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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

JANUARY.

- 22—Third Sunday after Epiphany. Feast of the Holy Family.
- 23. Monday—Espousals of the Blessed Virgin.
- 24, Tuesday—St. Timothy, B.M.
- 25, Wednesday—Conversion of St. Paul.
- 26, Thursday—St. Polycarp, B. M.
- 27, Friday—St. John Chrysostom, B. Conf.
- 28, Saturday—Votive office of the Immaculate Conception.

BRIEFLETS.

Rev. Father Lacasse, O. M. I., is preaching a mission in Father Turcotte's parish, St. Felix.

A report of Rev. Father Drummond's sermon on "The Confessional" will appear in our next.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface went last Friday to Qu'Appelle, where he is to remain ten days.

The Hon. Charles Russell, son of the Lord Chief Justice, is, it is stated, being urged by the Nationalists of Derry to become a candidate for the representation of the city.

As we expected, our old friend the editor of the *Rock* has discovered that the Jesuits were at the bottom of Sir William Harcourt's resignation. — *Liverpool Catholic Times.*

The Bishop of Menevia has written to the British press that the marriage of Adelina Patti, which will take place at Craig-y-Nos Castle on January 25th, will be none other than a Catholic ceremony.

Rev. Father Fitzpatrick has preached an Advent course of sermons in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Place de la Croix de Marbre, Nice, which is served by the Oblate Fathers. He is getting up a Catholic lending library of English books.

A Yorkshire solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature has written a long letter to the *Tablet* and the *Liverpool Catholic Times* protesting as a loyal Englishman, as Father Fallon, O.M.I., did lately in Ottawa, against the anti-Popery declaration in the coronation oath.

On Thursday evening the Newman Literary Guild met in St. Mary's school-room, with Mr. Golden in the chair. After the routine business had been dispensed with, it was decided that in future the regular weekly meetings would be held on Monday at 8 p. m., instead of as in former years, on Friday evenings. As there was no further business specially to be dealt with, friendly discussions took place which wound up with Rev. Father McCarthy giving a

few reminiscences of the early days in this city. He being the first parish priest of Winnipeg the society thought it very appropriate to have him inaugurate the lectures that henceforward will be delivered at each meeting. He kindly consented, and on Monday evening next he will lecture on his trip to and through Ireland.

Lady Cotton, widow of Admiral Cotton, who died at Bombay in 1894, has been received into the Church in Rome. The Very Rev. Father Flemming delivered an address on the occasion, announcing that the Holy Father had sent the convert a special blessing and a silver medal.

A regular January thaw, with some rain and snow, last week.

The population of Ottawa on September 30, 1898, was, according to the recently published report of the city assessors, 55,386.

The Mother Provincial of the Holy Name nuns returned last Friday from Montreal, accompanied by Sister Callista, an American.

We are glad to hear that Mayor Andrews, who at first suffered much from a broken arm, is well enough to go out, and has, with characteristic pluck, taken advantage of the accident to acquire considerable skill in writing with his left hand.

Provincial Librarian Robertson states that the coldest weather recorded here was on Christmas Day, 1879, when the government thermometer at Winnipeg registered 59 degrees below zero. The Hudson's Bay records, going back to 1825, showed that this was the coldest day by three degrees.

Branch No. 52, C.M.B.A., has secured Unity hall, in the Osler, Hammond and Nanton block, corner of Main and Lombard streets, for the purpose of holding their meetings. The first meeting will be held on the first Wednesday in February, at 8 p. m., and it is hoped that all the members will be present on that night, as business of great importance to the membership will come up. Brethren of sister branches are cordially invited. Many visitors will be present.

St. Mary's Court No. 276, Catholic Order of Foresters, held its annual meeting Wednesday evening, when officers for the year were elected as follows: U. R.—T. Jobin, V. C. R.—K. McDonald, Treas.—Geo. Germain, R. S.—F. W. Russell, F. S.—H. A. Russell; Trustees—L. O. Genest, P. Marrin and R. Murphy, Representative—F. Jobin, Alternate—R. Murphy.

The installations afterwards took place under the directions of Mr. F. W. Russell, D.D., H.C.R. The reports read showed a fairly successful year. The court now occupies quarters in the Osler, Hammond and Nanton building.

ROSE LEAVES GATHERED AT STE. ROSE.

Did you say roses are out of season? Oh no! roses are never out of season. There are frail, white blossoms in my own land which tremble into life about Xmas-time and with which we decorate our altars, these we call Xmas roses. Like roses love and kindness and charity are never out of season, sometimes perhaps they are out of fashion, but as even in fashion there is nothing new under the sun their turn comes round, they always get a good one in, at this time of the year.

When we were little children

we made a short rhyme for Xmas, it ran thus:—
 In a manger-crib a baby was laid,
 His mother was watching o'er Him;
 The shepherds left their flock by night;
 And the wise men came to adore Him
 They opened their gifts, gold, frankincense and MIRTH
 And declared that it was Our Saviour's birth.

In those days we knew what mirth was, but not myrrh, which signifies bitterness; in any case, we could have found nothing to rhyme with it, no one, ever yet, has been able to find a rhyme that will go well with it, let alone children, so averse are we to suffering.

About this time we were told a story of a French lady who lived near a convent where the nuns were very poor. It was bitter cold weather and Mme la Marquise shivered as she waited for her footman to re-light the fire which had gone out during her drive "Go presently, Gustave," she said to him, "and take a load of wood to the poor nuns next door, they must be cold." The fire blazed up brightly and Madame shivered no longer.

Gustave had hardly left the room when she rang the bell to summon him back. "Never mind about the nuns, it is warm now," she said to him. This little story (which by the way exemplifies charity) explained to us more than a dozen homilies would have done, why the poor are so good to the poor, it is the personal pinch.

The Ste. Rose correspondent has been given to understand, it has been said of him (correspondents are always masculine, genius having no gender): "The little wit he possesses is due to his living in a place that has such a poetical name." He thinks in all probability the remark is just, but in order to test it, invites all such cavillers to come up and see what change of air will do for them.



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