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Calendar for the Week.

- 18-Prayer of Our Lord in the Garden. 19-SS. Tyrannus and Com. 20-SS. Peter's Chair at Antioch. 21-SS. Peter Damien. 22-SS. Matthias, Ap. 23-SS. Walburga, Ab. 24-Passion of Our Lord.

We are forced to hold over till next week the continuation of the interesting original story of Kateri Tekakwitha now appearing in THE REGISTER.

In the next issue of THE REGISTER three letters in the Langtry controversy, which have been refused insertion in THE Mail and Empire, will be published.

It is not known what steps, if any, Rev. Dr. Langtry has taken to prevent the civic authorities from erecting an image in Toronto in commemoration of the 60th year Her Majesty's reign.

The letters published in this issue from Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, and Hon. Edward Blake, on the Irish Parliamentary Party show for one thing, that the recent cable despatch, which said the Archbishop had proposed Mr. John Redmond for the leadership, was false.

Hard times for the people mean quiet times for the doctors. So says Dr. J. J. Cassidy in The Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Cassidy explains it by saying when people are struggling for life they pay no attention to trifles. Men do not. But what of the women? They "bitch" and forget both their fancied ailments and the wolf at the door.

Hygiene is another cause of the "vibrio" falling off in patients and notable reduction in revenue.

The Globe sends out to its friends an artistically arranged booklet descriptive of its handsome offices and prosperous business.

The wonders of modern newspaper making are here pictured in the up-to-date mode. There is a fine harmony about The Globe as an institution. Everything connected with the paper is on a big, solid scale.

Political at all times, it is entirely reliable as a public medium of impartial intelligence, whilst its tone is distinctly and unvaryingly Canadian.

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Our respected friend, The Christian Guardian, referring to the denial of Rev. Dr. Sutherland that he had spoken of the French Canadians as half-civilized, says:

How much better it would have been for THE CATHOLIC REGISTER to have corresponded with Mr. Maclearen or Dr. Sutherland before complaining or criticising, and have found out that the offensive words did not represent the thought of either of these gentlemen.

Perhaps it would have been better for Mr. Maclearen and Dr. Sutherland had this paper privately satisfied itself about how these gentlemen really felt towards the French Catholics. But what about the French Catholics themselves? Remember the offensive words had appeared in The Globe and The World, two journals of great circulation and reputation inside and outside of Canada.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's Diplomacy.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General for Canada, is on his way home; but the results of his mission to the Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda at Rome have pleased him.

The daily papers gave on Tuesday a synopsis of the correspondence between Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Blake, armed with which the former approached the Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda.

It has been represented to me that the Roman Catholic bishops of the Province of Quebec have stated to the Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda at Rome that the effect of the judgment in the case of Brophy by the Privy Council was that the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba were entitled to their separate schools as they enjoyed them prior to the Manitoba Act of 1890.

Mr. Blake, of course, even in the language of the judgment of the Privy Council, characterizes Mr. Fitzpatrick's proposition as an "entire misapprehension." And so it is. Perhaps for aught we know, it is a deliberate misapprehension.

And having considered the provisions of the settlement now under discussion I think them infinitely more advantageous to the Roman Catholic minority than any Remedial Bill which is in the power of the Parliament of Canada to force upon the Province of Manitoba.

Archbishop Langevin and all the Catholic bishops of Canada who have spoken on the proposed "settlement" entertain an entirely contrary opinion from Mr. Blake. Who should be the better judge of what is or what is not advantageous to the Catholic minority we will not for the present discuss.

But Mr. Fitzpatrick and The Tablet have made a strange use of Mr. Blake's opinion. The Tablet is apparently deceived by the hypothetical line of argument. It fears Mr. Blake's opinion "will be a sad disappointment to the hopes of many."

want restored the identical system then abolished. What Canadian Catholics in reality ask is that the principle of separate schools be restored, and they say the state can make what conditions it please to ensure efficiency.

That some understanding exists between Mr. Fitzpatrick and The Tablet is made abundantly plain in the issue of that paper to hand. The letters between Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Blake were private, and the first mention of them appeared in The Tablet. Notwithstanding this fact, in the same issue of The Tablet in which the correspondence appears, there is another letter from "A Catholic Canadian," whom we have already supposed upon good evidence to be Mr. Fitzpatrick himself.

Wonderful! The Tablet gives a similar suggestion of a better settlement seeming when it says: "Let it be granted that the proposals as they are, are not satisfactory; it that any reason why they should not be made so?"

This is a horse of a different color. If Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Laurier have a satisfactory settlement to propose, let them produce it. Catholic opinion in Canada will throw no difficulty in their way, and if they succeed, their success will be candidly and cordially acknowledged.

Strength of the Provincial Idea.

A number of considerations out of the ordinary course of provincial politics may have contributed to the interest felt in the opening of the present session of the Ontario Legislature. But, we venture to say, that had the occasion been devoid of these accidents—a personal nature all of them—the public interest would not have been perceptibly less.

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The new Speaker, Mr. Francis Eugene Alfred Evanturel is a French-Canadian Catholic who has always been a popular member of the Assembly and some references made to his personality from the leaders of both sides of the House are well worth quoting.

I am to propose a Speaker Mr. Evanturel, the member for Prescott. (Applause.) He has been a member of the House for some ten years. He is a graduate of Laval University, a bachelor of laws, a barrister, and for some time he was connected with the public service at Ottawa, and had an opportunity there of witnessing the procedure of Parliament and making himself familiar with the rules of debate.

It is very gratifying to know in this, the sixtieth year of her Majesty's reign, that in the first Province of the first colony of the first empire of the world a man's race and religion are not taken into consideration by the members of this House, but that only ability, integrity and fitness for the position are required.

Mr. Whitney, the leader of the Opposition, was more complimentary still to the Speaker-elect. He said: "I will say, however, premising that I intended to endorse the action of the Government in this respect, that it may be perhaps a matter of surprise throughout this Province, and a great many of our people may perhaps wonder as I wondered to-day at the choice of my hon. friend, the Premier, not at all on the merits of the choice which are beyond cavil; but we have heard and some of us have believed during the past few months that Mr. Evanturel would be invited to the Cabinet and to be given a position there not only in accordance with the desires and aspirations, naturally so, of his own people, but with the belief in the fitness of such a promotion, which I think, was generally shared in by the people of this Province."

As long as the spirit expressed in the above quoted remarks animates the popular representatives in whose hands the administration of provincial affairs is placed, there is no reason to fear that the people of Ontario will have cause to regard their local institutions, with any other feeling than pride. Provincial rights are the life-boats carried by the good ship Confederation; and men who are worthy of the trust of administering provincial affairs will always keep the life-boats seaworthy, no matter how securely the big ship may ride the waves.

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"gusen" of the ball, wearing her "famous robe of diamonds." Mr. John Jacob Astor was "king" of the ball; but whether his coat or breeches, or both of these articles of his apparel, were of diamonds is not mentioned.

There are thousands of persons in the city of New York wanting bread. While on the one hand it is claimed that if the Bradley-Martin ball did not materially help these people it could not have materially injured them, the inevitable contrary contention is advanced that a vulgar display of the baubles of American millionaireism may have an exasperating effect upon the impoverished mob.

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Protestantism and the Old Testament.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott (Congregationalist) the successor of Henry Ward Beecher, in Plymouth church Brooklyn, has been preaching of late upon some features of Holy Writ which he conceives are not above literary criticism. He accordingly proceeds to play upon the sacred Scriptures with the bright shafts of his wit.

Dr. Abbott's "leading flight in the disjecta membra" of modern Protestantism. The biblical scholars who have arrived at his stage of development are the elite of modern Protestantism.

Yet we are never permitted to forget that in every nation of Europe where the ancient faith was overthrown by the Reformation, the Bible was the proclaimed and accepted charter of the divine right of the Protestant religion.

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in Germany," and now the revolt against the Protestant belief in the Bible as the sole rule of faith is recommended by the same famous and fan-far brand. So it happens that the apologists of Goethe may have their own peculiar view concerning this latter day revolt against the Old Testament.

How these "biblical scholars" can overlook or deny the fact that the Jewish covenant and the old revelation formed the chief cornerstone upon which Christianity was erected, is something for the spacious intellects of the critics. The preservation, too, by the Hebrew race of the ancient revelation, side by side as it were with conquering Christianity, should have some bearing upon this somewhat frivolous discussion.

The idolatry of Egypt has passed from the world. They who were led out of Egypt by Moses—the inferiors of the Persians and of the Egyptians—as Frederick von Schlegel well remarks: "They are now the carriers, and we may well say, the porters of the designs of Providence, destined to bear the torch of primitive tradition and sacred promise from the beginning to the consummation of the world."

A re-acton of Protestantism against the Bible was inevitable. That it should be expressed by ridicule is to be deplored; but in whatever form it may find expression, it is bound to turn the minds of humble believers in the Bible back to that ancient Faith and one true Church which has in all ages protected and preserved the sacred Scriptures for the comfort and instruction of her children.

Mr. H. T. Kelly's Re-Election.

In congratulating Mr. H. T. Kelly upon his re-election as Chairman of the Public Library Board, THE REGISTER wishes to state one or two facts of interest alike to the Catholic people of Toronto and to the citizens generally.

Mr. Kelly's second term, it strikes us, is a testimony to the intelligent personal interest he has taken in the Public Library, and to his energetic, and so far very successful efforts to make that institution what it should be.

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