

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

- OCTOBER.
- 22—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost.
  - 23, Monday—Votive office of the Holy Angels.
  - 24, Tuesday—St. Raphael, Archangel.
  - 25, Wednesday—Votive office of St. Joseph.
  - 26, Thursday—Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
  - 27, Friday—Vigil.
  - 28, Saturday—Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles.

BRIEFLETS.

The weather has been gloomy and rainy for the past week, but nothing but a few flurries of snow melting immediately has been noticed here as yet.

The Very Rev. Azarie Dugas, V. G., and pastor of the cathedral, is rapidly recovering from his sprain. He has been able to walk a little these last two days.

Stovel's Supplement, Oct. 15 "New Time Cards and Postal Changes," is in time for the beginning of this week. Next time it would do well to insert in its list of post offices "Rosenort," which appeared in the October Waghorn.

Trains began yesterday to leave the C. P. R. station at 11 o'clock for the west, 11.20 for Deloraine, 11.40 for Glenboro and Souris, 16 o'clock for the east, and the evening train for Brandon at 19 o'clock. The train over the M. & N. W. leaves today at 8.30.

An evening paper states that Mr. Albert Evans has again taken charge of the organ at St. Mary's church; this enables us to draw breath again, for the mere idea of Mr. Evans not being connected with St. Mary's any longer was what our dear friend Dick Swiveller called a "staggerer."—Town Topics.

The funeral took place last Sunday at St. Boniface cathedral of Mrs. William Smallwood, née Sarah St.-Mars, a second cousin of Rev. Father Messier. She had borne with truly Christian fortitude the trials of a six weeks' illness and breathed her last, fortified by all the rites of Holy Church, in St. Boniface Hospital last Friday, at the early age of 29. She leaves her husband and a boy five years old to mourn her loss. R. I. P.

GALICIANS EULOGIZED.

Free Press.

At the beginning of this month Rev. Joseph Hogg had an opportunity of visiting the Stuartburn settlement of Galicians; and his observations there convinced him that the people were an excellent class of settlers. He found some of them doing well on lands on which Canadians could not make a living. He brought with him some ears of corn, which for size and quality, he says he never saw surpassed in Ontario. Preparations had been made, of clean seed for next spring's sowing. Mr. Hogg saw evidences of progressiveness in the character of the dwellings. There were huts which had been used as temporary dwellings for the first season; but these had been abandoned for more commodious houses with several rooms. One farmer had secured in the short time of his residence in this country, fourteen head of fine cattle. Good progress was being made by many in learning English; the children in the school, besides learning the English language, had even surpassed the Canadian children in the mastery of the several branches of study. Mr. Hogg is confident that a prosperous future is in store for the Galicians.

CATHOLIC MYSTICISM.

Last Sunday, at St. Mary's church, Winnipeg, in spite of the cold rain, there was a fairly large attendance which had fared together to hear Rev. Father Drummond, S. J., preach on Catholic Mysticism. He defined mysticism as the theory of supernatural communications, but, as the supernatural might be either divine or diabolical, Catholic mysticism is the philosophy of extraordinary communications with God. The only true mysticism is to be found in the Catholic Church. Protestants claim the monopoly of direct intercourse with the Godhead and pretend that Rome stifles all such intercourse. The history of the Church proves the contrary. The foundation of most religious orders is traceable to some supernatural vision vouchsafed to the founders; this was the case for Trinitarians and even in a measure for Ignatius of Loyola who, though a marvel of merely human wisdom, was continually the object of extraordinary graces. Private revelations, though never receiving the stamp of the Church's infallibility, are often acted upon by the entire Church, as happens even now for the revelation of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The spread of this devotion originated in the testimony of one timid maiden, a nun in a cloistered convent. Her sanctity was the only guarantee of her veracity. Yet the Head of the Church has but lately consecrated the entire body of the Faithful to the Sacred Heart. The Church tests these revelations by her creeds and traditions; if they are contrary thereto, they are rejected as evidently false.

This is the great safeguard of Catholic mystics. Protestant yearnings after the supernatural are not protected from error. The world is full, in our day, of people who seek for the unseen, the occult. What is the use of their efforts if no objective reality corresponds to their imaginings? Look at the case of Johanna Southcott at the end of the last century. She turned the heads of one hundred thousand people, and was proved in the end to have been a visionary. Swedenborg had less of the marks of mental delusion; nay, he had one quality that is very rare among false mystics, he was modest, he never spoke of his visions unless he was questioned

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about them. All other false mystics are great self-advertisers, they have not the rudiments of Christian humility. Then again, Swedenborg was the most scientific of all heresiarchs; he was at the top of the ladder in mathematics and metallurgy. Yet, after all, how few proselytes have believed in him in the course of a century and a half! The whole stream of tradition and traditional Scripture interpretation condemns his teachings as vagaries.

Perhaps the greatest example of Catholic mysticism is St. Teresa, who was born at Avila, in Spain, in 1515 and died in 1582. Her influence upon the entire Catholic Church is so great that a certain Rationalist attributes a larger share in the reaction against Protestantism to her than even to the Society of Jesus. Now her whole work was based on the most extraordinary personal communications with God. For years her life was a series of visions, ecstasies and raptures. This has led many non-Catholics to rank her among hysterics. But hysterical visionaries are generally proud, sensual, selfish and unkind and especially wanting in mental balance. Teresa, on the contrary, was so humble as to slander herself, so pure that she never stained her baptismal robe of innocence, so selfless and kind that she charmed and won the hearts of all, so perfectly poised in intellect and judgment that she has been ranked with the Doctors of the Church. Had Teresa lived in our time the Women's Rights women would have elected her their president. Beautiful to look at, fascinating to talk to, a writer of classical prose and poetry, she built, without any personal fortune, by dint of begging, no less than eighteen monasteries, she reformed the Carmelite Order both of men and women in spite of tremendous opposition, and she wrote a series of mystical works that will be the delight of all pious souls for ever. Her visions were tested as no non-Catholic visions could ever be tested. Yet scrutiny the most rigid is necessary in such extraordinary cases. St. Teresa herself used to say that out of a hundred reputed visions among Catholics hardly one was genuine. Hers were examined most critically by scrupulous theologians and timorous laymen. At first she was declared to be the sport of the Evil One; but gradually the objective reality of her revelations was realized, and she was allowed to accomplish her great work of religious and truly Catholic reformation. Her life is to us a lesson of humility and love of God.

The last column of the cupola surmounting the church of the Sacré Cœur, Paris, was placed in position on Saturday morning, Sept. 23. Externally the gigantic edifice which towers over Paris from the heights of Montmartre may now be said to be finished. All that remains to be done is to erect the huge cross that is to crown the central dome.—Catholic Times (Eng.)

At the opening exercises of Laval University, Montreal, on Wednesday last, Mgr. Racicot read a cablegram from Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary, expressing the Holy Father's pleasure at the welcome extended to his delegate, Archbishop Falconio (who was present), and sending his blessing to Canadian Catholics. Mgr. Falconio replied in English, although all the rest of the proceedings was carried on in French. It appears that His Excellency, while understanding French perfectly, is not sufficiently familiar with the language to speak it offhand.

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