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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

- For January, 1881. THURSDAY, 27.--St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. FRIDAY, 28.--St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor. St. Agnes, secundo.

The Boers are going ahead slowly but surely. This is in fact their great opportunity, as if they do not gain certain successes before the arrival of the heavy reinforcements now on their way to the Cape, they are lost.

Water finds its level and so does truth. Our French Canadian contemporaries who at first denounced the Irish Land League are now beginning to see their error, and universally take sides with Ireland as against her oppressors.

The Coercion Bill will place Ireland at the mercy of the landlords, bound hand and foot; and considering that the landlords bear an almost immortal hatred towards the people who have flung them off with scorn, their revenge will be fearful if the same people do not stand shoulder to shoulder.

The Quebec Chronicle has made a terrible onslaught on Redpath, and yet that audacious man does not know there is a fly on his horn. The Quebec Telegraph, in defending the Irish from the Chronicle's attack, rushes over to a fearful extent, and says Redpath is a Scotchman, while the Toronto Mail claims him as an Englishman.

Dr. Bergin is entitled to the gratitude of the people of Canada for his factory bill, which we have no doubt will be passed in the House of Commons. The bill provides that children of a certain age will not be compelled to work in factories at all; that children under fourteen, shall not be compelled to work longer than five hours at a time, and has introduced other wholesome changes as well.

After painful deliberation with his conscience, his constituents, and, perhaps, a few of the Ministers in regard to situations vacant, the Hon. Mr. Macdougall has made an able speech in favor of the Government policy. It is good to have such conscientious men as the member for Halton in Parliament, men who do nothing hastily, and examine the pros and cons of a question with the keenest anxiety and intelligence.

The Count d'Albanie is dead: he died in England a few weeks ago at the mature age of eighty years. This Count d'Albanie, strange as it may sound, had some adherents in England, who, up to the day of his death, recognised him as Charles the Fourth, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India.

The Down Independent, just come to hand by mail, throws a flood of light on the ways that are dark and the tricks that are vain adopted by the North of Ireland landlords to get up opposition meetings to the Land League.

They are not accustomed to snow storms in old England, and when a first-class one does come along everything is upset. There have been no cable despatches within the last twenty-four hours, which prevents us knowing how matters stand in Parliament, or whether the Traversers have been acquitted in Dublin.

Moss complications and rumors of war in Europe. The Republican or 'Irredenta' party in Italy, which has the Garibaldi for leaders, are not willing that Europe should go much longer without an uprising of the masses.

It was at one time thought that the name of the Right Honorable Mr. Gladstone would go down to posterity without being obscured by a title, but the latest news from England which seems to be more than a mere report, is to the effect that he is to go to the House of Lords under the title of Lord Liverpool.

The long war between the Chilians and Peruvians is now, apparently, drawing to a close, and most disastrously for the latter and their allies, the Bolivians. Lima has been taken by the Chilians after a sanguinary contest, in which more than fifteen thousand men were placed hors de combat.

The Kingston Whig is lost in amazement that the Home Rulers and advanced Radicals should even dream of uniting with the Tories to turn the present Government from office, 'for,' says our contemporary, 'whatever good the Gladstone Government will do, the Tories will do nothing.'

tendency to simplify matters. One is that the agitation has become a revolution, and that a revolution never goes back; and the other that a whole nation cannot be evicted.

DR. JOHN O'CONNOR. The sudden death of the Reverend Dr. O'Connor, Vicar-General of Ottawa, has caused a painful shock to those who were acquainted with that true gentleman and pious Catholic priest.

This position of Goldwin Smith in Canada is a peculiar one. His talents as a writer and a man of varied learning, gave him a high position in England, and though Disraeli scorched him rather unmercifully in Lothair, the scorching was not sufficient to kill or even discourage him, if he is the man of mettle which his admirers would like him to be considered.

ANGLO-IRISH POLITICS.

After an unprecedentedly long debate the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne has been carried in the Imperial Parliament.

ease their conscience after having voted for coercion, the Whigs--pure and simple--will expect something moderate, while the Tories, except Sir Stafford Northcote's 'eat's his own words, will oppose any half decent Land Bill.

The opinion entertained by very intelligent London journalists, who are seldom astray in their calculations, is that when the bill is laid before Parliament it will startle the Whigs, and cause the Tories to turn green under the eyes like the Third Napoleon after Sedan.

The following gentlemen have consented to act as agents in their respective localities for THE POST and THE WITNESS:--Messrs. Richard Walsh, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; John F. Cleary, Campbellford, Ont.; Denis Hayes, (P.M.), Marysville, Ont., and Michael Conolly, Cooks Station, York Co., N. B.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hon. Mr. MacKenzie's complaint is typhoid fever. It is said that Mrs. Victoria Woodhull is to be married to the scion of a noble English house.

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is that the Bystander is now heartily in favor of the Conservative railroad policy; and he begs it to be understood that he has not changed because the Globe is opposed to it. And, by-the-by, this reminds us that the Globe has been rather sarcastic on the pretensions of this imported Canadian patriot, and that the editor of the Bystander is an excellent hater.

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Sothern, who made himself and Lord Drumreary famous, was a man of bright wit and pleasant humor. His income during the past fifteen or twenty years, averaged \$80,000. He was generous to a fault, kinder to brother actors and popular with all classes.

A man is never a prophet in his own country, and perhaps that is why the Quebec Telegraph is urging the claims of the Reverend Mr. Bray as member of Parliament for Megantic. With the support of the Telegraph and the assistance of Divine Providence the Reverend gentleman may get in.

Thanks to the exertions of the New York World that great city has now an obelisk of its own, which, says the Brooklyn Eagle, will cause the effete monarchies of the world to gnash their teeth. If the World could now manage to import the Tower of London, or the Giant's Causeway its happiness would be complete.

Some bloated aristocrat in Quebec suggests that the landlords vote according to property. This is something like Mr. Bethune's accumulative voting bill which was laughed out of the Ontario Legislature last year. If Quebec could not get out of its difficulties any other way better remain as it is, or it might go from a lower deep into the lowest deep.

The New York National Advocate's latest cartoon is a good one. It represents Parnell hammering away at the chains which bind 'Erin' as hard as he can, and John Bull with his fingers in his ears and the following words in his mouth, 'You infernal scoundrel, cease this noise, or I shall become deaf!' The last issue of the Irish World contains a photograph of Mrs. Parnell.

It is not easy to keep the Honorable Mr. Macdougall in party traces, and no man can tell with certainty how he is going to vote on any certain question. Perhaps he does not know himself. He has once more fallen into the Conservative trap on the Syndicate question, and the Globe unkindly suggests that it is because he is promised the Joint Governmentship of Manitoba or British Columbia. Wandering Willie, indeed.

The London (Ont.) Herald grows willy at the expense of ourselves and our readers. It advises THE POST, as but one in ten of them know Latin, to use Irish quotations instead. But then, does our esteemed contemporary know Latin from Irish, or Spanish? for if we remember right the last quotation we were tempted to make was the Spanish expression 'Wien Sabe.' We would strongly advise our smart contemporary, before it commits itself in future, to be cautious, for in our opinion everything outside of English is Greek to it.