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ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR. JUNE—1870.

Friday, 10—Ember Day. Of the Octave. Saturday, 11—Ember Day. Of the Octave. Sunday, 12—First after Pentecost. Monday, 13—St. Anthony of Padua. Tuesday, 14—St. Basil B. O. D. Wednesday, 15—St. Barnabas, Ap. Thursday, 16—Corpus Christi, Obl.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Irish Land Bill has at last made its way through the House of Commons, and is now before the Lords, who we expect will allow it to pass without any very important modifications as to the principle therein contained.

For the present the Fenian excitement is at an end. The Volunteers have been recalled, and dismissed to their usual avocations, and the last of the Imperial troops are on the eve of their departure.

The great calamity which befell the settlers in the Saguenay district has aroused general sympathy for the sufferers, numbering so we learn many thousands of persons who have lost their all by the fire.

THE COUNCIL.

(From the Vatican.)

The ordinary Sessions of the Council have been resumed, and the forty ninth General Congregation assembled on the 4th instant. Mass was said by Mgr. Athanasius Kanam, Archbishop of Tyre, of the Greek-Melchite rite.

The discussion of the amended schema of the Little Catechism, and of the amendments themselves, was then resumed.

discourse which lasted an hour in the name of the Commission of Dogma. The vote was then taken. About 500 Fathers said placet, and 56 non-placet.

A trustworthy Roman correspondent gives us the following information: "The Garibaldians are in great activity. They pretend to count upon the Bishops of the 'Opposition' for causing trouble in Rome, and dividing Catholics.

PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS GRACE THE FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

JOHN JOSEPH LYONS, by the Grace of God and by the Appointment of the Holy See, Archbishop of Toronto.

To Our Beloved Clergy, Religious Communities, and People confided to Our Pastoral Care, Health and Benediction in Our Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius IX., the successor of St. Peter, and Christ's Vicar on earth, watches from the height of His Apostolic Chair, the flock confided to his charge by the great Pastor of souls, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

He, with anxious solicitude, marks their decrease, their increase, their want and their progress; and in virtue of His Apostolic authority, guides, directs, chides, encourages and supplies their wants.

As this Church is the great ark of salvation launched on the troubled waters of this world, into which all who wish to be saved from the deluge are to enter, it must be protected with all the guarantees and safeguards that Divine and human wisdom thought necessary.

The Church, viewed as a merely human institution, challenges the admiration of the most cultivated of even modern philosophers. It conquers when it is defeated; when it is thought to be dead and buried, behold it rises more glorious than before.

The Church, according to the prediction of Christ, is to last for ever, though always to be persecuted. Its founder, Jesus Christ the Son of God, was crucified in the vigor of youth, when His Church was in its infancy, and had gained no credit in quarters likely to secure its success.

Scarcely had persecution by the sword ceased, when another grievous trial awaited her, in the shape of the smiles and blandishments of the world, and in the favors and patronage of the Caesars.

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The most numerous Synod of Bishops, that ever assembled from all quarters of the world, sits to-day at the Vatican around the Chief Bishop and Successor of St. Peter; and this fact demonstrates the Divine life of the Church of Christ.

But in the midst of these great scandals, on account of which Christ denounced "woe to the world," We are not without the greatest consolation. Besides, she has a multitude of Holy Bishops, Priests, and Religious in various Orders and Congregations.

The mercy of God is above all his works. The number of the elect will be made up through the grace of God and their own co-operation.

So far back as 1659, the Holy See sent a Bishop to Quebec, to govern a little flock of French Canadians who settled there, and also the numerous convents made amongst the Indians.

And now we have the pleasure to inform you, that, by Apostolic Letters, dated the 18th of March, 1870, the feast of the Archangel Gabriel, the Holy Father erected Ontario into an Ecclesiastical Province, of which Toronto has been appointed the Metropolitan See.

By Apostolic Letters bearing the same date, the Bishop of Toronto was raised to the dignity of Metropolitan or Archbishop. In the Secret Consistory of March the 21st, the feast of St. Benedict, he was preconized, and obtained the Pallium; and on the 25th of March, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after having offered up the Holy Sacrifice on the tombs of the Princes of the Apostles, for the flock re-committed to his care, he was invested with that sacred emblem of the plenitude of the Pastoral dignity, by his Eminence Cardinal Antonelli, by commission from our Holy Father the Pope; and on the following day took his seat in the Œcumenical Council, as the first Archbishop of Toronto.

The new Archbishop is received to the Kiss of Peace, and then solemnly imparts his benediction. The Archbishop is to wear the Pallium only on great Festivals, and when he consecrates Bishops, or ordains Priests and other Sacred Ministers of the Altar; for in these sacred functions, he imparts those divine powers in the Sacrament of Holy Order, which he himself received, and descended to him in unbroken suc-

cession from the Apostles; and which the Apostles received from Christ for the salvation of the world.

How beautiful, how strong, how singularly united is the grand Hierarchy of the Church! How like the vine tree and its branches, as expressed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We think that it will contribute to the instruction and piety of our dear Children in Christ, to say a few words on the Pallium, the emblem of the plenitude of Episcopal power.

THE BLESSING.—LET US PRAY.

Oh God the eternal Shepherd of Souls, who through Jesus Christ thy Son, has committed to Blessed Peter the Apostle and to his successors under the type of the "Good Shepherd," those souls whom thou hast designated by the name of sheep to be governed; and hast willed that the ensigns of the Pastoral care should be symbolized by these sacred vestments; send down, through our ministry, upon this Pallium taken from the altar of the holy Princes of the Apostles, the copious grace of Thy Benediction; and Sanctification; that it may fully confer the plenitude and excellency of the Pastoral office which the Pallium represents.

THE FORMULA OF INVESTITURE.

For the honor of the Almighty God and the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, and of the Blessed Apostles SS. Peter and Paul; and for the honor of the Church of Toronto committed to your Pastoral charge, We invest you with the Pallium taken from over the body of blessed Peter.

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The Pallium is to remind the Archbishop of his care of the flock of Christ, and also of the rigorous account he must one day render to Jesus Christ, the Supreme Shepherd of the Priests and People committed to his charge.

St. Peter, speaking of judgment, writes in his Epistle, "For the time is that judgment should begin in the house of God. And if first at us, what shall be the end of those who believe not the Gospel of God?"

We rejoice at the thought, that the immense majority of our good people frequent the Holy Sacraments instituted by Christ for their salvation; and We earnestly hope in the mercy of God that the small minority will also turn to God with earnestness and love.

We must not forget either that God is just, though long suffering, and will at length visit the sinner in His anger.

We offer up as usual the holy sacrifice of the Mass, as is our pleasing duty, for all committed to our Pastoral care on every Sunday and great Festival, and on Saturdays for our good Priests and members of Religious Orders, that through the intercession of the Immaculate Mother of God, they may be strengthened in all good, for the great work of co-operating with Christ in the salvation of souls.