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Calendar for the Week.

- Aug. 4-S. Dominic.
5-Our Lady of the Snow.
6-The Transfiguration.
7-10th. St. Peter.
8-S. Cyrillus and Cyprian.
9-S. Oswald.
10-S. Laurent.

A Priest's Tribute to the Dead Prelate.

An awful sorrow has come upon all us, priests and people of Toronto. Indeed I may say priests and people of Canada; and, gratefully acknowledging the kindly, generous, universal sympathy of the secular press, I might add that the sorrow is shared in by our Canadian people of every class and creed.

Archbishop Walsh.

The dread harvester of souls has indeed been busy for late within the princely ranks of the Canadian Catholic Church. But little did we think that the Reaper would sweep down with swift, unwarning tread and snatch away our own beloved Father in Christ, John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto.

Only a day ago some of them had seen him. This evening his trusted Chancelor had talked with him. He was looking and felt so well. They were incredulous, amazed, appalled, and but—they were silent.

On the thoughts that filled their hearts! He, their loving Father, most devoted and best of friends! He, their noble, brave, glorious captain and leader, whom they so revered, admired and loved!

I saw him 'mid the princes of his people, the leaders in Israel, the Prelate of the Catholic Church gathered together at the Baltimore Centennial. How proud I was of my beloved Canadian Prelate! His splendid figure, his stately mien, his noble bearing—the typical churchman from top to toe.

But the best paucity of prolate or priest is the gratitude, love and blessing of the poor. The morning after his death I was taking Holy Communion to a sick person and was met at the door by a good old lady of the household who always had a warm welcome for me.

The illustrious prelate, who had gone to his well-earned reward, always held in highest esteem the loyalty of his faithful priests; but still dearer, I am sure, to the heart of this Soggyard's Son was the love of his devoted people.

A report appeared lately in our local press intimating that the next Red Hat was to come to Toronto. I have great respect for our newspaper reporters, and though I do not think they are always infallible, I have the very best reasons to know that this time at least they were right.

FRANK RYAN.

Although we naturally look upon the death of an Archbishop as public calamity, we must not forget that these are family ties which are snapped by his removal. In the death of the Archbishop, while we mourn ourselves, we are not so selfish as not to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his afflicted nieces.

Our Beloved Archbishop, Died July 31st, 1898.

"Angel of God sublime, that cleavest the infinite space, Angel whose fire-touched wings outstretched, aloft in the white snows of heaven, What be thy messages to man?—what gift to our fallen race?"

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Sudden Death of the Archbishop of Toronto.

Walsh as future Bishop. The choice was made, and he was elected by the Holy See.

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