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**CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.**

**SEPTEMBER.**

- 15, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.
- 16, Monday—Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Bishops, Martyrs.
- 17, Tuesday—Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi.
- 18, Wednesday—St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor. Ember day fast.
- 19, Thursday—Saint Januarius and his companions, Martyrs.
- 20, Friday—Saint Eustachius and his companions, Martyrs. Ember day fast and vigil.
- 21, Saturday—Saint Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist. Ember day fast.

**CITY AND ELSEWHERE.**

Lady Thompson and daughters passed through the city on Sunday on their way east.

Mrs. M. Donoghue and daughters left here last week for Kingston, Ontario, where they will in the future reside.

The number of patients treated at the St. Boniface Hospital last week was 57 of whom 32 were males and 25 females.

His Grace the archbishop is absent from St. Boniface on a trip to Moosomin, Qu'Appelle and other points in the west. He will be away a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Geo. Germain and daughter are at present spending a short holiday with friends at Gladstone on the line of the Manitoba and Northwestern railway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sulfentant were during the past week suffering a double bereavement in the death of their infant twin children. They have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their affliction.

Walter Walsh left for Ottawa on Saturday to resume his studies at the university. He was accompanied by his friend, Ed. Baskerville, of Ottawa, who had been spending the holidays with him.

At the church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday evening the pulpit was filled by the Rev. Father Lajeunesse who gave an instruction on the necessity of the virtue and the sacrament of penance.

Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., of St. Boniface college, occupied the pulpit in St. Mary's church on Sunday evening. There was a very large congregation, each member of which seemed to listen with the greatest attention to the sermon. At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament choice music was rendered, Miss Barrett being in particularly fine voice.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

The Sisters of Charity in thankfulness of the St. Boniface Orphan Asylum tender the most grateful thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen, who so kindly organized the picnic enjoyed by the little ones at Elm Park: Mr. and Mrs. Moncham, Marrin, Jobin, Mrs. Cass, Mrs. Adam and Daughter, Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Deegan. The Sisters also extend their sincere thanks to Mr. Campbell, Manager Electric railway and Mr. Glenright, chief conductor, for the free transport of the orphans on the electric cars and to Messrs. Young, Wall and Fox for the free admission to the park with all its amusements. Nothing was wanting to contribute to the pleasure of the children and to make it a day ever to be remembered. May our Heavenly Father bless the good friends who so kindly procured such happiness for the poor little orphans.

**NUNS AS SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

St. John, N.B., August 16.—Dr. Juch, the school superintendent, gave evidence at Bathurst, before Judge Barker, as to the management of the schools conducted by the nuns. He said he had visited the schools in the convent building. They were very satisfactory, so far as his observation of an hour would allow him to judge. He was very well pleased. The intellectual character of schools in the convent was equal to similar schools elsewhere, and in some cases superior. Sisters teach in St. John, Fredericton, Moncton and, he thought, Shediac. He saw no sign of religious instruction at the convent schools. He came to Bathurst to judge for himself the state of affairs, and found a tendency on the part of the pupils to crowd into the convent schools, and his object was in writing the letter to prevent the trustees from indefinitely sending scholars to one school, and have so many sent to each, but in every town

there is to be found a favorite school. The grammar school could contain about 50 per cent. more pupils than were in actual attendance at his visit.

**The Truth Society.**

There was a good attendance of members at the meeting of the above society held at the hall on Water street on Monday evening. Much business of importance was transacted, and the work to be done during the coming fall and winter was outlined. From this time forward the meetings will be held regularly every Monday evening. The hall has during the summer undergone a complete transformation which has made it a very satisfactory and comfortable place for the members to assemble in. At each meeting a committee will be appointed to arrange a programme for the next one, and by this means it is hoped that the attendance will be maintained and much good result. It is intended to make the opening meeting which will be held next Monday evening especially interesting and a number of the clergy are expected to be present to deliver addresses, whilst a paper will probably be read by one of the members. Altogether a most interesting programme will be carried out, and one which every member should be present to enjoy.

**A NOTABLE EVENT.**

**The New Seminary Opened at St. Paul.**

The opening of the J. J. Hill Seminary at St. Paul last week is an event which has interested not only the Catholics of the diocese presided over by Archbishop Ireland, but also their co-religionists throughout this continent. As most of our readers are doubtless aware this grand institution, at which the priests of the future in the State of Minnesota are to receive their training, has been built and presented to the church by the well known president of the Great Northern railway, Mr. J. J. Hill, who with marvellous generosity gave no less a sum than \$500,000 for the purpose. With this money the necessary buildings have been erected, and nearly all the chairs endowed, so that the seminary is started on its course with the very highest prospects. The opening ceremonies were attended by many of the leading prelates and priests of the United States, and the scores of messages which were received from those who could not possibly be present, showed the widespread interest the event excited, and the importance attached to it by the heads of the church in America. Amongst those present was Mgr. Satolli, who during the proceedings spoke on behalf of His Holiness the Pope. We are not able, owing to our want of space, to give anything like the length we would desire to devote to a description of all that was said and done on the memorable occasion. A letter we have received from a former Winnipegger, himself a Protestant, who was present at most of the proceedings, contains a graphic reference to the imposing ceremonies and other leading features. He describes the sermon delivered by Father O'Gorman as the finest he ever heard, and says it is thought to have been the most sublime and effective oration ever delivered in the Twin Cities. The speech of Mgr. Satolli was a masterly one, shewing clearly the wonderful depth of reasoning and the mastery of details possessed by the Apostolic delegate. The writer adds that Catholic clergymen from all parts of the continent have been very much in evidence on the streets of Minneapolis during the past week, and that they have created a most profound impression on all classes, and it is conceded that a finer body of men, either as regards appearance or ability, it would be impossible to gather together. One of the most interesting features of the proceedings was the noble speech made by Mr. Hill in handing over the seminary and its endowment to Archbishop Ireland, an extract from which we give herewith:

"Some of you may wonder why I, who am not a member of your church, should have undertaken the building and endowment of a Roman Catholic theological seminary, and you will pardon me if I tell you plainly why. For nearly thirty years I have lived in a Roman Catholic household, and, daily have had before me the earnest devotion, watchful care and Christian example of a Roman Catholic wife, and of whom it may be said, 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God,' and on whose behalf, to-night, I desire to present and turn over to the illustrious archbishop of this diocese the seminary and its endowment as provided in the deeds and articles of trust covering the same.

"Almost all other denominations have in their various flocks those who are able to help their church work in every material way, but the Catholic church,

with its large number of working men and women, coming from almost every nation and clime, have little else than their faith in God and the aid of those earnest, pious and devoted men who have been placed in charge of their spiritual welfare. They have to provide places of worship, and while the State provides schools for all, their consciences call upon them to see that the education of their children goes hand in hand with their spiritual training, thus making for them an additional burden.

"Having seen the efforts of Archbishop Ireland in behalf of the church of which he is so distinguished a prelate, to spread throughout this country the light of religious truth, and show to all men that there was no conflict between scientific and physical truth and divine revelation, I felt called upon to devote a portion of this world's goods with which I had been blessed, to the work of educating the priesthood men who would be able to preach down the spirit of unbelief, and to stand as shining lights along the pathway that leads to heaven.

"May the work which has been commenced here, and has to-day received the blessing of your church, continue to send out men who will bear witness to all the world that no nation of people can long prosper, or even continue, without the aid and direction of living and active Christianity."

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