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Calendar of the Week. Feb. 10—S. Scholastica 11—S. Gilbert 12—S. Barnet Bishop 13—Saxagredum 14—S. Valentine 15—SS. Faustina and Jovita 16—S. Juliana.

Matters of vast importance demand the attention of Parliament both in Canada and Britain.

The Parliamentary business of this Dominion opened on Friday last and although it is the custom of our legislators to reserve their hot words and other "fireworks" for the evening of the session, they were unable this time to hold themselves in any restraint whatever.

On Friday evening Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Bertram (the pillar of Liberal High Protectionism), Mr. W. F. McLean, Hon. George E. Foster and Sir Wilfrid Laurier fell foul of one another in a sort of tangled string. The principal encounter of the series occurred between Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It began with a little matter of "tin-pot titles," a phrase that used to be very popular with Liberal leaders before they had it in their power to take such vanities unto themselves.

Quite a storm arose when, in the course of his speech, Sir Charles Tupper, to all intents, arraigned the Governor-General at the bar of the House. He was called to "order" for saying that the representative of the Crown had acted unconstitutionally. The Deputy-Speaker was very willing to slip from under the responsibility which this remark provoked, and the scene ended by the acceptance of an interpretation of the Large Sir Charles merely said the remark was directed against the Premier. It is a pity, upon so important a matter as this, that the ruling of the chair is of no value. It is taking only small account of the representative of the Crown. Sir Wilfrid must have marked this very point, because his peroration took the form of a graphic account of the jubilee procession through London. This restored the atmosphere of the House which bathed in imperialism after belittling the imperial representative; but immediately after another small hurricane of personalities was let loose, Mr. W. F. McLean this time "talking back" at Sir Charles Tupper.

The great anti-Scott agitation continues to rage in London. Mr. Clement Scott (who by the way is a Catholic) dramatic critic of The Daily Telegraph, some months ago wrote in a censorious strain concerning the immorality of the stage. Then the players and actresses in Britain sat down and thought about the hardest things they could possibly say of Mr. Scott. And they said them. But the censorious critic did not mind; he may have liked it. Now they are trying to dislodge him from The Daily Telegraph. Some reports say the critic has resigned his position and some say

not. So the agitation surges. All the time Mr. Scott is gaining more and more notoriety and The Daily Telegraph's rivals are bidding against each other for him. The players do themselves no good in any event, they help their enemy every way when they seek to injure him.

In his annual report of crime, immorality and misfortune in Toronto the Chief Constable, Col. Grassett, says that in regard to many offences committed by the children of respectable parents who are not driven to such acts by the stress of poverty, there is much room for improvement in the moral sense of the young offenders. Col. Grassett does no more than corroborate world-wide evidence. But the people do not seem to be guided by it. The tendency towards purely secular education increases apace, as if morality must necessarily descend upon every youth and maiden who knows the great mysteries of reading 'riting and 'rithmetic. Even the police find out that it does not.

The British Parliament opened on Tuesday. The trouble with China and with Turkey, the disastrous campaign against the hill-tribes of northern India, local county government and Catholic higher education for Ireland are among the most important matters of debate. The Irish representatives have all agreed upon a united plan of action to help the Catholic University bill, and three or four Irish Unionists will support the measure. Nothing can be said of the bill to confer local county government before the publication of its provisions. It is expected, however, that the government will give a generous bill. Anything else would be a mockery. Mr. Chamberlain has been considering the whole business, it seems, and hinting at restrictions and conditions. This does not look well; but it may be Mr. Chamberlain's way of drawing attention to himself. The measure, whatever it is to be, will soon be produced, and it is to be hoped the Irish members will act unitedly and industriously in helping to make it a veritable piece of progressive legislation.

The Catholic authors of the United States have organized. There may be some substantial benefits in a union of authors. Even if the end secured is no more than the equalization of wages, on the plan or some other unions, there are some authors who would probably be helped by it. It happens very often that the greatest literary genius is a helpless creature in money matters. He does not know how to squeeze the publishers. He would be better off under a union rate of wages than if left to his own devices. Thackeray said of William Carleton: "He is the master of us all." But Carleton never made, in any single year of his life, \$1,000. His eldest son William, who died in Australia a few weeks ago, had a similar record. He was born in Ireland in 1829. He went to Australia in 1864. He was for a short time on the Melbourne Punch, but, through what some of his friends attributed to backstairs influence, his connection with that journal closed. He also contributed various sketches in prose and verse to other publications. Mr. Carleton married Miss White, daughter of an Irish landowner in Tipperary, whose homestead, The Advocate says, was known as "Green Hall." He leaves behind him, in addition to his widow, who at present resides at Prahran, two daughters—one of whom is married—and a son.

Castle Tammany, Dublin. A grave scandal is charged in connection with the election held in the Stephen's Green division of the city of Dublin the other day. The substance of it is that Dublin Castle rolled up a fictitious majority for the Unionist candidate, pressing minors, non-residents and so-called lodgers upon the lists. Forgery has its place in the corruption alleged to have been practiced. The whole matter will be debated in parliament and all sides of the story will be heard. The only thing that is cleared up is the precise character of the political immorality committed. There is no attempt to deny that the work, whether it can be defended legally or not, was done by Dublin Castle officials; and the motive for their activity is really the most interesting part of the story to outside observers. It shows that the "Castle" has improved upon American methods of rewarding its creatures. Mr. Wm. Kenny was elevated from Stephen's Green to the Bench only the other day. Then was brought forth another aspirant for judicial honors, Mr. Campbell, Q.C. His election gives him also assurance of a judgeship in good time. If it should turn out that forgery and fraud had to be committed by the machine at his back, the result may be different. Ireland is a very peaceful country although her laws are made in England and her judges

manufactured by a machine which puts Tammany Hall into the shade. The Irish Tammany Hall is naturally enough the great anti-Rome Rule centre of the country.

Italy—Monarchy or Republic.

After all the newspapers have been saying it does not appear that Pope Leo is responsible for any share in the suggestion of an Italian Republic. The Rome correspondent of The Liverpool Catholic Times gives the few facts connected with the raising of the question lately in the press of England and America. The discussion is said to have produced a scare in the Italian Government and provoked angry denunciations of the papers concerned. In his Christmas Allocution, the Holy Father protested against the intolerable difficulties of his position, dealt with the importance for Italy itself of the restoration of harmony between Church and State, and used the phrase: "But when has it ever been derogatory to a State to enter the path of just reparation?" A writer in The Civiltà Cattolica took up this phrase and commented on it. He showed that so far only two difficulties had been raised against granting his rights to the Sovereign Pontiff—these are the unity of Italy and its monarchical constitution. To the unity of Italy the Popes have never been opposed; no other rulers, on the contrary, having ever been more energetic vindicators of the national idea. There remains, consequently, the monarchical form of government. This, however, is not essential to the wellbeing of a country, for confederated unions such as those of the German Empire, of the American or Swiss Republics, might for all national purposes equally fulfil the functions of a monarchy. A confederation of Italian States, whilst prejudicing in nothing the unity of the nation, would allow the possibility of the Pope's condition being altered and of a source of grievous detriment to the entire country being removed. The London Daily Chronicle gave it to be understood that this article was inspired by the Vatican. Such was not the case, but the Italian anti-clericals, ever anxious for some grounds whereon to wage war against the Church, naturally availed themselves of this assertion and have exhausted the vials of their bitterness on the theme of the papal rights and prerogatives. It thus happened, adds our Liverpool contemporary, that a review article, excellent and reasonable in itself, became a motive for a new display of hatred on the part of the enemies of religion.

The State of France.

Emile Zola, the novelist, was put on trial in Paris on Monday for his public denunciations of high state and army officials of the Republic, in connection with the now famous Dreyfus case. The opening of the judicial investigation shows no evidence of any abatement of the savage agitation against the Jews that has become so violent in France as a result of Dreyfus' conviction because Dreyfus happens to be a Jew. It is impossible for outsiders to understand the popular fury, although the facts behind it are intelligible enough. Dreyfus is now in the galleys, having been convicted by court-martial of betraying important secrets. His friends declare his innocence. They have been beaten in a second court-martial upon Commandant Esterhazy, and in the Legislature, where they made an attempt to re-open the whole case a few weeks ago, one of the direct consequences of this course being a free fight and some bloodshed in the Chamber. The government, the army and the populace together denied any sort of a new plea for Dreyfus. Then Zola made a charge denouncing the courts-martial on Dreyfus and Esterhazy and declaring the government and the army guilty of iniquity. No one can deny Zola's courage. He defended Dreyfus single-handed at a time when anti-Jewish madness raged furiously in Paris and other cities. Whatever may be the rights or the wrongs of the Dreyfus case, there is no redeeming feature whatever in the unbridled rage displayed against the Jews. Catholic journals and journalists are in it as thick as the rest of the nation. France is crazy through and through with fanaticism. It has fallen to Zola and a few others to uphold the national honor before an unprecedented tempest of hate and cowardice.

Irish Parliamentary Fund.

From the diocese of Halifax a sum of \$115 has been contributed to the Irish Parliamentary Fund through the patriotic Archbishop O'Brien. This generous addition to the Canadian fund recalls the practical interest taken by the Irish people of Halifax in the great Race Convention. While on account of the heavy expense and loss of time involved, some difficulty was experienced in other cities in finding representative men for that important mission, Halifax promptly named its delegates at one general meeting called for the purpose. Among the pointed speeches of the Convention one which went straight to the mark was that delivered by Rev. Dr. Foley of Halifax. The friends who live down by the sea are never last in rallying to the support Ireland's constitutional cause with men and means.

Missions in Toronto.

The mission which is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral by the Jesuit priests, Very Rev. Fathers O'Bryan, Cassidy and Devlin, is a most decided success. His Grace the Archbishop opened the mission on Sunday during Solemn High Mass by a few well-chosen words on the necessity and importance of the mission in the life of the parish, requesting all the people to come themselves and to invite others to avail themselves of this great grace which God had bestowed upon them. Certainly it must be very encouraging to the holy Fathers to see how their labors are appreciated. Large crowds are present at the masses at 7, 7 and 9 a.m., when suitable discourses on practical Christianity are given by the Rev. Father O'Bryan. In the evenings at 7.30 p.m. the Rev. Father O'Bryan delivers most able and impressive lectures on the virtues and vices of daily life. As usual the church is thronged with large and appreciative audiences. The Rev. Father will be assisted during the week by Fathers Cassidy and Devlin after Tuesday evening when the fathers will take their turn in the pulpit. In addition to the catechetical instructions given to the children at 8.30 p.m., there is a confirmation class for adults, held in St. John's Chapel, next door to the palace, at 7.30 p.m. every evening. At this class instructions are given to adults who desire to receive confirmation next Sunday evening from His Grace the Archbishop who will be present. It is needless to say that in the present time of missionaries we have some of the ablest men of the great order of St. Ignatius. Rev. Father O'Bryan is known not only to Europe but also throughout America as an illustrious pulpit orator who is unequalled in the art of instruction and exhortation. Rev. Fathers Cassidy and Devlin are able and most impressive speakers who win their way to the hearts of their audience by their great rhetorical powers. A most successful mission has just concluded in St. Helen's.

Death of Sister McDougall.

Last Wednesday night at 5 o'clock, Sister McDougall, the oldest member of the local community, died at Hotel Dieu, of general debility and old age. The deceased was the daughter of Owen McDougall and Ann McLennan. Her father was a prosperous merchant in the city in the early days. She was 78 years of age. Fifty-two years ago she entered the Hotel Dieu, and for that long period she has faithfully adhered to the strict rule of chastity, poverty and obedience. For over half-a-century she has devoted her life to the relief of suffering humanity in nursing the sick in the Hotel Dieu. During the time of the terrible ship fever plague, in company with Sister McGorran, she did splendid service in nursing the unfortunate immigrants who were dying in hundreds from the effects of the deadly disease. Both the sisters contracted the disease, and Sister McGorran was among the victims who perished from its effects. For the past four years the deceased has been growing feeble and it was apparent that she was about to lay down the cares of this world and enter on her long rest in the better land. Fifty-two years in the Mother's arms is a rare term. The funeral took place on Saturday morning from the Hotel Dieu. A solemn requiem mass was sung for the repose of the soul of the venerable sister. Very General Kelly acting as celebrant, assisted by Father O'Brien as deacon and Father Meszger as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Kehoe, who came all the way from Oshanauld to attend the funeral was also present. St. Joseph's chapel was crowded with people. Beside the sisters from Hotel Dieu a number from the House of Providence and the congregation of Notre Dame were in attendance. The Libera was beautifully rendered by the Sisters. The nuns each held a lighted taper. At the conclusion of the service, the Sisters carried the body as far as the door of the institution chanting the Miserere and the De Profundis. From this point the pallbearers—Messrs W. Bigney, J. Ward, J. J. Behan, E. Steacy, J. Farrell, J. Olden—conveyed the coffin to the

hearse. The remains were placed in the vault at St. Mary's, Montserrat, Kingston, Nova Scotia, on January 22, '98. The deceased lady was a sister of the late Mrs. Mary Hawkins of this city, a native of Kingston, having come to Brantford with her husband in 1884, when it was but a small village.—Brantford Expositor.

Catholic Truth Society Concert.

A very successful musical and literary entertainment was given on Tuesday evening, February 1st, in St. Vincent's Hall under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society of St. Michael's parish. The concert was presided over by Rev. Father Ryan, and the following ladies and gentlemen contributed sections and songs which proved to be a most interesting programme. Miss Agnes Dooling, solo pianist, pupil of Prof. Branne, Miss Edith Dunner, Mrs. Forey and Miss Banks, Prof. Geo. E. Beane, Mr. G. T. Beale, tenor (also pupil of Prof. Branne); Mr. M. Costello and Mr. J. M. Jones, accompanist, whose magnificent recital of Poe's "Raven" held the audience spellbound from the first word to the last. When every number was re-demanded invidious to indicate special items, but it is only bare justice to say that Miss Agnes Dooling's debut was a most gratifying and unqualified success, while Mr. G. T. Beale's admirable singing and Mr. S. M. Jones' splendid recitations are sure to place them in requisition again. Mr. G. T. Beale and Prof. George E. Branne sang to the delight of the audience "The Pilot Drive," which, like every other number, was re-demanded. Much of the success of the concert was due to the very able style of Mrs. Joseph Bonnor as accompanist and not the least interesting feature of the entertainment was the very able and critical lecture delivered by Rev. Dr. Treacy on "The Catholic Church and the Bible."

\$1,000 for Charities.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Savings Bank Charitable Trust was held at St. John's Grove, Sherbourne street, His Grace the Archbishop presiding, with Thomas Flynn, O. B. Doherty and M. O'Connor also present. After the usual business of the meeting was disposed of it was resolved that the sum of one thousand dollars be set aside from the earnings of the Trust for distribution among the charities and that the treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor, be requested to pay over the same to the following named institutions and in the portions allotted to each:—St. Nicholas Institute, House of Providence, St. Michael's Hospital, Orphanage at Sunnyside, Good Shepherd, Parkdale; St. John's Industrial School, House of Industry.

C. Y. L. L. A. Notes.

The Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association met on Tuesday evening, February 1st, at the home of Miss Walsh, Bellevue Place. Final arrangements were made for the "At Home" to be held next week in St. George's Hall. The study of Irish authors was resumed. Dean Swift being the subject under discussion. Miss Alice Walsh, Miss Murphy and others contributed to the programme of music. On next Monday evening a special meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Kavanagh, 95 Gloucester street, when the eleventh canto of Dante's "Inferno" will be read. "The colors of the Association—yellow and white—will be ready for distribution.

Grand Sacred Concert.

Our readers should on no account miss the grand concert by St. Basil's choir this (Thursday) evening in St. Basil's Church. It is needless to recount the varied merits of artists who are all so well-known to the public. Madame Franklin will sing Sir A. Sullivan's "Lost Chord," and those who have heard her voice will realize what fine feeling and expression she can put into it. Miss Marian Chaplin is another of the newer favorites. She will sing "Ave Maria" (Raff) with violin obligato by Herr Klungenfeldt. All the old favorites of St. Basil's will take part.

C. Y. L. L. A. "At Home."

The Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association have made something of a new departure this year in connection with their regular "At Home." Heretofore these very pleasant assemblies have been held in St. Patrick's Hall; but a change to St. George's Hall is now considered desirable for the increasing numbers who like to attend. This "At Home" will be held on Tuesday evening the 15th, from 8 to 12. There will be the usual select literary and musical entertainment to be followed by dancing and supper. Single tickets 50c.

Clerical Changes.

His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto has been pleased to make the following changes: Rev. Father McGuire, St. Paul's to Dixie; Rev. Father McEachern, Dixie to Adajala; Rev. Father Finesgan, recently ordained, to take the place of Father McGuire in St. Paul's.

Consolation.

Divisions No. 2, 3 and 5, A.O.H., have passed resolutions of sympathy with Provincial President McCaffrey on the death of his daughter.

Obituary. Two most exemplary young men passed away quite recently in the vicinity of the G. T. R. station at Cornwall; and as they were couraged in life so were they almost inseparable in death.

MR. CHARLES F. GANNON. who died on the 20th December last, at the early age of 22 years was the youngest son of Mr. Patrick Gannon, well and favourably known as an old resident of Cornwall. "Charley" was endowed with many fine qualities of head and of heart. He was ardently devoted to the practice of his religious obligations. He was affectionate to his brothers and sisters; respectful; even reverential to his parents, whose hope he was in their declining years; and charitable and kind to all. To Mr. and Mrs. Gannon we extend the assurance of our sincerest sympathy in their terrible bereavement.

MR. PATRICK DANIEL. For the fourth time in the same number of years grim death has crossed the threshold of Mr. John Danaher's home, each time carrying off a victim; the last being his son, Patrick, who had just celebrated his 19th birthday, at the early age of 19 years. Very wide sorrow is felt because of the death of this excellent young man, whose life was a model worthy emulation. To his parents also, the "Register" tenders sympathies on the sore calamity which has again befallen them.

MRS. MCGEEHAN.

We deeply regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Gorman McGeehan, wife of John McGeehan, Esq., merchant of Douglas Co., Renfrew which sad event occurred at her home on 28th January last, at the age of 81 years. Deceased was daughter to Mrs. Thomas Gorman of Shamrock, a member of a family widely scattered and highly esteemed throughout the county of Renfrew. A husband and four children live to mourn her loss. These were heartily sympathized with on the heavy blow which has fallen upon them.

MR. PHILIP BROGIN.

We are pained to hear of this gentleman's death which occurred at his home at Smith's Falls on the 13th January last. Mr. Brogin with his parents left his native home in the county of Monaghan, Ireland, when but a mere child, nearly 70 years ago. Coming to Canada, they settled at Regard, Province of Quebec where they subsequently became well-known. About six years ago the subject of this notice moved to Smith's Falls where he subsequently died as already stated fortified by the sacramental grace with which the Catholic Church surrounds the dying penitent.

Knights of St. John.

At the last regular meeting of Columbus Commandery R. C. O., Knights of St. John held in Jackson Hall last Thursday evening, Feb. 3rd, the officers for the ensuing year were installed. Colonel Keil and Captain Neville of St. Patrick's Commandery, acted as installing officers, the gallant Colonel giving the obligation and Sir Knight Neville acting as sergeant-at-arms. After the ceremony the visitors addressed the commandery briefly congratulating Columbus on the progress made recently and impressing upon the new officers the importance of the proper performance of their duties. The new president Sir Knight O. J. Began on behalf of the commandery thanked the visiting brethren and prophesied that when next the commanding officer came to impose their duties upon the newly elected officers of 219, he would find here the banner commandery of the province. Following are the officers: president, Sir Knight C. J. Rogers; 1st vice-president, Sir Knight Jos. McDonald; 2nd vice-president, Sir Knight Wm. Norris; recording-secretary, Sir Knight, A. H. Boney; 1 Reynolds Place; financial-secretary, Sir Knight William M. Moylean; treasurer, Sir Knight Jno. N. Boney; messenger, Sir Knight John O'Rourke; sergeant-at-arms, Sir Knight Frank J. Burns; board of trustees, Sir Knights T. J. Gillison, Jno. Wm. Corcoran, Jas. Burns, Jno. Macdonald. A. H. Boney, Secy.

Our Lady of Lourdes.

The solemnity of the Feast of the Purification, on Sunday the 9th, was taken advantage of by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, of Our Lady of Lourdes, for their reception. In the evening at Vespers, after a sermon by the esteemed pastor, Rev. Father Walsh, in which he extolled the virtues of the Mother of God, nine young ladies were received as Children of Mary.

Since the establishment of the Sodality in this parish five years ago it has steadily grown, and much praise for its success is due to Father Walsh, who has proved himself a prudent and zealous director, also to the Ladies of Lourdes, who have always taken a deep interest in everything pertaining to its welfare.

On the occasion special music was rendered by the choir under the able direction of Miss Fannie Sullivan. A collection was taken up for the Library fund of the Society. ONE OF THE MEMBERS.