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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- WEDNESDAY, Oct. 9, St. Louis Bertrand, THURSDAY, Oct. 10, St. Francis Borgia, FRIDAY, Oct. 11, St. Tarachus and Companions, SATURDAY, Oct. 12, St. Wilfrid, SUNDAY, Oct. 13, St. Edward, MONDAY, Oct. 14, St. Callistus, TUESDAY, Oct. 15, St. Teresa, WEDNESDAY, Oct. 16, St. Gall.

Catholic Education.

Amongst the many evidences of Catholic progress in the Dominion, none is more reassuring than the development of houses of education. In the Province of Quebec, our French Canadian patriots are well provided with classical colleges; and commercial and scientific training has made rapid progress under the auspices of the Christian Brothers and the Catholic Commissioners.

Fanatics.

The honors of the season in the field of fanaticism are divided between Dalton McCarthy and Mr. Charlton, M.P.'s. The redoubtable Colonel O'Brien secured the greatest amount of o'bering at the recent meeting in Toronto, but he has to look for to his laurels, or Attorney-General Martin of Manitoba will snatch them from his brow.

Protestant laymen of any note are connected with the movement, and it is safe to say they will continue to give it a wide berth in the future.

Hon. Mr. Laurier.

The leader of the Canadian Parliament Opposition has been making a partial tour through Ontario, speaking on the topics of the day, and preparing the way for his acceptance by the people of the sister province, who believe in Canadian liberalism, as the successor of Hon. Mr. Blake.

Next week we begin the publication of a new serial in the TRUE WITNESS. It is of absorbing interest and possesses both literary and moral qualities to a high degree. Everyone should read it.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

Statement of Accounts for the Past Financial Year.

The financial report of the Roman Catholic School Commissioners for the city of Montreal for the year ending 30th June last shows total receipts of \$175,528 and expenditures \$20,058 less.

Table with columns: SCHOOLS, Expenses, No. Pupils, No. Professors. Lists various schools like Plateau Commercial Academy, Montclair, etc.

The school fees of the Plateau academy amounted to \$5,885, and the total revenue to \$7,287.

Dr. Kane, Grand Master of the Orangemen in Belfast, has "warned" the Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour that he will alienate the Orangemen if he proposes any further endowment of Catholic institutions in Ireland.

ST. PATRICK'S BAZAAR.

A Long Talked of Event Brought to a Successful Issue—The Opening Angars Well.

Anyone visiting the Victoria Rifles' armory Monday afternoon would have almost thought it impossible that the much talked of bazaar, in connection with St. Patrick's church, could be opened, as announced, in the evening.

Grand Demonstration at Masson. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, accompanied by Rev. Father Campaux, arrived at Masson, Buckingham Junction, by the C.P.E. on Saturday, Sept. 29th, and was received by the Rev. Father Maugin, pastor of the new parish.

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A very interesting ceremony was performed in St. Patrick's Church on the 9th ult. by Rev. Father Dowd, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. P. Carling to Miss Sarah Murphy.

Sir William Tisdall Robertson committed suicide at Brighton Sunday by cutting his throat when in a fit of insanity. The deceased represented Brighton in the House of Commons. He was blind and served on the Royal Commission for inquiring into the condition of the blind.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Interesting Items Gleaned from all Quarters of the Globe.

More than a third of the people in Germany are Catholics. The Catholics of Europe make up half the population of that continent.

In the East Indies there are nearly a million and three quarters Catholics. There are 150,000 members in the Total Abstinence Union of America.

The League of the Sacred Heart claims a membership of 20,000,000 men and boys. Cardinal Allmonda, Archbishop of Turin, has baptized one son of the Duc d'Aosta.

About one-fifth of the population of the United States belong to the Catholic Church. The French-Canadians in New England are now said to number half a million souls.

The Most Rev. George Portar, S.J., the Catholic Archbishop of Bombay, India, is dead. Of the 1,400,000,000 of people in the world, about 285,000,000 belong to the Catholic Church.

A priest was maltreated in Crete, and the Governor of Rethymno was dismissed in consequence. Mgr. Galimberti, the Nuncio at Vienna, has consecrated a splendid Catholic Church at Sarajavo.

Mgr. Popel, the Catholic Archbishop of Vienna, will be translated to the vacant See of Mohilow. At the Orientalist Congress at Stockholm Father Decary, an Italian Jesuit, represented the Propaganda.

The crank who assailed Signor Crispi in the streets of Rome was promptly arrested by a Catholic priest. The envoy of Venezuela at the Vatican is negotiating a Concordat between the Republic and the Holy See.

Father Niesser, the Superior of the Barnabite House at Perugia, has been selected Superior-General of the Order. A Catholic home for working girls has been opened in San Francisco under the name of "The Girls' Directory."

The death is reported of Mgr. Alexander Guintov-Dziewialkowski, the Catholic Archbishop of Mohilew, in Russia. When Bishop Carroll was consecrated, in 1790, the whole United States contained not quite 4,000,000 inhabitants.

Mr. Silvester Johnston, who died at Louisville, Ky., has bequeathed \$10,000 to the American Catholic university. The Congress of the Catholics of Baden, held last Sunday at Friburg, was a great success. Over 2,000 persons were present.

Mr. George Wilson has taken the contract to build a Catholic church at Gananoque for \$25,000, and \$10,000 extra for the tower. The Sisters of Mercy are spreading rapidly in Australia. Their last foundation is at Kypetop, archdiocese of Melbourne, Victoria.

There are 7,000 Catholic priests in the United States. Scarcely seventy of these figure in the Catholic total abstinence movement. Father Angelucci, of the Servites of Mary, has proposed the erection of a monument in Rome to Christopher Columbus in 1892.

The German Catholic Congress recently held in Westphalia adopted the platform: Moderate use of liquors, no late visiting saloons, no treating. In England the two dioceses of Liverpool and Salford contain about 500,000 Catholics, or one-third of the entire Catholic population of the country.

Prince Bismarck has charged Herr Schopfer to inform the Pope that Italy's allies would consider the Quirinal to respect the Vatican's wishes. Since the erection of Ballarat, Vic, into a separate diocese, \$7,000 has been expended for the educational wants of the Catholic community.

The Jesuit Fathers Drummond, of Winnipeg, and Connolly, of Montreal, will shortly open a three weeks' mission in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton. Rev. F. McGaffey, assistant vicar apostolic of Cape Town, Africa, has been the guest of Rev. Father Wheeler, of Our Lady of Help Church, Detroit, Mich.

The Rev. Father Kenelm Vaughan has returned from Rome, with the first approbation of the Congregation of Expiation, established at Chelsea, England. A course of ecclesiastical history for the advanced students has been inaugurated under the direction of Rev. President Walsh in Notre Dame University, Indiana.

Upwards of \$18,000 have been expended in the Monaco district, New South Wales, during the past twelve years in the interests of Catholic education and religion. There are nine missionaries now at Molokai. They are the Rev. Fathers Wendolin and Conrardy, Brothers James and Joseph, laymen, and five Franciscan Sisters of Charity.

We regret to learn that Rev. Father O'Connell, P. P. of Ennismore, is seriously ill. We wish him speedily to recover, and we are pleased to learn that his recovery is expected. The Catholic Times, of Wallington, announces the acceptance into the Church of Mr. W. A. Gordon, Macpherson, M.A., Edinburgh University, who is travelling in New Zealand.

A cablegram states that the Pope had addressed a protest to the French Government against their action in prohibiting the bishops and clergy from taking part in the elections. A handsome tower is being erected on St. James' Church at Kouchibouguet, N. B. Rev. Father Patenaude is the pastor. A new church is also being erected at Cocagne in the same province.

Rev. Father Nugent, the able editor of that admirable Catholic journal, the Liverpool Catholic Times, will be among the distinguished origin guests during the coming Catholic centennial celebration in Baltimore. The Very Rev. Father Lacroix, the Superior of the Spanish missionaries in Morocco, has arrived at Madrid, where he is discussing with the Ministers the question of the relations between the Sultan and the Spanish Government.

The newly established Catholic University at Fribourg, Switzerland, is to be opened in November. Professors from all countries have been engaged to give instruction in their respective languages. The Portuguese Government has authorized the establishment of a Catholic mission, having for its object the founding of churches and schools, the colonization of the district and the suppression of the slave trade.

The Catholic religion has spread very rapidly through Nebraska. The State is chiefly agricultural one. Its fertility is almost incalculable. Many of the finest farming portions are settled by Irish families. These settlers must have priests and schools. Among the witnesses just taken from Assouan to Cairo in an Italian woman, Marietta Cavalotti, who comes from Kordofan, and brings word that the nuns, Sisters Teresa, Elizabeths, Conetta, Caterina, and Maria, and the two priests Fathers Paolo and Giuseppe, are at Khartoum.

Archbishop Setcoli, Rector of the Ecclesiastical Academy, whose early departure for the United States to celebrate the centenary of the Catholic hierarchy in America has been announced, will also represent the Pope at the opening of the new Catholic University in Washington. In China there are about twenty-eight Catholic Bishops, over five hundred native priests,

and over a million and a quarter native Chinese Catholics. Every year the Chinese are receiving a large increase to the number of converts in China. The Catholic Church is progressing in Japan also. Kansas City already covers nearly eighteen square miles. It is the intention of the Bishop to have a church to every square mile, and there are now fourteen Catholic churches, and several others in contemplation. As the churches are mostly in the centre of their respective parishes, no one is far from a church.

M. Jules Simon appeals for subscriptions to be sent to him at 25 Rue de Richelieu, Paris, in aid of the National League against Atheism. The money is to be expended in the printing and distribution of pamphlets combating Atheism, Anarchy and Social Disorganization, and defending morality and religion.

There are in the Diocese of Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., forty-four communities of nuns, almost all introduced by Right Rev. Bishop Hogan. The most zealous Prelate has also brought into his diocese the Order of the Most Holy Rosary, Benedictines, Christian Brothers and several other orders of Original men.

The Archbishop of Quebec is not only the oldest in America but is the most overwhelmingly Catholic of any on this continent. There are only 18,000 Protestants in the territory constituting this diocese, to a total population of 330,000. There is an extremely small percentage of crime and scarcely any drunkenness.

According to the account of Catholic missions just published by the Propaganda press there are in Ireland 3,729,457 Catholics; 2,647 churches and 3,251 priests. In England the Catholic population is 1,353,465, with 1,261 churches and 2,840 priests. In Scotland there are 308,643 Catholics; 235 churches and 323 priests.

Cothe M. Emily Power, O.S.D., so many years Superior of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic, formerly the Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, has been unanimously elected Mother-General of the Congregation at the Chapter-General, which opened on August 10, at the Mother-house, Convent of St. Clara, Sinsinawa, Mount Wisconsin.

The new Italian Penal code consists of over four hundred articles, divided into three books, of which the only important ones are those which refer to the clergy and the Church. These are intended to muzzle effectively the mouths of priests and bishops, and because of their sacerdotal powers deprive them of their rights as men and citizens. It will go into effect on the first day of next January.

A colony of Sisters of Charity will shortly start from New York to begin work among the natives of the Bahamas. Sister Marie Doloris, formerly Miss Van Kenesetter, of New York, will be in charge of the mission. Eight or ten of the Sisters of Charity of the Foundling Asylum will accompany her, and their work will be to better the condition of the poor negroes by teaching the young and nursing the sick.

The French Euvre des Ecoles Libres was founded ten years ago to maintain religious schools for the poor, in opposition to the secular schools supported by the Government. Since its foundation it has collected and expended nearly two millions of francs. Last year it had 75,000 children in its schools. Its chief directors are the Duc de Broglie, M. de Ohsenlog, and the Abbe de Courcy, the Vicar-General of Paris.

We believe we are justified, says the Irish Catholic, of Dublin, in giving the fullest possible contradiction to the rumors which have been circulated as to Papal interference relative to the University question, and declaring them to be altogether unfounded. Any influence which has been brought to bear on the Ministry has been strictly argumentative and Irish. The case made out by the bishops in their recent resolutions was too strong even for the obtuseness and bigotry of the Tories.

The annual spiritual retreat of the Plateau Academy students terminated Friday morning, when about three hundred and thirty approached the Most Holy table. His Grace Archbishop Fabre officiated, assisted by Rev. Abbe Larin, Germain and other reverend gentlemen. His Grace made some very pathetic remarks showing the wisdom and necessity of faithfully serving Almighty God from the earliest years of childhood in order to grow up devoted Christians and to become honorably and worthy citizens.

The Weekly Register of London says of the Empress-Mother of Germany, Auguste, about whose alleged conversion to the Catholic Church so many rumors have been afloat, that she is undoubtedly more and more interested in Catholic charities and devotions. She has never loved Lutheran ways. When her health permitted she attend the Anglican services in German towns. Since she has been so great a sufferer, she is nursed by Catholic nuns. Her few visits are paid to the Salesian, or Visitation Nuns in their convent at Coblenz.

An apostate priest who gained a sad celebrity by renouncing his title as a priest and preaching rationalism in Italy, Signor Antonio Franchi, has been touched by grace, and has re-entered the Church. He prepared himself for the great step by the publication of a work entitled "Utilitarian Criticism. It is an exposure and an apologetic justification of Catholic doctrine. In the Oblates' House he received Holy Communion after forty years of apostasy. He has made a retreat, and is about to visit Genoa in order to place his formal retraction in the hands of the Archbishop.

In a recent number of M. Moniteur de Rome we find the following on Catholicity in the United States. The editor says: "It is a century since the United States proclaimed their independence. At that time the country counted 30,000 Catholics, out of a population of 4,000,000 souls. To-day the statistics show that there are 3,157,676 Catholics in a total population of 64,000,000. Catholics are then one eighth of the total population of the United States; and in New England, the land of the Puritans, Catholicism forms a fourth of the population. In Massachusetts the number of Catholics equal two-fifths of the total population." The Moniteur then notes the history of the Church in New England in which Catholicity has grown so wonderfully.

Ferne' and the Defence League. LONDON, October 6.—Mr. Parnell has written to Mr. Sexton asking him to act as representative at the convention on the opening of the new Tenants' Defence League in Tipperary, and to lay his views before the convention. He says his health will not permit him to cross the channel. He advises that the movement be limited to defensive action. He says special regard must be paid to these points:—First, the duty of protecting tenants against the landlords' conspiracy, thus ensuring to the tenants the benefits which Parliament intended. Second, the assertion of the rights of freedom of speech and of public meeting. Third, a vindication of the tenants to the same facilities for combining and organizing that have been secured to English workmen by trades-union arrangements.

Summary Gleaned. VANCOUVER, B. C., October 7.—The Canadian Pacific steamer brings mail intelligence from Sarawak, the British colony in Borneo, that summary vengeance has been meted out to a Chinese secret society which recently decreed death to all non-members. This society was the Ghas Sin, notorious in China for lawless deeds. It gained great strength within the last few years in Sarawak, and all arrangements had been made to take vengeance on the Chinese who refuse to recognize its authority. Luckily Rajah Brooke, son of the famous rajah who established British supremacy in the straits learned of the conspiracy, and in a sudden attack upon the society's quarters secured documents which led to the arrest of about fifty leading members.

Six were condemned to death and eleven to be flogged, and after imprisonment permanently exiled. On August 12th the six condemned to death were taken out in a small steamer, blindfolded, bound and shot, their bodies being cast in the river. About a score of the society were killed and others flogged and branding, if they will not reveal further secrets of the order. This is the same society which almost compassed the murder of the first Rajah Brooke, and all the foreigners in Sarawak a generation ago. Several hundred were then hanged or shot and the society was wiped out. A branch of this society exists in San Francisco, and its members are among the most desperate of the highlanders.

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CELTIC LITERATURE.

No. 2.

BEN ROBBIN.

BY HENRY KAVANAGH, SENIOR.

A reminiscence, as told by Oslan, in his eighties old age, to St. Patrick, written down from the recital of a Shepherd in Mayo, Mr. Macardian, a translation of which, with the original text, will be found in his Irish Minstrelsy.

Thou art sad, oh Ben Robbin, a cloud's on thy brow, And thy calm looks of beauty are changed to us now. In past times, Son of Alphon, 'twas pleasant to me On its heath-covered sides, my companions to see.

Groups of dogs and gay hunters met there in the morn, To the soul-stirring music of hound and of horn; On its top rose a tower where a chieftain once dwelt, And his spear in mock combats was often there felt.

In the gloaming the heron was frequently heard, Or the whir of a grouse and the song of a bird; Oh, 'twas cheering to hear the sweet bay of the hounds, Whilst the endless wild echoes repeated the sounds.

All the heroes of Finn there prepared for the chase, And the fagots were brought by fair maids of our race, In the two crooks, the grasses green, o'er the grass flowers grew, Blossoms sweet to each sense mixed with fruit of each hue.

There would wander so lonely, with light-waving curls, And their voices harmonious, wild beautiful now. We could hear eagles scream from the peaks of the rocks, And the growls of the otter and barks of the fox.

And then calmly we'd listen at blackbird and thrush Warbled light notes of love from a tree or a bush, I can tell thee, O! Patrick, this hill was most fair When the seven fine bands of our heroes were there.

Thou art sad, oh, Ben Robbin! a cloud's on thy brow, And thine aspects of beauty are changed to me now. Since I'm lonely and hoary and left without sight, 'Tis a sorrowful story—and friends few to-night.

NOTES.

A beautiful hill in Sligo. The name of St. Patrick's father, by some writers called Calpurnius, is given as "Son of the rock." The General of the Ancient Irish Militia. Dry branches tied in bundles, &c.

GRAND RELIGIOUS CEREMONY. To Celebrate the Amalgamation of Laval and Victoria Medical Faculties.

The Rev. Curé Sentenne announced to a large congregation, at grand mass on Sunday last, that a grand religious demonstration would take place in the Church of Notre Dame on Sunday next, on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Montreal Catholic university formed by the amalgamation of the Victoria and Laval medical schools. Archbishop Fabre will preside, occupying the throne in full pontifical; Bishop Moreau, of St. Hyacinthe, will officiate, and Bishop K-cine, of Sherbrooke, will preach a sermon. Mass will commence at 10 a.m., and the professors of the university vested in their robes of office will occupy seats in front of the altar.

The rev. curé referred to the event as a most important one in the history of the young ecclesiastical Province of Montreal, and one showing the deep interest taken by Pope Leo XIII. in the welfare of his people. Their separated brethren, he said, had strong and powerful universities, but the system had simply been copied by them, as all the great universities had been first created by the Catholic Church, especially in the middle ages, which prejudiced minds were pleased to call days of barbarism. The great universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Aberdeen were of Catholic institution. He would be glad to congratulate all those who, with a spirit of patriotism, conciliation and sacrifice had brought on the happy result for Montreal, but this was not the proper time.

Father Sentenne also announced that the usual procession of the month of October, in honor of the rosary, would take place on Sunday afternoon next.

The Curse of Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, October 7.—The sixtieth general semi-annual conference of the Mormon church began yesterday. Wilfred Woodruff, president of the church, presided, and George Cannon, of the first presidency, was present. There were present five of the twelve apostles of the church and a large number of other high church officials. President Woodruff in his address said the Mormon church had been established by God, and no power on earth could stay its progress. All the revelations given to the Saints, including the one about polygamy, came direct from God. It gained great strength within the last few years in Sarawak, and all arrangements had been made to take vengeance on the Chinese who refuse to recognize its authority. Luckily Rajah Brooke, son of the famous rajah who established British supremacy in the straits learned of the conspiracy, and in a sudden attack upon the society's quarters secured documents which led to the arrest of about fifty leading members.

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