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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 25, Christmas Day. THURSDAY, Dec. 26, St. Stephen. FRIDAY, Dec. 27, St. John. SATURDAY, Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents. SUNDAY, Dec. 29, St. Thomas a Becket. MONDAY, Dec. 30, St. Sabina. TUESDAY, Dec. 31, St. Sylvester. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1, Circumcision.

A Merry Christmas.

With this issue of the TRUE WITNESS is ushered in that most beautiful of the festivals of the Catholic Church, the nativity of our Divine Redeemer. We have arrived at that point in the Ecclesiastical Calendar when joy and gladness should predominate in every household.

The Night Schools.

A visit to the night schools throughout the city during the past week has disclosed the wisdom of the Quebec Government in this, their latest legislation. For years Montreal has been filled with bright, sober and intelligent citizens whose lack of a sufficient early education has handicapped them in the race for position, wealth or honor.

support they have given us in the cause of Catholic journalism. We desire that they may be long spared to enjoy the benefits of this life; we pray that they may be enabled to participate fully in the joys of this holy season, and we wish them, one and all, most heartily.

"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The Test.

On the day Mr. Colby made his speech on the disallowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act in the House of Commons, the Daily Witness, assuming to speak in behalf of the Protestant minority in the Province of Quebec, stated that he had outraged the feelings and trampled upon the convictions of the class in whose name he had undertaken to speak in the legislature of the country.

On the day after the delivery of the speech, until it was announced that Mr. Colby had obtained a perfolio in the Dominion Cabinet, that the "only religious daily" did not level at him its deadliest shafts, and seek by every means, fair and foul, to asperse his character and render him odious to the Protestants of his constituency.

Mr. Meredith.

It is conceded on all sides that Mr. Meredith, the leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, put his foot in it when he delivered his London speech last week. Far better for the hon. gentleman to have remained all his life in opposition, enjoying the respect of all classes for high-minded liberality, than to have encumbered to the lash of the Hamilton Spectator and the Mail and entered the ranks of the anti-Catholics.

ment. He understands thoroughly that he is under no particular obligation to attend the schools, yet he fully realizes also the value of the gift which he is allowing to escape from his grasp if he neglects to accord that assiduity to his studies and punctuality to his attendance which they deserve.

Mr. Mercier's Opportunity.

For some time there has existed a very widespread feeling among the Irish Catholic population of this province that in the matter of representation they were not fairly treated by the administration at Quebec. Again and again has the Hon. Mr. Mercier professed his desire, nay his anxiety, to have an Irish Canadian among his colleagues in the Ministry.

Sarcastic but True.

The Catholic Record, of London, Ont., has the following bit of quiet sarcasm at the expense of the parties concerned:—"The Orangemen of North Hastings are up and doing. L. O. J. recently met, and a very strong resolution containing many forceful 'whereases' was thrown to the breeze. Condensed it would read something like this: Whereas,—Mr. Mowat found the separate schools inefficient. Whereas,—He made them efficient. Whereas,—We don't want them at all, and they must be abolished. Therefore be it resolved,—To hell with the Pope.

Archbishop Walsh.

His Grace Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, speaking the other day in that city gave expression to sentiments that will find an echo in every loyal Catholic heart. He said he had all his life endeavored to create a Canadian priesthood, racial of this soil. He was a Canadian in heart, soul and sympathy. He told his hearers they should inculcate in their boys sentiments of patriotism, for this is their country. On the same occasion he referred to what he styled the unprincipled, ignoble and wicked crusade, now being preached against the Catholic minority, in Ontario, and expressed his confidence in the sense of justice of the majority of the people of that province.

Should it be in the negative, we shall be compelled most reluctantly to admit that our faith in the promises of Mr. Mercer and his professions of intention to do our people justice has been very much shaken.

Northwest Complaints.

The venerable Bishop Grandin has published a letter addressed to his Eminence Cardinal Taschereau and the Bishops of the Province of Quebec, asking their powerful influence on behalf of the Catholic half-breeds and Indians. It is alleged that great injustice is being done them by the agent of the Department of the Interior. It is to be hoped that the matter referred to will be closely looked into by the authorities at the earliest moment and the prospect is that such will be the case, for Le Courrier du Canada, published in Quebec, one of the organs of Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, speaking of the letter of Bishop Grandin, says:—

"It contains touchingly eloquent complaints and a statement of facts of extreme gravity. It cannot be read without emotion. As regards the conduct of the Indian department, we call the attention of the responsible parties to the facts set forth. Such acts, if true, cannot be too vigorously denounced and punished. And the least that can be demanded is that a prompt remedy will be furnished for such crying abuses and just grievances. Once more, we call the attention of the Minister of the Interior and his colleagues to this important document. Mr. Dandoy has been Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West, and, on the occasion of his appointment as Minister of the Interior and the Indian Department, he was the recipient of the most emphatic expressions of sympathy from Mr. Grandin, the Rev. Father Lacombe, &c. The time has come to ascertain how much these tributes contained that was genuine as far as he was concerned and whether they were not delivered at the wrong address."

Hon. Mr. Dandoy will do well to look into the complaint of the good Bishop, who was his best friend in the days when he needed some one to endorse his elevation to the eminent position he now occupies.

LIBRARY REVIEW.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION Double Christmas Number is a charming souvenir. Its delicately colored cover encloses a wealth of stories and pictures that are intensely interesting to readers of all ages. Among the features are, "A Ride in a Wagon," by L. Harbo, a story of pioneer life in the Rocky Mountains; "A Double Decker," by Mrs. Frank Lee, a story for the boys, and another for the girls, entitled "Beth's Memorial Sticking," by Mrs. H. C. Rowe; an interesting description, by Emily J. Haynes, of the famous "Minto's Ledge Light," "A Book of Prayers," "Sleep of Plants, and What it Means," "Attacked by Chaynes," by K. L. O. F. Wolcott, a story of wild western life; "A Christmas Night's Sensation," by G. Linton B. Converse, and "Alice's Christmas," both fresh and appropriate to the season; high-beneficial editorials on "Thoroughness" and "Stanley's Return," with a beautiful page for the very young children, together with anecdotes and bits of fun, culled to make a complete treasury for the whole family.

Certain newspapers are announcing a series of articles on the Civil War, by Lord Wolsey, which it is said, "will appear in an American Magazine." They have appeared. They were begun in the May number of the North American Review, and are concluded in the December number of that periodical. More than this, they have been comprehensively reviewed by Gen. James B. Fry in the same magazine, and have been noticed by almost every paper in the country.

Donahoe's Monthly Magazine, for January, 1890, is a superb number. There is a portrait and biographical sketch of one of the leading Catholic merchant princes of the country, Joseph J. Donohue, the Napoleon of Commerce. The second article is delivered at the Catholic Congress by the silver-tongued Donohue of the country, Daniel Donohue, with an excellent portrait. The interesting series on Canada and her Neighbor are concluded. The great sermon of Archbishop Ryan, at the Centenary in Baltimore, is given at length. The platform of the Catholic Centenary is given entire. A complete Christmas story by the author of Brannan's story is given complete, together with many other articles too numerous to mention. The juvenile department is enriched by the Christmas Crib, contributed by L. W. Reilly. Now is a good time to subscribe. One dollar for six months—two dollars a year. Address Donahoe's Magazine, Boston, Mass.

The Owl, a magazine published by the students of the University of Ottawa is to hand, and is in every way a credit to the college. It contains an interesting account of the inauguration of the University, and the unveiling of a monument to its founder, Father Tabaret. Great care has been taken in the preparation of the illustrations, and the editorial work is of a high standard.

The National Magazine for January announces two new and valuable departments—"Biblical Literature" and "Pedagogy"—with Rev. J. C. Quinn, P. M., and S. H. H. A. M., President of Western College, as editors. "Cultural Readers" will be especially interesting in the new "Institute of Agriculture," described in this number—a part of the University Extension System of the National University of Chicago, whose non-resident or correspondence undergraduate and post-graduate courses have been such a favor. Other articles are by Prof. E. A. Birge, of the University of Wisconsin, and eminent specialists. Published at 147 Throop street, Chicago, Ill. Subscription, \$1.00 per year. Sample copy, 10 cents. Three cash prizes of fifty dollars each for the best essays on "Our Common Schools," "Study of the Bible," "How to Keep Young Men on the Farm," are announced.

"THE VOICE," a copy of which is to hand, contains the usual amount of interesting religious matter. With its December number it completes the sixteenth year of its existence. It has prospered well during this long period and we can heartily wish it long life and increased circulation during the incoming year. The subscribers of The Voice enjoy numerous advantages which it might be well for us to quote at this particular time as the hope that those whose names do not yet adorn the list will lose no time in subscribing to this cheap and important magazine. "There is a Mass every month for all subscribers, to obtain for them the grace of a happy death. On this, many seem not to set a sufficient value; but it is certain that nothing is more valuable in this world than a happy death. If, after all the vicissitudes of life and struggles for salvation, God, by the fire-blasting wounds of His Son, so often offered for us, grants us the grace of a happy death, of closing our eyes to misery and sin, to open them in the purest bliss, what a blessing. In this Mass are also included the intentions made known to us. Besides this, these intentions are prayed for every morning by a priest at the altar, and recommended to the prayers of the pious faithful. Another Mass is said in the month of January for the repose of the souls of our subscribers departed the foregoing year. Apart from these precious advantages all receive a monthly magazine for their family. The Voice, which is only 25c monthly. Address, Rev. James Brown, Hamilton, Bermuda.

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while those of other statesmen were significantly cheered. Poor unfortunate, even his own friends are becoming disgusted with him.

This impression in some quarters that, if the condemned Cronin suspects are accorded a new trial, a chance remains of having the death penalty imposed, is erroneous. The Supreme Court of the United States has already decided that in a case involving the possibility of capital punishment that, when the original trial jury has fixed the penalty at imprisonment, a second jury cannot inflict the death penalty. This will account for the determination on the part of the State's attorney and his associates to resist the motion made for a new trial.

GLADSTONE'S extraordinary vigor shows that his increasing years have not effaced it in the least. While his interest in politics still absorbs a large portion of his time, he still finds a few moments to devote to literature. He is now having an iron building constructed at Hawarden for his library of 16,000 volumes, and although this engrosses his attention more than anything else, he manages to devote a little time also to the arrangement of his immense stores of letters and papers. He is truly a wonderful man.

A DECISION was recently given in the United States courts that unless the clothes which he makes fit, the tailor need not be paid. Although this may at first sight appear hard on "the sixth part of a man," still it is but just that the party falling in his contract to perform a job satisfactory to the party of the second part should be made to suffer. The usual number of grammers against tailors mislaid will find in this decision a fruitful subject for reflection.

THE ANNEXATION QUESTION.

We reproduce the following article from United Canada, the organ of the Catholics of the Archdiocese of Ottawa:—"Our American exchanges, Catholic and non-Catholic, have been of late giving much attention to Canada—present and future. They seem eager to grasp at the smallest expression of apprehension on this side of the line of the idea of annexation to the United States. The Boston Republic, a journal which we always read with pleasure, quotes the Montreal Herald to show that the revolution in Brazil has had its effects on Canada. "These words may not," it says "have any special significance, but they seem to indicate that the force of a certain section of the Canadian people. Whether Brazil's revolution will influence Canada as to hasten the downfall of the sham royalty with which the latter country is at present burdened is another question, the solution of which time alone can furnish. Canada is now the only nation on this continent that was not excluded from an American Congress. The Pan-American congress now being held at Washington, and should such a result fail, her exclusion from whatever advantages might come to the other American states from the Zollverein would be very likely to set Canadiana to thinking more seriously, and might materialize the last vestige of monarchy in this western world. It would be abolished forever, and Canada become either an independent republic or part and parcel of these United States."

These words had not been long penned when a new light dawned upon our contemporary. The light came from our esteemed contemporary THE TRUE WITNESS, in one telling paragraph. "There is only one Catholic in the Senate of the United States! That is a remarkable statement. We have in our Dominion Senate a score and more of Catholics, and as for Irish Catholics, Murphy, Smith, Powers, Sullivan, Donahoe, Scott and others are names indicating that we have an abiding place in that quarter. We have in the Catholic judges past and present in the highest courts on the main island a task; only a day or two ago Hon. Mr. Sullivan was elected to the chief justiceship of Prince Edward Island; and no one will maintain that any lawyer's Catholicity would be a bar to his attaining the chief justiceship of the supreme court of Canada, provided his qualifications were equal to the position."

For the information of our esteemed contemporary we must state that it is not so our knowledge any public opinion in Canada in favor of annexation. The Canadians are a free, happy, self-governing nation concerning whom a woful amount of ignorance prevails amongst our enlightened and hospitable neighbors. The Catholic Church has nothing to gain, and perhaps much to lose by annexation. She does not, of course, fear the loss of her members, but she teaches her people due submission to the just law and well-balanced constitution they now enjoy. The example of Brazil can have and actually has no effect upon Canada. The two countries are wholly dissimilar, and Canadians have no desire for a volcanic republic on the South American plan. We admire our American neighbors but our country is not in the many respects inferior to our own. We are anxious to cultivate the closest possible trade relations with them, but they will never force or hurry us into political union by exclusive commercial regulations. Republican institutions are as yet only a trial in North and South America. It may not be long before impartial judgment of his people will be made. May that judgment be satisfactory say we. But however satisfactory it proves, it can never obliterate from the honest affections of thousands of Canadians their deep-seated love for constitutional monarchy.

DOM PEDRO NOW A PAUPER.

Santhed, His Property Confiscated and Allowance Stopped. RIO DE JANEIRO, December 21.—An executive decree promulgated to-day fixes the date of the general election for September 15, and the meeting of the Constitutional Assembly for November 15. By the same decree the ex-Emperor Dom Pedro is banished from Brazil, together with the members of the royal family, the Viscount of Ouro Preto and his brother, Count Alfaro, and the Marquis of Santos, governor of Rio Grande do Sul, charged with treason as the leader of the movement for the secession of that state, is condemned to transportation.

The decree recalls and cancels the grant of 5,000,000 milreis to Dom Pedro and suspends his allowance in the civil list. Besides suppressing his allowances the decree orders the confiscation of his real estate and forbids the return of the Imperial family to Brazil for two years. The city is tranquil.

LISBON, December 21.—The news of the provisional government's action in issuing a decree suppressing the allowance to the ex-Emperor, forbidding the return of the Imperial family to Brazil, has been well-received from Dom Pedro by the advice of his physician, who has ordered the sixteenth year of his existence. It has prospered well during this long period and we can heartily wish it long life and increased circulation during the incoming year. The subscribers of The Voice enjoy numerous advantages which it might be well for us to quote at this particular time as the hope that those whose names do not yet adorn the list will lose no time in subscribing to this cheap and important magazine. "There is a Mass every month for all subscribers, to obtain for them the grace of a happy death. On this, many seem not to set a sufficient value; but it is certain that nothing is more valuable in this world than a happy death. If, after all the vicissitudes of life and struggles for salvation, God, by the fire-blasting wounds of His Son, so often offered for us, grants us the grace of a happy death, of closing our eyes to misery and sin, to open them in the purest bliss, what a blessing. In this Mass are also included the intentions made known to us. Besides this, these intentions are prayed for every morning by a priest at the altar, and recommended to the prayers of the pious faithful. Another Mass is said in the month of January for the repose of the souls of our subscribers departed the foregoing year. Apart from these precious advantages all receive a monthly magazine for their family. The Voice, which is only 25c monthly. Address, Rev. James Brown, Hamilton, Bermuda.

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He Killed All His Family.

NILES, Ohio, December 21.—This community was startled this morning by the discovery of a horrible butchery. The victims are Charles Shelar and wife and three children, and the crime is supposed to have taken place early in the morning. When the deed was discovered all five bodies were stiff and cold, with their hands and feet lying together across the foot of the bed and the three children were in different parts of the house.

Shelar was a mill man and had steady employment, but of late drank heavily, and it is rumored he and his wife did not live happily together. The wife was a good woman and was purchased out from the State. The street in front of the house was densely packed with excited people to-day.

Major Armstrong and several civil officials of Salt Lake City, Utah, have been arrested on the charge of extensive frauds.