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4. The Ascension, at the four Seasons.
5. Nov. 1st. All Saints.
6. Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
7. Dec. 25th Christmas.

II. DAYS OF FAST.

1. The forty days of Lent.
 2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
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a. The first week in Lent.
b. Whitsun Week.
c. The third week in September.
 4. The third week in Advent.
5. The Vigils of
a. Whitsunday.
b. The Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul.
c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
d. All Saints.
e. Christmas.

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Fridays in Holy week.
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God is God! and, oh! to love Him With the deep love of the soul; None is worthier above Him, Let Him be our anxious goal.

Could we know His love for us, All the heart with love aflame, Love would sing a grander chorus, Sweet and endless, to His name.

Love God, then, oh! Christian dear, Love Him truly, love Him whole; He will shower, when He is near, Benedictions on thy soul— Benedictions that will ever shield thee from temptation's strife, That will leave thee never, never, Till you enter into Life.

Love, friend, is the master key, Take it, keep it, to thyling; 'Twill unlock the treasury Of the heart of God—thy King.

THE THOUGHT OF CHRIST IN HISTORY.

Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., Delivers an Able Sermon in St. Mary's.

Standing room was found last night in St. Mary's church with difficulty by many, and not at all by many more. The great attraction in addition to the usual chanting of vespers was a sermon by the Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., on the subject of "Jesus Christ in History," the text chosen being "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever." The eloquent orator held the close attention of the crowded audience while he spoke for about an hour and a half, clearly and forcibly presenting his arguments, showing the power of Christianity in the world from the earliest ages down to the present. He began with a brief reference to the recent parliament of religions in Chicago, saying that Catholics had no reason to regret that their American cardinal had put before the whole world on that occasion the special benefits that had accrued to mankind from the Catholic church. Still there was an unfortunate side to that gathering, in that it seemed to put on a footing of equality religions the most diverse and the most contradictory; and it might be that there remained in the minds of many a sort of vague anxiety lest there should result a sort of paganism that one belief was as good as another, provided there be sincerity. The preacher proceeded to show clearly that the unique character of the Christian religion; that it dated from the beginning of the human race; that until the coming of Christ it was mainly expectation of that coming; and since he came it has been adoration and complete devotion to His divine person, so that the thought of Christ bridges the whole history. There was nothing else like this, he went on to say, in the history of mankind. He contrasted with it the position and effects of Buddhism and Mahometanism, showing that they lacked the blessings of true Christian civilization. The history of the Jewish dispensation began with the dawn of all history. He found nothing in the great antiquity claimed for the Egyptians and Chaldeans contrary to the teaching of the Old Testament. The Catholic church had always held that there was no dogmatic chronology in the Bible. Theologians varied much as to the period between the creation and the coming of Christ, one reckoning 4,004, and another 5,900 years, and there was no reason why this limit should not be very much extended, if necessary. Some Catholic theologians said ten thousand years might be admitted, if necessary; then there was no difficulty in saying that the Jewish dispensation began with the very beginning of history. Father Drummond next dealt with the early prophecies of Christ, that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent, that in the seed of Abraham all the tribes of the earth should be blessed, that Christ should come when Judea had ceased to be independent. In the history of the Egyptians and other nations that had fallen into heathenism, he found that they had degenerated from monotheism. He traced the progress of the Jews and showed their position at the time of Christ, stating that they had given up a couple of hundred years before the idolatry into which they had previously from time to time fallen. In the writings of Tacitus, Suetonius, and Virgil he found words pointing to Christ. The harmony of Christ's teaching with the teaching of the Old Testament was dwelt upon; and the facts of his life, as related by his contemporaries, who gave their lives for his sake, were outlined. Reference was made to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem, as foretold, also to the wonders of history during the last 1900 years. The state of corruption in which the world was when Christ came was shown, and also the effects produced by the preaching by twelve men of Christ crucified. It was the cross of Christ that won men from idolatry, lust, and cruelty. Gibbon explained the conversion of the world as due to the zeal of the early Christians, their belief in the future state, their virtues, their ecclesiastical organization, and their claim to miraculous power. The speaker showed the inadequacy of these explanations, taking them up one by one. He attributed their success to the thought of Christ. This thought, he added, pervades all thorough Christians in the world. The triumph of the Catholic church had been most marvellous. For three hundred years it endured fearful persecution; and, though in the middle of the third century there were many apostasies of Christians who had been weakened by years of peace and comfort, yet at the end of that very century the constancy of the martyrs during the last and most terrible persecution was greater than ever before. Even

in this nineteenth century there have been many Catholic martyrs in Tonkin and in China. No one could write the history of the Catholic church who was not a Catholic, just as no one could write the history of England who was not an Englishman. One must be in the centre of the world's life to understand that life, and the centre of all things is the Catholic church, because it is the complete and integral revelation of Christ. Drawing a practical conclusion, Father Drummond said: "Fill yourselves with the thought of Christ. Read the Gospels; read the New Testament; read Catholic books of meditation."

Death of Sir John Abbott.

Sir Jno. Abbott, ex-premier of Canada, died at 9 o'clock on Monday evening. He had been in poor health for some months. His advanced age, being over 70, and poor health forced him to resign



the premiership, and he took a trip to Europe with the hope of gaining some of his old-time vigor. He was absent for over three months, but the trip did not do him any material benefit, and he returned home in a very enfeebled condition. Dr. Riddick and other prominent medical men who were called in, after consultation, decided that the patient was suffering from a species of cancer of the bowels and that an operation was imperative. This was performed a few weeks ago, but though it afforded relief it brought about no permanent cure, and Sir John gradually grew weaker day by day until death ended his sufferings on Monday. His end was peaceful, and he was surrounded in his last moments by all the members of his family. The funeral will take place here next Thursday afternoon, and the remains will be interred in Mount Royal cemetery. In politics Sir John Abbott was a High Tory. He was one of the signers of the famous annexationist manifesto of 1848. As father of the "Insolvency Act," he achieved a great reputation both as a lawyer and as a legislator. He took office as Premier on the death of Sir John Macdonald in 1891, but resigned in the fall of 1892, owing to ill health. The deceased Premier leaves behind him a reputation for honest statesmanship and fair dealing that will not soon be forgotten.

THE MAYOR OF CHICAGO SHOT.

A Disappointed Office Seeker Fires Three Bullets Into Him—Surrender of the Assassin.

Chicago was startled on Saturday night last by the news that Carter Harrison, five times mayor of Chicago, had fallen at the hands of an assassin. Later reports only confirm the sad intelligence. In brief, the circumstances are as follow:—Shortly before eight o'clock on Saturday night a man named Eugene Patrick Prendergast called at the residence of Mr. Harrison, on South Ashland boulevard, and solicited an interview. The mayor stepped into the hall and advanced towards his visitor, who, without saying a word, drew out a revolver and commenced to fire. His aim was only too true. The first bullet entered the lower right side of the abdomen, making a wound that would have been fatal after a few days, and a second shattered the left hand. The third bullet entered the chest slightly above the heart. This bullet was the immediate cause of death. As soon as Prendergast began to fire Harrison turned and walked rapidly towards the dining room. He walked through the door, across the dining room and passed into the butler's pantry opening of the room, where, stunned by the shock and weakened by the loss of blood he fell to the floor, death ensuing within twenty minutes. Prendergast did not follow up his victim or make any attempt to ascertain how deadly his aim had been. He placed his revolver in his pocket with the same deliberation that had marked all his actions, and started towards the door. The household was startled by the firing, and before the assassin could get clear the coachman arrived on the scene armed with a revolver, and fired twice at the murderer, but both bullets went wild. Prendergast made good his escape in the darkness, but twenty-five minutes afterwards gave himself up at the office of the Desplaines-street station. He readily avowed the crime, and stated that the mayor had acted with bad faith towards him, after promising to make him city counsel. The general impression is that the man is a crank. Lately he had been in the habit of writ-

ing threatening letters to persons holding important offices, and he seems to have had grievances against every person in authority. The affair is rendered all the more tragic by the fact that the deceased gentleman was to be married in two weeks to a young lady of New Orleans. His intended bride was in Chicago at the time preparing for her approaching nuptials. The deceased gentleman was in his sixty-eighth year, and will be buried to-day. The funeral will be one of the most imposing Chicago has ever witnessed.

THE BAZAAR.

The Noble Work in Aid of the Separate Schools Goes Merrily on.

The following valuable articles, among many others, have been received, since our last announcement, for the Bazaar which is to be opened in Trinity Hall on Nov. 13th. Many of them may be seen at St. Mary's Presbytery, where they will be kept until the date above mentioned.

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Further and more complete announcement will be made next week.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Editors of The Brandon Sun and Merchants' Advocate up in Arms.

We are in receipt of volume 1, No. 2, of the Merchants' Advocate, a semi-monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the merchants and citizens of Brandon, printed and published by A. H. Liversidge & Co. From 'The Advocate's' general appearance and make-up, like numerous other young enterprises of this character, there still remains ample room for improvement. The following extract taken is from the Brandon Sun regarding the new venture:

"The Merchants' Advocate is the latest acquisition to Brandon's papers. But 'The Advocate' is not a paper, it is a semi-monthly magazine. From its appearance it might be supposed that the reason that it is issued is to give the public some idea how badly it was possible to print a paper. The advertisements, what few there are, have the appearance of having been 'set up' by an amateur, while the letterpress is scarcely as well executed as was the work done on the old wooden presses. The English of the reading matter is as bad or worse than the mechanical execution."

The Advocate replies thusly:

"No doubt our esteemed friend Mr. White, or his collaborators are a pantology and paregoric to the Merchants' Advocate at present. We did not know subject to belch and equivocations or else we might have had our first issue more complete by calling on our esteemed propagandists, encyclopedias or egotists for collocation of issue. We wonder if our sycophants really understand what they are ranting at? I think not; when they say, 'the advertisements, what few there are, have the appearance of having been set up' by an amateur." In the first place we are in the field to suit our customers, and in the second term, not to oblige an illiterate pantology of modality. No doubt our esteemed friends are adynamic in their literature, when they say, 'the English of the reading matter is as bad or worse than the mechanical execution' for I think if 'The Advocate' was composed any worse than the article of 'The Sun' above, with, 'that, is and its' I would lay down my pen and withdraw my name from the editor's roll."

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