

CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

APRIL.

- 23—Third Sunday after Easter, Patronage of St. Joseph.
- 24, Monday—The good thief.
- 25, Tuesday—St. Mark, Evangelist.
- 26, Wednesday—Saints Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes, Martyrs.
- 27, Thursday—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr.
- 28, Friday—St. Paul of the Cross, Conf.
- 29, Saturday—St. Peter, Martyr.

BRIEFLETS.

We find that the number of French Canadian settlers lately arrived under Rev. Father Blais' direction is even greater than at first reported. There 182 persons who have settled within the limits of the diocese of St. Boniface.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin preached a most interesting sermon on "Vocations" in the cathedral last Sunday. Though he spoke for considerably more than an hour his sketches of character were so vivid and true to the life that everybody, even the children, would willingly have listened an hour more.

This afternoon Sergeant Carroll, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, gave his first lesson in military drill to the cadets of St. Boniface College. They were delighted with him and he seemed pleased with the 40 youths whom he put through their paces during more than an hour.

We regret to learn that Miss Marie-Louise Bertrand, daughter of the late A. H. Bertrand, and niece of Judges Dubuc and Prud'homme, died yesterday at St. Boniface hospital at the early age of twenty. She had been long patiently preparing for heaven. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 7.45 from Hon. Judge Dubuc's residence to the cathedral. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved mother and family.

Last Saturday evening Mrs Sturgeon explained to the Sisters of St. Mary's Academy the Simplex and Kindergarten system of rudimentary piano teaching invented by her cousin, Miss Evelyn Fletcher. Mrs McIntyre, whose eight-year old daughter Jean has made great progress with this system, accompanied Mrs Sturgeon. Copy-books filled up by musical juveniles from eight to ten years of age showed how the child's mind takes in this materialization of that most intangible of arts, music.

On Sunday evening, in St. Mary's Church, the Most Rev. Archbishop preached an impressive and touching sermon on "Charity," taking for his text Matth. 25, 34-36. He congratulated the Catholic people of Winnipeg on their generous response to his proposal for a Catholic orphanage for boys, and he felt sure that a special blessing of God would rest upon them for their charity. His Grace also trusted that this charitable undertaking would gradually help to the solution of the school difficulty.

Telegraphic news, dated Saturday last, informed us that at Three Rivers, Que., people are still crossing the St. Lawrence there in teams. This proves that our Manitoban spring is more than a week ahead of the Quebec season. No teams have crossed the Red River here for more than a week, and now there is open water between Norwood and Louise Bridges, though the ice is still stationary at Norwood and Selkirk and therefore the Red River cannot yet run clear. But the Assiniboine River ice ran out yesterday.

The water has risen about seven or eight feet since the ice broke up.

THE FOLLY OF BEING FAST.

I was turning over some old letters not long ago, letters written to a relative of mine 60 or more years ago. I came across one missive detailing the course of a young man who was rapidly drifting to ruin. He was going the pace, as they say nowadays, and the writer of the letter was regretting that a young man of such fine abilities and brilliant promise should wreck mind and body in the haunts of dissipation. Well, he went to the bad, as the correspondent suggested that he would, and he never came back, like the Prodigal Son, to his father's home. He died on the Isthmus of Panama many years before we had an overland railroad route to the Pacific Ocean—a broken down, prematurely-aged man. He had an excellent position, for which he was well adapted by nature, when he began his downward career, and was the light of the social occasion, where he showed qualities as a vocalist that in these times of superior musical training might have placed him in the front rank of concert singers. Perhaps his popularity contributed to his downfall. He was flattered and caressed, and was not strong-minded or religious enough to resist the temptations that came in his way. Sometimes it is a young fellow's curse to be an especial favorite, especially if he is so in a fast set. One should always remember that popularity of any kind is a very fleeting thing. The world admires to-day the man that it condemns tomorrow. While a young fellow has plenty of money in his pocket and spends it freely he will not lack for admirers. When it is gone and he is hard-up they will ignore him and forget his former butterfly existence.

For one prodigal son who repents, there are thousands of wayward youths who never renounce their evil habits. Their gradual degradation is well illustrated in Hogarth's series of pictures entitled "The Rake's Progress." When the artist referred to lived, the manners may have been a little different from what they are now, but the world, the flesh and the devil



When a man gets down flat on his back, so that he has to be carried about like a baby, he finally realizes that he is a sick man. Very frequently he has been a sick man for years, but has recklessly refused to recognize nature's warnings. Severe illness is something that does not strike a man like a flash of lightning. It creeps upon him by degrees, and at every step warns him with a new danger signal. When a man feels "out of sorts" or "knocked out," or whatever he may call it, he is a sick man. It is time to take warning. Headaches, drowsiness, loss of sleep at night, loss of appetite, nervousness, bad taste in the mouth in the morning, and faintful dreams—all these are warnings of encroaching illness. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery creates appetite, cures dyspepsia, stimulates the liver, purifies the blood, quickens the circulation and tones the nerves. It makes rich, red, tissue-building blood. It builds firm flesh, but does not make corpulent people more corpulent. Unlike cod liver oil, it does not make flabby flesh. On the contrary, it tears down and excretes the unhealthy tissues that constitute corpulence, and replaces them with the firm, muscular tissues of good health. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. All bronchial, throat and kindred ailments, as lingering coughs, spitting of blood and weak lungs are cured by it. Thousands have testified to its merits. At all medicine stores. It is a dealer's business to give you what you ask for; not to tell you what you want. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. One "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. Druggists sell them, and nothing is "just as good."

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Of what avail the midnight orgie if you wake up in the morning with a headache which prevents you from doing properly the work you are called upon to do? The few hours of so-called pleasure in which you have been in an unreal condition of mind do not compensate for the misery that you have to endure through this illicit indulgence. You are in a condition that will induce you to return to the stimulants of the night before, and this often leads to the prolonged spree by which you lose reputation, position and everything else that respectable people esteem. And with regard to alcoholic stimulants it may be said that they are not needed by young people at all. Their spirits are high enough without being inflamed by intoxicating liquor. They do not require any spur to increase their enjoyment. It is thought that old, debilitated or sick people sometimes require brandy or whisky or wine, as medicine, though some eminent authorities do not even agree with this, but assuredly no healthy young man is in want of anything of the kind.

I know that there are certain classes of young fellows who glory in being fast, and they look with disdain upon their more sober associates, but after a few years they see that they have made a sad mistake in the courses they have pursued, for the men they despised are prosperous, while they are miserable creatures, often full of foul diseases. Don't aspire to be a fast young man. It is a pitiful ambition that leads only to misery. Be virtuous and you will be happy, and you will have a better time than the rake, notwithstanding the popular saying to the contrary.—Benedict Bell in the "Sacred Heart Review."

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