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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

MAY.

- 23 Fifth Sunday after Easter.
- 24 Monday.—Our Lady Help of Christians. Rogation day.
- 25 Tuesday.—St. Gregory VII., Pope. Rogation day.
- 26 Wednesday.—St. Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratory. Rogation day and Vigil of the Ascension.
- 27 Thursday.—The Ascension of Our Blessed Lord. Holyday of obligation.
- 28 Friday.—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Apostle of England.
- 29 Saturday.—Our Lady of Pity.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

St. Mary's Branch No 52 of the C.M. B.A., will hold a regular meeting in Unity Hall this evening.

His Lordship Mgr. Durieu, Bishop of New Westminster, arrived at the archiepiscopal palace last Saturday. He has received news from Rome that Rev. Father Dontenville, O.M.I., has been appointed his coadjutor.

Mr. George Turner, of St. Boniface hospital, whose death was by mistake reported last week had a good laugh over his obituary notice. Our representative chatted with him about his eventful history and found him rather better than when first he entered the hospital.

Some thirty children, boys and girls are preparing for their First Communion, which will take place on the 30th inst., Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension. Their friends will no doubt pray for the dear little ones that their joy may be filled on that great day, in a true sense the greatest in their lives.

C.M.B.A. men will rejoice in the fact that their Grand President, the Hon. Mr. Hackett was re-elected for Stanslead in the Quebec provincial elections last week. Many a good man fell in the fight and it is much to the credit of the electors of his division that they remained true to their old representative.

Their Lordships the Bishops of St. Albert & New Westminster regret very much that they will probably not be able to await the arrival of the Papal Delegate; they came in hopes of meeting him here, I after a delay, on Mgr. Grandin's part, of more than a fortnight, they are now obliged to return to their respective dioceses for confirmation services announced long ago and which cannot be put off.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the reception of Mgr. Merry Del Val have about completed their work and are now anxiously awaiting news of the precise date of his arrival here. We understand that he is likely to come to Manitoba this week and readers should watch the daily papers for definite information, as the committee will immediately they hear anything definite make announcement through this medium. It is hoped that every Catholic who can possibly do so will make it a point to be present at the Depot to meet the Delegate and join in the procession to St. Boniface Cathedral, all members of the Catholic societies with their badges.

The Mission.

The Women's Mission at St. Mary's church was very well attended, considering the unpropitious weather. Last Sunday Rev. Father Devlin preached a doctrinal sermon at the High Mass, and Rev. Father Doherty brought the mission for the 'devout female sex' to a close by a practical sermon on the means of perseverance, at 3 p. m., when he imparted the plenary indulgence and Papal blessing. At the evening service Rev. Father Devlin opened the Men's Mission with an earnest appeal for faithful and regular attendance, in order that, whenever the Holy Ghost spoke to their souls, they might not remain deaf to His divine pleadings.

During this week the two missionary

Fathers will alternate for the evening sermons. The first exercise every day of the week will be at 5.20 A.M., Mass with short instruction; the second at 7.30 A.M., also Mass with another short instruction; and the third and most important sermon, which no Catholic layman should miss, will be at 7.30 in the evening every day of the week except Saturday evening, which will be reserved for confessions.

The unsparring labors and admirable instructions of these two distinguished missionaries are sure to produce, in the long run, a great harvest of truly converted souls and reorganized lives. Their method of handling the great truths of salvation is as remote from sensationalism as it is solid and convincing, and therefore the fruits of their apostolic preaching are likely to be all the more lasting. It often happens that the Lord is not in the strong wind that rends the mountains, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the still small voice or "the sound of gentle stillness."

Conversions.

The Catholic friends of Miss Mary Elizabeth Russell will be delighted to hear that she was received into the Church last Saturday by Rev. Father Chierrier. She has been on a visit to her brother, Mr. Frank W. Russell, of the C.P.R. Land Department, since last September. Although both her brothers, F. W. and H. A. Russell, had long ago become Catholics, the former some twelve or thirteen years ago and the latter seven years ago, she did not manifest any desire to join them until lately, but still professed to be a member of the Church of England. Within the last few months, however, conviction was growing upon her and at length, on the 15th inst., she received conditional baptism, her sponsors being Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Russell, and made her first Communion on Sunday, the 16th, at the 8.30 Mass, the Children of Mary sodality receiving with her in a body.

In honor of the occasion the children of Mary choir sang appropriate hymns during the Mass and Mrs. Germain sang a solo at the Communion. Miss Russell, taking the additional name of Bernardine, was privileged to receive the sacrament of Confirmation the same afternoon from His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, who was good enough to go the Immaculate Conception church for the express purpose.

Two other recent converts, Miss Langley and Mrs. Burns, were confirmed at the same time.

Letellier & St. Pie.

The floods have withdrawn from all the dwellings and in a few days the water which has for weeks covered garden and field, will be confined within the river banks, and in a few of the deeper coulees.

Undoubtedly much damage has been done, nearly all the farmers have suffered more or less; some have lost grain and hay; with one or two exceptions, all have lost their year's supply of fire wood, many buildings have been injured; but although the ground has been so long under water, seeding, owing to the beautiful drying weather, will not be very much retarded. This of course is looking at the bright side of things, and how can we do otherwise when the sun shines brightly on budding trees, freshly ploughed land and green grass, where lately all was water. All the farmers are busy and hopeful, though it must be confessed that a fortnight ago they had nearly lost courage.

Your readers have no doubt read many particulars of the Red River flood in the daily papers, so it is not worth while to relate all again. At St. Pie the water was nearly 2 feet higher than in 1882; many families were obliged to leave their houses and take refuge in the upstairs of neighbors, who have their houses in more secure positions. The animals had all to be driven from their stables; temporary buildings were erected for them; but for the most part the water reached even these, and with difficulty, they were taken again from their watery abodes to places higher on the prairie. At St Pie very few animals were lost unless a number of hens might be so classed. The bridge over the Marais going to Letellier was lifted, but, although the ties

along the track were raised, except for a day or two it was quite possible for foot passengers to cross the railway bridge.

The attendance at church from the River portion of the congregation has been very slight for the last month, indeed it was almost impossible to get there.

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Having given this sketch of the bishop, the following testimonial from him will be found very interesting reading and fully explains itself.

To whom it may concern:

"In April, 1894, while on my way home from Philadelphia I caught a very severe cold, which soon developed into rheumatism. It was impossible for me to rest by day or sleep by night. About the first of June I was compelled to take to my bed, where I remained for some time. When I was able to get up, I could only get about by the use of crutches.

"The fall came on and the rheumatism grew worse, lasting all through the winter of '94 and '95. I suffered as I never suffered before. I thought that the spring would bring me relief, but it did not, consequently I was forced to cancel a number of engagements to speak.

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