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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

NOVEMBER. THURSDAY, 9.—Dedication of St. John Lateran. St. Theodore, Martyr.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE

Our latest Irish exchanges bring us the detailed programme which was adopted at the late National Conference in Dublin, for the guidance of the new political association to be known as the "Irish National League."

Among all proposals for reforms, national self-government is ever accorded the first place. The fact indicates the foremost passion and aspiration in the Irish heart...

satisfied, unless it is governed by its own people and for its own people. It is therefore not extraordinary to find that this principle of political economy should be fully and eagerly endorsed by an organization whose object it is to protect the general interests and secure the welfare of Ireland.

ENGLISH DIPLOMACY AT ROME.

It is a well known fact that the English Government have on numerous occasions made directly or indirectly advances towards the Holy See to have the relations between England and the Vatican assume their old time character of officiousness.

and Lordism were not or could not be justified by their own organs. The Mail, more than any other paper, has exerted itself to its very utmost to arouse the fanatic feeling of the population.

Rome is too wise to dictate a course of politics to any country, or to take action upon one-sided information. Leo XIII. did not lose all his astuteness when in audience with Mr. Errington; His Holiness of course gave him a graceful hearing, but nothing further.

THE SMITH-ODONOHUE MANIFESTO.

The Smith-O'Donohue manifesto addressed to the Catholic Hierarchy of Ontario against Archbishop Lynch is gradually attracting the attention of our religious and political world.

SPARE THE BONSECOURS CHAPEL!

It is to be sincerely hoped that our City Fathers will hold a protecting hand over the chapel of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, and will not allow this venerable and hallowed place of Divine Worship to be razed to the ground.

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The impression created by the Smith-O'Donohue manifesto among the people generally of the Dominion, and in particular among the Catholic people which it affects more directly, is exactly what we thought it would be, and which we felt safe in predicting after a first perusal of the astonishing contents of the document.

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THE MCGEE MONUMENT.

The ably written letter of our correspondent "X" which appears in to-day's issue of this paper, and in which he joins with us in our advocacy for the erection of a monument to the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, does credit both to his head and heart, though he is in error in one or two particulars to which we would briefly refer to further on.

Our correspondent furthermore says he could instance many arrests for Fenianism which occurred after the death of Mr. McGee, and asks upon whose sworn information were these arrests made.

consult or to direct them in the matter, but the wishes and demands of the citizens? The entire community, without regard to class or creed, is involved in its opinion as to what should be done with the Bonsecours chapel.

RELIGION AND LAW.

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THE DISORDERS IN FRANCE.

The news which has been received during the last few days from various parts of France afford ample ground for the belief that the country is threatened with one of its periodical reigns of terror.

are at a loss to understand even at this late day, and that is, that the leaders of the Fenian movement in the United States were professedly free from any complicity in the murder, as they time and again denounced it and expressed surprise at the commission of the bloody deed.

We would, therefore, suggest that a meeting of our leading Irish citizens, and all interested in the project of raising a monument to the illustrious scholar and statesman, be convened at once, and whatever form it may take, let it be raised spontaneously and with a free will, and let no dead issues arise to prevent the consummation of a work in which all true Irishmen should be proud to extend a helping hand.

When the revolutionary spirit moved the masses under the reigns of kings and emperors, it was argued that a Republic would be its only cure; but the fallacy of the argument is now palpable, and the discontent of the people is not to be attributed so much to this or that form of government as to their own perversity.