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ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR. MAY—1875. Friday, 7—St. Stanislaus, B. M. Saturday, 8—Apparition of St. Michael, Arch. Sunday, 9—Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension.

NEWS OF THE WEEK. The political lull in Paris continues, and the newspaper articles are chiefly directed to the refutation of warlike designs ascribed by the Berlin press to the French nation and Government.

GODS ILL-TREATED. "Gideon got up one night and broke down Baal's altar, and cut down the grove that was by it. The villagers came in the morning to his father, demanding that the daring iconoclast should be put to death."

NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS. As the change in the postal laws will require prepayment of newspaper postage by publishers on and after the first of August next, the Publisher of THE TRUE WITNESS begs to notify all concerned that in order to meet the extra outlay...

"CONFORTAMINI ET ESTOTE VIRI." The warm Address of sympathy and encouragement, transmitted by his Grace the Archbishop and their Lordships the Bishops of the Province of Toronto to the persecuted Prelates of Germany, sorely troubles our venerable friend, the Toronto Leader.

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Port de Paix, on the north coast of Hayti, at the east end of the island, has been the scene of some disturbances, the British Consul having been assaulted and wounded. The hot-headed captain of an Imperial gunboat wished to bombard the town but was dissuaded by the Consul, who came on her to Jamaica.

The Cuban Insurgents are reported to have been successful in one or two engagements, and to be engaged in burning sugar plantations.

A Negro who had killed a police officer was taken from prison by an unruly mob which broke open all the doors and drove off a large police force, and lynched, at Nashville.

The Ill-Feeling which has long existed between French and English fishermen off the Newfoundland coast, seems to be on the increase, as the Governments of both have resolved to send war vessels to the fishing grounds in order to prevent disturbances.

The Ocean Steamers sailing from New York on Saturday carried more than 1800 passengers, of whom nearly two-thirds were in the steerage.

We would remind the writer of the above blasphemous paragraph that the Jews found it a difficult thing to put their trust in a God Who suffered Himself to be scourged at a pillar, crowned with thorns, and crucified between two common thieves.

History repeats itself. The Witness of the 19th century is as blind as the Jews of the 1st. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, is mocked and scoffed at to-day in the sacrament of the Eucharist, as He was mocked and scoffed at nineteen hundred years ago on the Cross.

The subscribers and friends of the TRUE WITNESS will, we are sure, learn with regret that the Editor Mr. Clerk, has been seriously ill for about six weeks, and now very little hopes of his recovery are entertained.

COMUNION AND CONFIRMATION.—On Thursday, 29th ult., 96 girls and 67 boys received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation at St. Patrick's church.

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Leblanc, Rev. M. Ardenne, Rev. P. Charmetant, M. Bayle, Superior of the St. Sulpice Seminary, and Rev. M. Fleck, S.J., were among the clergy present. The church was brilliantly illuminated and nicely decorated, and Mgr. Fabre, who preached the sermon, recommended to the prayers of the faithful His Lordship Bishop Bourget, who has been very ill for some time.

The mill-owners of Hull are "locking out" all "saucy" French Canadians who persist in agitating for the repeal of the English version of the Act incorporating Hull as a city, because, as we pointed out on the 23rd ult., it is essentially different from the French and original version.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. J. & R. O'Neill, McGill street, which appears in another page. These gentlemen rank among the first in the Dominion of those who are engaged in the dry goods business.

THE MONTREAL GAZETTE.—We acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of our contemporary the Gazette in a new dress. It is less than five years since the Messrs. White assumed the control of this journal and certainly they may be congratulated on producing such a good commercial and general newspaper.

MODERNUS AND ANTIQUUS. (CONTINUED.) Modernus.—But the Anabaptists contend, that Christ in his great commission to his Apostles—"Go teach &c." absolutely excluded infants from baptism since he commanded the Apostles first to teach and then to baptize.

Antiquus.—Your Anabaptist friends must not be guilty of sharp practice in their interpretation of Sacred Scripture. Our Saviour nowhere says Go teach all nations; baptizing only such as have been taught; and until he does, their interpretation of His words must ever be looked upon as forced and unnatural.

Antiquus.—He does; but that proves nothing; since in the very next words he again mentions teaching after baptizing. Go teach all nations, baptizing them, &c., teaching them to observe all things, &c. If you claim an argument from the mere order of the words, your argument is immediately destroyed by that same order.

Antiquus.—But this only renders their position more untenable. For if their argument drawn from the order of the words, is to hold good, it follows, that an adult must first be taught the "documents of faith" only; must then be baptized; and after having been baptized must then and then only, be instructed in the precepts of morality.

Antiquus.—Another of their writers claims, that in the command "Go teach all nations baptizing them, &c." the relative them refers not to nations but to disciples and as by disciples he understands only such as have been instructed and believe, he founds an argument thereon against infant baptism.

Antiquus.—But there is not a word in the text about disciples. Modernus.—No! the word disciple is not there in reality in the text, but he claims it is implied in the Greek word which sometimes means "to make a disciple of."

The following is the Address:— TO HIS EXCELLENCE CARDINAL LEDOCOWSKI AND TO THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF GERMANY:— Most Reverend Lords and Venerable Brothers in Christ:— We, the Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of Toronto in Canada, taking occasion of our reunion at the consecration of our venerable brother, the Bishop of Kingston, beg to address you in the language of the Holy Scripture, "Confortamini et estote viri."

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THE LONDON "SPECTATOR" ON PROTESTANT INTERFERENCE IN CHURCH MATTERS. From the London Spectator we take the following excellent recommendation:—"The best thing that the Protestant States can do, is to keep aloof from matters which do not concern them, and in which they may easily do much mischief, but cannot easily do much good."

To speak of "the duties of those in high places" may seem far fetched and obsolete to some of our readers; but if it be "old fashioned" and "behind the age," it is none the less true. If the people at large were to act as those who assume to govern them act; if they were to carry out the principles and the practices of their rulers to their fullest extent, where, would we like to know, would be those features which we claim to esteem most; where would order, honesty, righteousness, peace, and happiness find a resting-place?

We would venture to say that if the Protestant States of Europe, and (enlarging the idea of the Spectator) the Protestant peoples of the world, were to keep aloof from matters that do not concern them, a totally different order of things would prevail. It must be evident to any one who has been a close observer of "the signs of the times," that the gloomy outlook which meets the gaze where-soever it is bent, is due, in a great measure, to the efforts made by anti-Catholic intrigue, and to a desire to circumvent and embarrass the progress of the Church.

The many secret societies operating in Catholic countries, we look on as so many covert allies of an aggressive and impertinent Protestant principle. We look upon them, whatever may be their name and pretensions, as the deceitful pioneers of the invasive mass of pernicious and heterodox theories that are to be hurled down upon the deposit of truth to choke its utterances and suppress its protestations against the wrong perpetrated or in contemplation. To "head off" the truth, and to give the semblance of virtue to vice, is the manifest aim of the aggressive Protestant statesmanship of the day. It works in divers ways, but with the same end in view. To destroy the power which the Church, in the Providence of God enjoys, to defeat her plans, which we need not tell Catholics, embrace the eternal welfare of those that her Founder has redeemed, is the scheme of the Protestant statesmanship that looms up like some phantom of evil in Europe at the very moment that we are writing these lines. It requires no very great stretch of the imagination to picture the ultimate consequences of this baleful tendency of most of our existing forms of Government. It will, if allowed to develop itself, react on mankind, and do damage within its own ranks. Many an engineer has been sorely hurt by his own petard, and it is not only within the bounds of probability, but highly probable, that the directing minds of the predominant idea will be among the first to experience the sad results of the evil that they foster. We need scarcely expect, however, that Protestant States will pay homage to the wise words of the London Spectator. The evils that are complained of by Catholics and censured in the article from which we have quoted, we suppose will ripen, and finally destroy themselves. They have passed already through the opening and intermediate stages, and we think the "beginning of the end" is not far distant, if already initiated. A fierce struggle and a period of prostration will come and after this will be seen the Church, as hitherto triumphant, calmly enthroned above the debris of the broken state of the nation and thereby which sought her overthrow.—Pittsburgh Catholic.

It is announced that all horses, harness, wagons, and railway plant are to be admitted free of custom duty into the Province of Manitoba for the space of three months.