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Calendar for the Week.

- April 23 - St. George
24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25 - St. Mark
26 - Patronage of St. Joseph
27 - St. Anastasia, P.
28 - St. Paul of the Cross
29 - St. Peter, M.

Pero Hyacintho having tried all the creeds without finding any compensating comfort for the faith and the life he cast aside, is about to try matrimony for the second time. He is almost seventy. The bride-elect is an American. So was the other one.

It is de rigeur to use the knife and fork when cannibals feast under missionary auspices. At all events we would conclude that such is the fact from the following paragraph in The Church Times:

A missionary in his report to his bishop wrote: "I much regret that my flock are still addicted to cannibalism; but thanks to my example and precept they are becoming so far civilized that the use of knives and forks is becoming quite common."

The Rome correspondent of the The London Daily Chronicle, usually a well informed paper on Catholic topics, says: "The manifesto of the three Cardinals on arbitration has produced an excellent impression at the Vatican. It is certain that the Cardinals have absolutely represented the ideas of the Pope, who for a long time has been a convinced advocate of arbitration. I am assured that the publication of the manifesto was not without His Holiness' sanction."

After Holmes the notorious murderer had been made the victim by the newspapers of several gages of alleged "confession" that are evidently the workmanship of an amateur Zola on the New York Journal, the organ of the A. P. A., in Boston circulated the story that the convict had been baptized into the Catholic Church with fantastic rejoicings. We do not know whether Holmes is or is not a penitent; but of this fact we can assure Mr. Traynor, the A. P. A. president whose name signifies his Catholic birth, that should he make death bed repentance, and cry out to the Catholic Church as he says Holmes has done, the Catholic Church will not hesitate to receive him.

Mr. Dillon, the new leader of the Irish National Party, has from the first been deeply impressed by the suggestion of the Archbishop of Toronto to hold a national convention of the Irish race in Dublin. Mr. Dillon presided at the monthly meeting of the executive committee of the Irish National Federation, on the 8th inst., when it was unanimously resolved to hold the convention some time in the month of September next. Although the precise date, and probably other matters, are still to be fixed, we hope the announcement now made will not be lost upon our Irish organizations in Canada, and that the subject will be kept in view in order that this Dominion may be worthily represented at the forthcoming great gathering.

So-called "Christian Science" is responsible for still another death in Toronto. This time the victim was Prof. Mounteer, a convert from education to the ignorant doctrines of the new sect. Prof. Mounteer was affected about the same time by diphtheria and "Christian Science." Either affliction would have been bad enough; but the two together mean sure death. No orthodox Christian Scientist can avail of medical knowledge in cases of diphtheria. This insanity is the whole law and the prophets to the Christian Scientist. And what have the cure

announced in the Government organs, federa that being thrown out in order to ascertain how new names are likely to be woeled. T by the general public. The Mail gives out the by no means new news that Sir Mackenzie Bowell will immediately transfer the responsibility of leadership to Sir Charles Tupper Bart. The same paper at the same confidence to the rumor that Mr. Campbell, the present Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, "will be a minister before the campaign is fairly opened." The Globe states with more positiveness the same story, adding that Mr. Chapleau will take the place of Sir Adolphe Caron. In company with Mr. Chapleau The Globe announces the taking into the new Cabinet of Mr. Hugh John Macdonald, of Winnipeg, son of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, in the room of Mr. T. M. Daly. With Mr. Chapleau on the one hand and Mr. Macdonald on the other the Cabinet would have restored to it some measure of that well-preserved balance which existed prior to the era of ministerial splits and crises, and particularly under the experienced management of Sir John A. Macdonald.

From the agreement upon a further point of information relative to the readjustment it would appear to be true that Chief Justice Meredith is to come down from the bench to represent that class of the people of Ontario who have heretofore regarded Sir Mackenzie Bowell as their Cabinet representative. The Mail says: Ontario has an influential citizen whose name has also been mentioned in connection with politics, though at present he is on the bench. The Globe makes the statement concerning Chief Justice Meredith with an air free from allusion, and as if there were no question that his translation from bench to Cabinet has been fully decided upon. On the brink of the general election the Government is certainly entitled to strengthen and solidify itself, and make whatever appearance is best calculated to win the approval of the public upon the issues of the impending campaign. How prudent the character of the readjustment above outlined may prove itself is a question that cannot remain very long in doubt. A chief consideration for the Government is, of course, to restore the solidarity of the party. Messrs. McNeill, Wallace, Sproule and others are at present in revolt against the Conservative party discipline, declaring that unless Sir Charles Tupper recant upon the School question they will band together as an independent faction. This plan, however, they could hardly adhere to as long as their platform is identical with that of the McCarthy-O'Brien professional Protestant partnership. One theory of the reconstruction may be to force back to the ranks the new and puny tribe of champions of common schools by over-awing their effects by the name of Chief Justice Meredith.

How will the Catholic body and Catholic interests fare under the new conditions? The battle is now drawing near; the Catholic electors must make up their minds how to make their votes tell. Already a good deal of restiveness seems to be manifested among Catholics, and the letters from Mr. O. K. Fraser and Mr. Thomas Brennan, which we publish to day, may be regarded as an indication that the uneasiness has somewhat unbalanced that clear and decisive understanding of the situation which each Catholic voter should have.

Our own opinion is that neither of our correspondents can have at the present moment a special insight into the tremendous issue at stake, nor can the true aspect of the responsibility that must devolve upon every Catholic voter be realized until the leaders shall have issued their election addresses to their constituents. In our editorial last week we ventured to say that should the need arise the Catholic Bishops would advise their people. We have seen no sign or likelihood of their doing so since, and this fact certainly strengthens our conviction that it is prudent to wait for the manifestos which Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Laurier will undoubtedly address to their respective constituents a reasonable time before the opening of the campaign. The air just now is full of expectancy. If Chief Justice Meredith is to re-enter the political arena he too will have something to say; and he is a gentleman who, no matter what his personal opinions as to state rights and parental rights in the control of

primary education may be, if he shall declare that the Constitution of Canada is to be respected, the Catholic body, or any other body of citizens in the community, can trust him to act up to his declaration. Let us not forget for a moment that the question of education is with us Canadians a constitutional question, and that it is as a constitutional question we must press for its final settlement.

A Letter from Duluth.

We are constantly hearing of more or less remarkable acts of religious bigotry over in the United States. Most of us feel inclined to ascribe such evil symptoms to the political ill-health of the republic, and the influence which extreme, ignorant, and vicious individuals are able to gain in political organizations. We are willing to believe that such sentiments as instigated the London mob at the time of the Gordon riots are far from reflecting the true state of public feeling in a country with which we are in close neighborhood. We have assumed, in fact, of all the doings of the A. P. A's, that there is a better feeling in the United States. We think so still, and this is one of the reasons that impel us to give to the public the following letter lately received by a young lady in Collingwood from the lady manager of a great hospital in Duluth. The letter closes a correspondence concerning a position as nurse for which the Canadian girl had made application:

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, Duluth Minn. My DEAR MISS NOBLE - I return your photo on this mail the break in the corner was there when it arrived; everything is quite satisfactory excepting your letter from your clergyman. I cannot make out what P.P. means, and I do not know whether you are a Presbyterian or a Romanist (P.P. might mean Parish Priest; if you should happen to be a Romanist I could not take you - just because I have about a hundred applications in the year from most despicable Protestants, and I feel that I must give them the preference. Please let me know about this. Very Sincerely, ADA J. TAYLOR.

March 27th, 1896.

It will be seen from the foregoing letter that Miss Noble had all the qualifications desired except one. "Everything is quite satisfactory," but "if you should happen to be a Romanist I could not take you." There is not the least resort here to half-disguises, evasions, or ambiguous hints. The decision is made upon the simple principle: "No Romanist need apply." The writer of the letter seems to have had no thought that she might possibly be indiscreet to write so plainly. There is no apprehension of that kind. To warrant such candor, such uncompromising exclusion of Catholics from employment in an institution which must be either entirely or partially supported by public money or generosity, it must be assumed that Duluth is a hot bed of rampant Protestantism. Such an assumption would, however, we believe, be quite contrary to fact. A large proportion of the population of the city is Catholic; and we cannot conceive any community of Protestant people where intolerance is a rule that admits of no exception. It is easy enough to understand that an individual who is a fanatic may be appointed to a position of responsibility in a hospital which, if its character at all deserve the name, should display no such spirit as Ada J. Taylor proclaims. At all events it is only right that the people of Duluth, whatever their peculiar ideas of hospital management may be, should know that Ada J. Taylor is capable of writing this very remarkable letter. In design the letter is rather amusing. This apostle of A.P.A.ism hardly knows what the letters "P.P." after the name of a clergyman may imply. "I do not know whether you are a Presbyterian or a Romanist," writes intelligent Ada J. Taylor. The letters "P.P." might stand for "Presbyterian preacher" or "parish priest." At the first blush it would appear that the Presbyterians and the Romanists stand remote equally from the approbation of Ada J. Taylor. But a little more attention bestowed upon Ada's mixed up epistolary style will disclose the fact that the Presbyterians are not deserving of the same treatment, if they be open to any censure. "Let me know about this," "whether you are a Presbyterian or Romanist," "if you should happen to be a Romanist I could not take you." In this latter connection there is nothing said concerning the doubt of

Protestantism. It is probable, therefore, that the Presbyterians are as excluded. The phrase "most desirable Protestants" is, however, unsatisfactory and may be considered to open the door. If Ada J. Taylor knew how to write she would have put most desirable Protestants, including Presbyterians or Presbyterians and other most desirable Protestants. We submit this question of doubt to the Duluthians, and if the Presbyterians should be in it with us it will teach them a good lesson, for experience keeps a fine school, and the point of view is a most important fact when one is considering a grievance.

Huron Senior Judgeship.

The Mail has naturally a cheerful aptitude for hypocrisy. On Monday it pretended to answer all the criticisms that have been indulged in with reference to the appointment of Mr. Masson to the senior County Judgeship of Huron. It made no reference whatever to the question put to the Government by Dr. Bergin M.P., the other day, when he asked was Judge Doyle, junior Judge, refused promotion on account of his religion? That is certainly a question that should be answered. With the conflicting privileges of patronage as between the Dominion and Provincial governments this paper has no concern.

The appointment of a senior judge for Huron, as we regard it, means the disturbance of an advisable economy aimed at by a law of the Ontario Legislature passed during the recent session. That law provides that there shall be but one judge in a county having less than 80,000 inhabitants. There is no question the people of Ontario, who are legislated half way to death, and among whom the official class is far too numerous, approve of economy in the cost of their government. Nevertheless the Dominion government, in order to hold on to a bit of patronage that was being seized from it on the eve of an election, or to prevent Judge Doyle becoming County Judge, appointed Mr. Masson in haste, and the new judge was sworn in barely within the legal time beyond which it would have been impossible to make the appointment.

Now, why was it necessary to execute such an extraordinary manoeuvre? The Mail rather stupidly says that last year Mr. Masson "had no idea of accepting the judgeship." Was he attacked by the office seeking fever in the interval, or was the position forced upon him? These are questions we shall not attempt to decide.

We are informed that up to the advent of Dr. Montague into the Dominion Cabinet, no other idea prevailed than that Judge Doyle would receive the promotion which, in the opinion of the Bar and of the public, he was entitled to. Our information is that Dr. Montague, sitting upon an understanding with certain anti-Catholic elements, placed himself in uncompromising antagonism to the promotion of the junior judge. We would like to know if this is so. The promotion was requested by the Bar. On the 28th August last the barristers and solicitors of Huron presented a petition to the Minister of Justice setting forth:

That his Honor Judge Doyle, the present junior judge of the county of Huron since his appointment well and faithfully performed the duties of his office with credit to himself, and we believe to the satisfaction not only of the profession but of the public generally; and we feel that he is well entitled and should be promoted to the senior judgeship, and his appointment thereto would meet with general approbation.

The promotion until the appearance upon the scene of Dr. Montague was confidently expected. Up to the last moment the appointment of Mr. Masson was wholly unexpected. His Judge Doyle being made the object of Dr. Montague's political diplomacy, or conspiracy, if that be a better word. On the eve of a general election it is most desirable that Catholic voters should know whether Dr. Montague is a sufficiently influential wire-puller to close the door of promotion upon Catholics in Ontario.

Steamer Greyhound.

The attention of our readers is drawn to the advertisement of the steamer Greyhound, which gave such a very satisfactory service last year between Oakville and Toronto. This steamer will commence her regular trips about 15th May. Superintendents of Sunday Schools carrying by their annual picnics should use the fastest and most popular boat before deciding to go elsewhere.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES. E. R. A. ST. PETER'S BRANCH. The members of this branch compiled with the rolls of the Association, by receiving Holy Communion as a body on Low Sunday and had a fine time and very few being absent, and none but from unavoidable circumstances. At the last regular meeting Bro. J. Hannon was elected president in place of J. J. Doyle, who has removed to Toronto. The Rev. Father Lomas, who did so good work in the cause of Eucharistia, St. Peter's Branch No. 23, London. Low Sunday being the day appointed for the members to receive Holy Communion in a body, the members of the branch assembled in full force at St. Peter's school house, having formed in time the worthy chaplain Father Tobin headed the procession and proceeded to the Cathedral for Holy Mass. The Rev. Father preached a very eloquent and instructive sermon suitable to the occasion.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRUENCE. At the last regular meeting of the Branch held April the 4th the following resolution was adopted: Whereas, the Branch learning with much regret the death of O'Connell Dolaney second son of the worthy Marshal Bro. M. C. Dolaney be it Resolved, that we extend to Bro. Dolaney and family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and be it further Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to Bro. Dolaney and inserted in the official organs. Committee J. B. Henry, Phil. Mohan and M. Quirk. W. LANE S. T.

A. O. H. At the last regular meeting of Division No. 5, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to her reward the beloved mother of our esteemed Brother James Malone, Vice-President of Division No. 5, A. O. H. therefore be it Resolved, that we the officers and members of Division No. 5, A. O. H., tender to our afflicted Brother, and the members of his family, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the great loss he has sustained, and pray that God may grant them grace to bear their Christian fortitude their sad affliction. Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Division, and a copy sent to our bereaved Brother and published in the CATHOLIC IRISHMAN and Catholic Record. Signed on behalf of No. 5 Division Ancient Order of Hibernians: JOSEPH RUSSELL MICHAEL DALY J. J. McCauley W. L. HANNON Bro. J. O'NEILL Committee on Resolution.

C. O. F. The most enjoyable and interesting meeting ever held by the Foresters of Court 201 of Toronto took place in their Hall Temperance at the Grand Lodge evening last when fully 160 Foresters were present, and a large number of members from St. Joseph's Court 370, the principal object being the election of officers for the ensuing year for Sacred Heart Court 201. Although an excited feeling seemed to ring through the large and magnificent edifice yet perfect order and harmony was maintained. Bro. W. T. J. Leo, Provincial Chief Ranger for the Province of Ontario opened the election by an eloquent address in which he congratulated the members in forcible language that the duty they were about to perform was a very important one and should receive the most earnest attention of every member.

Bro. E. V. Beaudry past Chief Ranger of Sacred Heart Court was also present and spoke highly of the manner in the business of the court was conducted for the past 2 or 3 years and hoped that the members in selecting their officers for the coming year would elect men who would transmit to their successors a well and faithfully as heretofore had been done. The following is a list of the gentlemen elected to fill the different offices for the coming year: John J. Neauder, Chief Ranger; Michael O'Neil, Vice Chief Ranger; Andrew Kory, Recording Secretary; William D. Vogel, Financial Secretary; L. V. Dasseau, Treasurer; Joseph Sauriol, Henry Fletcher, Patrick H. O'Meara, Trustees; Dr. M. Wallace, Medical Examiner; John J. Neauder, Recording Secretary; Bro. J. A. Hargrave, Rev. Father Lomas, Chaplain.

We sincerely hope that the good attendance that was present at this meeting will continue to be present at each and every meeting during the coming year. Installation of officers will take place at the next meeting Thursday May 7th. St. Leo's Court, No. 581 which was recently organized in the west end of the city by Provincial Chief Ranger W. T. J. Leo held its regular meeting on Wednesday night in their hall corner Queen and McCaul streets with a large attendance of members and visiting Brothers. Among those present was W. T. J. Leo, P.C.H. Four new members were initiated. An invitation was received from Sacred Heart Court to receive Holy Communion with them in St. Mary's Church on the last Sunday of April, the invitation was received and unanimously adopted. A committee composed of Bros. J. T. Loftus, J. Falley, J. O. Wigglesworth, W. P. Murphy and P. Slatery was appointed to draft by laws for the court, the Provincial Chief Ranger gave an interesting address pointing out the benefits of membership and showing the rapid strides made by the order as it had increased by 2348 members since January 1st, 1896. He also complimented the officers for the very efficient manner in which they performed the initiation ceremony and for the business like manner in which the court work was transacted and considered that if the same energy and ability would characterize their future course they would soon have one of the strongest courts in the Province.

It was decided to have the installation of officers take place on the first Wednesday of May and all members are kindly invited to be present. A short time was then spent in recreation.

Politics and the School Question. A keen expectancy pervades the realm of Dominion politics, Parliament being on the eve of dissolution, report fixing the day of nominations as June 9, and the polling on June 16; and the School question already declared to be the issue upon which the fight will turn in the constituencies. A readjustment of the Cabinet is