

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- NOVEMBER.
- 19—Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. Octave of the Dedication of the churches.
 - 20, Monday—St. Felix de Valois, Conf.
 - 21, Tuesday—Presentation of Our Blessed Lady.
 - 22, Wednesday—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.
 - 23, Thursday—St. Clement, Pope and Martyr.
 - 22, Friday—St. John of the Cross, Conf.
 - 25, Saturday—St. Catharine, Virgin and Martyr.

BRIEFLETS.

Rev. Father William Kulawy, O. M. I., will return this week.

The long-expected bells for the Church of the Immaculate Conception have arrived in Winnipeg.

We had our first appreciable fall of snow last Friday morning; but "the beautiful" is fast disappearing.

Rev. Father Béliveau preached the annual retreat to the girls of the Hospice Taché and the Mother House from Thursday last to yesterday morning, feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka.

Rev. Father Damiano Poliska, a Galician priest of the Ruthenian rite, starts this week for the west where he will visit his fellow countrymen. He will return to Winnipeg before long.

A beautiful work of charity is the home for feeble-minded girls recently opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth, Kalamazoo Co., Michigan. Hitherto there has been, in the United States, no asylum under Catholic auspices for this class of unfortunates.

People are eagerly looking forward to the forthcoming "Memoirs of the Past," by Mr. C. Kegan Paul, who was first an Anglican parson, then completely lost faith in Christianity, flattered among Agnostics and was finally converted to the Catholic faith immediately after Cardinal Newman's death.

Mgr. de Goesbriand, Bishop of Burlington, the oldest Bishop in the United States, is dead at the age of 83. This leaves Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, the senior bishop in the U. S. and Canada, as he was consecrated May 3, 1857, while Mgr. Grandin, the senior Canadian bishop, was "elected" Dec. 11, 1857.

Rev. Father A. J. Van Heertum, of the Premonstratensian Order, accompanied by a lay-brother, arrived last Friday from West De Pere, Wis., and left the same day for Regina, where he will take charge of the parish. The Very Rev. Father Pennings, superior of the Order, accompanied them as far as Regina, returning the day before yesterday to West De Pere.

Lieut. Gallwey, of the Natal Volunteers, who was reported missing after the fight near Ladysmith on the 13th, is the son of Sir Michael Gallwey, chief justice of Natal. Sir Michael is an Irishman, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1853. He went on the Munster circuit for some time, but subsequently left for Natal, where he was attorney-general from 1857 to 1890, when he was appointed chief justice. —Catholic Times.

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To the Editor of The Tablet.

Sir—One sometimes hears the objection raised that Catholic lectures and kindred methods of bringing the faith before the people do more harm than good, by reason of the flood of lying and unsavoury opposition they evoke in the shape of so-called "reply" lectures. To those inclined to this view the following incident which has lately come within my own knowledge, may be some consolation: A course of Catholic lectures in a certain district was followed by the usual incursion of Protestant champions of the most approved and up-to-date type. "Hideous revelations," "instruments of torture," and the whole Protestant chamber of horrors thrilled the neighbourhood and made even some Catholics sadly shake their heads. The only individual apparently unmoved was the local reporter, who manfully stuck to his post, recording the ravings of the escaped monks, rescued nuns, and their charming companions with an accuracy and patience commanding the admiration and respect of all parties. At the close of the Protestant campaign the reporter appeared at the Catholic presbytery demanding instruction. He was instructed and duly received into the Church. Highly elated, the organizers of the Catholic lectures eagerly inquired of the new convert to what he attributed his conversion. To their surprise the reply they received was that the happy event was due to the effect upon him of the Protestant lectures.

Yours faithfully,
LISTER DRUMMOND.
3, Essex Court, Temple, Oct. 10, 1899.

TRUE MISSIONARIES.

"But why does not the Bishop obtain more priests?" asked Renée.

Father Gérard shrugged his shoulders. "The Bishop has tried to do so," he answered; "but we are very poor down here, and he cannot secure any volunteers in the seminaries. The candidates for ordination are loth to come to a country where the Church is purely on a missionary footing; where Catholics are few and scattered; where there are no churches to speak of, no great functions and

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ceremonies, where there is no Catholic society; and where, above all, poverty is the invariable rule."

"But it seems to me" said Renée, with amazement, "that if they had the true apostolic spirit—or indeed any apostolic spirit at all—they would long to share in such work as this; for what are you doing but laying the foundation of the faith?"

"Yes," said the priest with a sigh. "It is necessary to pray that the Lord of the harvest may send laborers into His harvest, for we need them sorely. How many places I know where a mission could be established with such good results, but I have neither time nor strength to attempt it! Ah, after all there are no such missionaries as the French; and if we want—as we do want—men who have turned their backs on the world, and who desire only to win souls to God; who do not count hardship, and who laugh at poverty,—or rather who embrace it gladly, as the precious treasure which it is,—men of tender piety and heroic virtues, we must go to France to find them."—A New Comer at Clarendon, by Christian Reid, IX.

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