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- 15-Fifth Sunday after Easter. St. Isidore, husbandman.
16. Monday of the Rogations - Our Lady of Mercy.
17. Tuesday of the Rogations - St. Pascal Baylon, Confessor.
18. Wednesday of the Rogations and Vigil of the Ascension. - St. Venantius, Martyr.
19. Thursday - Feast of the Ascension. Holy day of obligation.
20. Friday - St. Bernardine of Siena, Confessor.
21. Saturday - St. Ubaldus, Bishop.

BRIEFLETS.

Naughty Tommy played a practical joke on his sister, for which his father chastised him, and now Tommy stands up to eat his meals and sleeps face downward.

The Rev. G. W. Hare-Patterson, late Unitarian minister of the Stanhope Street Church, Belfast, and his daughter were received into the Catholic Church at the beginning of last month.

The Canadian Freeman, which, being an enthusiastic Liberal, probably has valuable tips, says that "the postage on newspapers is not likely to be adopted by the post office department."

Rev. Father Cherrier is presiding the University Preliminary examinations at Portage la Prairie. He will take charge of the services at the Catholic Church there next Sunday as he did last Sunday.

A young Galician Oblate, Reverend Father Kullavy, arrived in Winnipeg last week and is now at St. Mary's Presbytery. He will visit the Polish and Galician Catholics in this part of the country.

Rev. Father Lemire, S. J., accompanied the Very Rev. Superior General of the Canadian members of the Society of Jesus during his visit here last week. They both leave for the east tomorrow morning.

The see of Vincennes in the United States has ceased to exist. The seat of the diocese is transferred to Indianapolis, so that Bishop Chatard's diocese is henceforth to be called, not Vincennes, but Indianapolis.

The Very Rev. Father Filiatrault, S. J., preached between Vespers and Benediction on the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross last Tuesday in the Chapel of the Grey Nun Mother House. The exhortation was full of unctio.

Mgr. Gaughran, O. M. I., Bishop of Kimberley and Rev. Father Lemius, O. M. I., were among the invited guests present at a reception given in Rome to Cardinal Satolli by Mrs. P. J. Walsh of Burmont, Pa., and Mrs. Ashman of New York.

United Canada is nothing if not inaccurate; it seems to revel in murdering proper names. Recently it informed its readers (1) that "Mgr. Levas, coadjutor of Mr. Grandin (sic) in (sic) St. Albert, was a guest at the Ottawa University this week." Next it stated that "Mgr. Levac is accompanied by Rev. Father Merer" [wonderful to relate, this name is printed right] "and will leave for France to attend the meeting of the Oblat (sic) chapter in connection with the

appointment of a Superior for the Oblat (sic) Order." Of course Levas and Levac are meant for Legal.

The steam laundry building in connection with the Stony Mountain Penitentiary was burned down on the 2nd inst., in spite of the valiant efforts of prisoners and villagers to save it. The fire is supposed to have originated in the smoke-stack.

Recent converts of note are, besides those we have atvandy mentioned:—Mrs. Ann. E. Whipple, a well known New York lady; ex-congressman Smith, of Alabama; Supreme Court Justice Frederick Smyth of New York; Col. Joseph Warren Fuller of Ohio; William Metzger of Chicago; Rev. Edward L. Buckley, former rector of a fashionable Episcopal Church at Newport R. I.; and Eleanor Phillips McKim, daughter of Rev. Randolph H. McKim, Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C., who is now a Sister of Charity in Denver, Colorado.

PROTESTANT TORTURERS

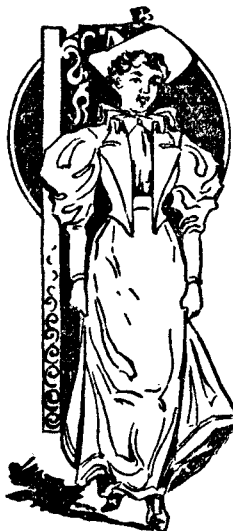
Catholic News (Preston).

It is currently reported among Protestants that the use of torture in criminal proceedings was never denounced by the Catholic Church until the times became such that it fell of itself in most civilised countries, owing mainly to the turmoil caused by the wars consequent on the French Revolution. Those who think thus would do well to read a short notice which occurs in the current number of the "English Historical Review," of Mr. Eugene Hubert's work on torture in the Low Countries. In Protestant Hanover it seems it was, after being got rid of, actually re-introduced in 1814. This, it is, however, humanely suggested was only on paper, meant as a threat, not as a reality. We trust it may have been so, but we confess to having some doubt on the matter. Beccaria, the publicist, is currently reported to have been the first to denounce judicial torture, but the reviewer points out that this is a mistake.

"It is striking," he says "that the most important deliverance of the period against the practice of torture proceeded, nearly half a century before Beccaria, from the poised pen of the eminent Canonist, Van Espen, in his "Jus Ecclesiasticum Universum" (Louvain, 1720). Nor can it be wholly without significance that in the tragic case of Mertens, who after seven confessions under torture, each of them except the last being followed by a revocation, at last ceased from revoking, and was accordingly executed... two Augustiman Canons intervened with a protest, which was not less powerful than modest, but which appears to have been simply ignored, and, indeed, to have remained unknown till discovered by Professor Hubert." (P. 176.)

The last time that the horrible high treason punishment was carried out in this country in all its terrible and disgusting details was, we believe, when the Jacobite prisoners suffered on Kennington Common, after the rebellion of 1745, but it remained a part of the law of England well on into this century.

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