's infallibility. It is in my 'Discourses on University Education,' delivered in Dublin in 1852. It was as follows: 'Deeply do I feel, ever will I protest, for I can appeal to the ample testimony of history to bear me out, that, in questions of right and wrong, there is nothing really strong in the whole world, nothing decisive and operative, but the voice of him to whom have been committed the keys of the Kingdom and the oversight of Christ's flock. That voice is now, as it ever has been, a real authority, INFALLIBLE when it teaches, prosperous when it commands, ever taking the lead wisely and distinctly in its own province, adding certainty to what is certain. Before it speaks the most saintly may mistake; after it has spoken, the most gifted must obey.' He refers to other passages in his works dating from 1845.

The blamelessness—the saintliness of his life who will deny? The beauty and charm of his writings what educated man has not felt? and who, gentle or simple, does not know—if not the author—the words of his hymn—known the whole world over by Catholics and Protestants alike—"Lead Kindly Light"—the prayer used by so many amid mental struggles for light, which at length broke revealing the Holy City—the one Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church—and bringing "Peace through the Truth."

THE BANQUET.

The reception tendered to Sir P. A. Caron and the Hon. Thomas White on Tuesday last by the Liberal Conservative Association was a most fitting tribute to these honorable gentlemen, whose official records, it can certainly be said, are proof against aspersions; it would have been unbecoming on the part of the citizens of Winnipeg had they failed to recognize in a public manner the presence amongst us of these distinguished gentlemen. It certainly cannot be said to have been a party demonstration, inasmuch as the faces of many leading political opponents of the guests were conspicuous among the gathering. It was the fulfilment of a desire on the part of the people of this country to honor two gentlemen who, more than any others, have done so much to stimulate the material progress of the Northwest, and this their enemies as well as their friends will concede. Mr. White, in his position as Minister of the Interior, may be said to hold the destiny of this country in his hands and that it is his intention to do all that can be reasonably expected of him for the welfare of the Northwest he has abundantly shown during his official

sojourn in the country. He has traversed the country unattended by any political link-boys who might be accused of accompanying the Minister for the purpose of removing any snags—such as dissatisfied settlers or disaffected half-breeds—that might impede his march. He went single-handed and alone and learned by personal and critical observation what are the wants and grievances of the country—and that we have just complaints to make the best friends of the Government will admit—it is impossible that a government, which is human, should govern this vast and newly acquired territory without committing blunders—but that these wants will be speedily supplied we have every confidence; and that the Government is fully desirous that nothing over which it has control shall militate against the development of the Northwest will be admitted by all—excepting those who place party before country.

In honoring Sir P. A. Caron, Minister of Militia, mere political friendship cannot surely be assigned as the prime motive. To this gentleman more than any other person, is due the thanks and gratitude—not merely of the people of the Northwest—but of the whole Dominion for the speedy and effective manner in which he as head of the Militia Department brought the recent and unfortunate outbreak, which threatened the very life of the country, to a close; and it is gratifying to Canadians to see that the supreme intelligence and skill which Mr. Caron displayed during the lamentable emeute has been duly recognized by the Queen in conferring upon him the knighthood; and, therefore, in a special manner, is Mr. Caron deserving of the enthusiastic reception which he met with at the hands of the people of Winnipeg.

SMALL POX RETURNS.

It now appears that the Montreal "Herald," which makes a specialty of smallpox statistics, makes up its returns in a very equivocal and ambiguous manner, which is very suggestive of a desire on the part of that paper to give a false impression as to the true character of the matter. We have it from that excellent paper the "True Witness," that while the "Herald" gives the names, addresses and ages of the dead for a week past, it omits to call attention to the remarkable fact that the list which it published the other day, and which shows a total of 255 deaths, contains the names of only "Nine Persons Who Were Over Twenty-one Years," and only six above ten years. The majority of the dead are, as we pointed out last week, children of tender years. The fact may be saddening, but it is a noteworthy one and seems to indicate that adults have a certain amount of immunity from the disease. At the same time it is a peculiar circumstance that of the seven persons who died of the disease and were buried in Protestant cemetery, five were adults of twenty-one years and upwards. It is right in the publication of statistics of this character that they should be given in a plain and fair manner, and not in a way to suggest falsehood by suppressing or glossing over what is really a singular truth in connection with the matter.

NAILED.

That excellent paper the "Irish Canadian" is dealing most effectively with the cry of those abyssal bigots who charge the Government with currying favor with Catholics and of bestowing undue patronage upon them. Our esteemed contemporary gives an array of figures which proves beyond peradventure that the Catholics of Ontario are suffering a great injustice at the hands of the Government in the matter of gubernatorial emolument—in a representative sense. How that tergiversator, the "Orange Sentinel," is going to get out of the corner in which the "Irish Canadian" has now got it is difficult to imagine, unless by means of a prodigious acrobatic feat; for the "Yellow Boy" has proved itself before, when brought to bay by the fearless and telling arguments of the "Canadian," a contortionist of distinction. But our old friend Bro. Boyle has scored a "bull's eye" this time.

Let there be in every man's life a time for silence and for holding his tongue, of keeping it back, like David, even from good words, even though it be pain and grief to him.

That my client was driven to commit the offence from sheer necessity is plainly seen in the fact that he only took the trifling amount of cash which was in the drawer whilst leaving untouched the pocket-book, with notes to the value of £200, which was lying close by.—Judge: "Prisoner at the bar—But what are you crying for?"—Prisoner (sobbingly): 'Because I didn't see the pocket-book!'

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