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CATHOLIC CALENDAR

- THURSDAY 29.—Virgil of St. Andrew. St. Saturninus, Martyr. FRIDAY 30.—St. Andrew, Apostle. Cons. Abp. Kenrick, St. Louis, 1841.

FENIAN scores appear to be making the tour of the world. The latest is that reported from British Columbia, where the hero was a Chinaman.

CANNOT the European correspondents of the Central News find less palpable absurdities and nonsense to cable than the following:—

Cardinal Manning thinks the presence in Rome of Mr. Errington injures the Church in England. The Pope thinks differently, hence there is a coldness between His Eminence and the Vatican.

The Ontario Government have come to the relief of the poor immigrants who are in such distress in Toronto. A grant of \$500 has been given to them.

We have it on the most reliable authority from across the water, that the notorious Jim McDermott, at the time of the recent explosions on the underground railway in the English metropolis, was suspiciously hovering around the scene of the occurrence.

TEXAS is comparatively little said of Wolf, the German who was discovered with infernal machines in his possession ready to blow up the German Embassy in London.

Ten people of London have been subjected to another dynamite scare; but this time, it wasn't a Fenian that was at the bottom of it, as the prisoner turned out to be only a little German Pole, who had in his possession two rough infernal machines which were all ready for use.

Mr. G. W. Ross, ex-M.P., has been appointed as Minister of Education for Ontario, in the stead of Hon. Adam Crooke, who resigned owing to ill-health.

The Monteur de Rome, which has the confidence of the Vatican, has the following very important note on the pretended revival of the question that occupied so much of the public mind in Great Britain and Ireland a few months ago.

well that its falsehood should be declared by a most competent authority, such as the Monteur de Rome. The revenue of the United States, received from all sources during the past fiscal year, amounted to \$398,287,581.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, President of the Board of Trade, has given his attention to the sanitary condition of the poor of Great Britain. In an article contributed to the Fortnightly Review he advocates the enactment of a law which would make it a grave offence to knowingly own an unsanitary habitation.

THERE is some talk of introducing new blood in our Provincial politics. Another member of the Dominion Parliament has been asked to go down to Quebec and take a hand in the work of reconstructing the Cabinet.

The subscription list which was opened in the columns of THE POST AND TRUE WITNESS, in aid of the Farnell Testimonial Fund, has been brought to a close. The results are satisfactory, the amount subscribed and paid being \$1,235.30.

DUBLIN CASTLE has at last found a jury sufficiently obsequious. Poole, who was tried last week and not found guilty, was tried again on 20th inst. and found guilty, even on less evidence, as the informer Leslie backed down and went so far as to contradict his previous testimony.

Mr. GLADSTONE had a palpable hit at the Orange Loyalists of Ulster when he sent the following reply to a series of resolutions adopted by an Ulster Whig Club: "I hail," said the Premier, "the expression of views which combine attachment to the empire with equal rights to the three kingdoms, and loyalty to the throne with a stout obedience to law and order on the part of those who proclaim it as their watchword."

The last monthly return of the English Board of Trade shows that 5,117 emigrants left Ireland during the month of October, being a reduction of 2,219 upon the previous month, and an increase of 736 upon the number for October, 1882.

tober 101,023 emigrants left Ireland, 164,342 left England, and 28,324 went from Scotland. Compared with the corresponding ten months of 1882, the Irish figures for this year show an increase of 21,432, the English an increase of 19,000, and the Scotch a decrease of 415.

ODONNELL'S CHARGES.

A SPECIAL cable despatch says that the counsel for the prosecution of O'Donnell have abandoned the charge that the murder of Carey was deliberately planned. This would bring the charge down to a simple case of manslaughter, in which O'Donnell's contention that he killed Carey in self-defence would stand a stronger chance of being admitted both by Judge and Jury.

IMMIGRANTS IN DISTRESS.

It appears that there are other immigrant families in Toronto, besides the Irish immigrants of Conway street, who are sadly in need of assistance, and will be sorely pressed during the coming winter. Mr. Mowat, the Premier of the Ontario Government, was waited upon to see what he could do to protect the poor deluded people from hunger and cold.

SATAN AND GODLESS SCHOOL BOOKS.

The example of the French Radicals in wiping out all trace of religion from their educational system is now being followed by the Italians. The character of the education given in Italian municipal schools may be judged by an incident which occurred a few weeks ago. The examination of books presented for the use of schools is made by a commission appointed for the purpose.

monstrated at a banquet given a short time ago in Baggio d'Emilia. There the name of Satan was uttered as the worthy inspirer of the deeds which these Radicals gloried in. The speakers at the banquet delivered the most virulent invectives against the "clericals," and at the conclusion the fests were to do honor to the toast of Satan, proposed by the chairman of the assemblage.

THAT HEAVY DEATH-RATE.

We had occasion recently to call attention to the heavy death-rate which existed in the founding institution known as Bethlehem, at Ottawa. A committee composed of some of the leading physicians of the Capital had been appointed some time previous to investigate the condition and the management of the institution.

MRS. WOLFF'S CONFESSION OF CONSPIRACY SECRETS.

We have, on several occasions, contended that the Government detectives and other Secret Service employes have themselves been at the bottom of many of the dynamite plots and other conspiracies which have of late tended to disturb the peace and endanger the security of England.

rest and convict some other man and obtain the reward which was certain to be offered. Ab uno disce omnes. But it will be asked, why was Wolf arrested when he was working in union with the detectives? Wolf was arrested, not through any action of the detectives, but because a French neighbor gave information to the police that the German had diabolical machines in his possession.

A CASE OF MISREPRESENTATION.

The Brockville Times is very unfortunate in its interpretation of our article on the question of the illegality of the Quebec Freemason lodges. In fact, our contemporary has succeeded admirably in reading the article upside down, as the following comments will show:—

The Montreal Post has furnished another illustration of the Liberal policy it would introduce in Ireland, were its friends placed in power in that country, by renewing its crusade against the rights of Free Masons to hold Lodges in the Province of Quebec. If the ancient and honorable craft be without a legal status in our sister province then it is high time the blot was wiped out.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The United States Commissioner of Education, Hon. John Eaton, has just concluded and issued his annual report on educational matters in the Republic. The document is as complete as it was possible to make it, and is crowded with interesting facts and valuable statistics.

the same age; while the illiterate female minors in the North were only about 3 per cent.; in the South about 27 per cent., and in the Pacific region nearly 9 per cent. of the female population of like age. Then between the ages of 15 and 20 years the illiterate white females were more than 3 per cent in the Northern group, more than 18 per cent in the Southern group, and nearly 7 per cent in the Pacific group of the population of the same age.

It is plain from these statistics that the greatest educational problem to be solved by the American Government in the immediate future is this same illiteracy of the colored population. The Commissioner points out that the means at command to overcome the ignorance and degradation of the masses of these freedmen are entirely inadequate.

DIVISIONS IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF QUEBEC.

A MINISTERIAL smash-up in the Quebec Cabinet may be expected at any moment; The Conservative party in this Province has, during the past year, but especially during the last three months, been undergoing a process of disintegration, which threatens to end in disaster for the Government of the day.