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Calendar for Next Week.

16-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer. -Monday-The Humility of Our

Lady. 18-Tuesday-St. Camillus de Lellis.

Confessor. 19-Wednesday-St. Vincent de Paul Confessor.

20-Thursday-St. Jerome Emiliani, Confessor.

21-Friday-St. Alexius. Confessor (transferred from the 17th inst.). 22-Saturday-St. Mary Magdalen. Penitent.

THAT ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE CASE

swer we said we did not know the reasdents of the Catholic papers. We now valid and indossiluble.

The original cablegram was the following:--

approved of the decision of the congregation of the Propaganda to annul the swered the appeal of the Prince and injurious statements made against the marriage of Marie Jennings Reid, of Princess by the sentence: "Non con- character of the reverend clergyman (who is now Princess Rospiglis) to Col. nullity of the Y. marriage has not been the Prince and Princess Rospiglis to out fresh evidence and presented their left in this case, for there are many contract a religious marriage.

article was that one of the parties may last meeting of Propaganda with the right to make known the truth in so seen from the Tablet correspondence, ever, the decision as well as the entire so to do. reproduced below, this was precisely controversy was laid before the Holy the stand taken by the Princess; when Father, who not only ratified the she discovered that her first husband judgment of Propaganda, but gave had never been baptized, she argued orders that the matter should not be that the dispensation granted her did re-opened. The decision is likely to not cover marriage with an unbaptized cause a great sensation both in Rome person. But it turns out that it did, and in America. and consequently that her first marriage is still valid.

Although the Tablet correspondent hides the true names under two fictitious letters, the context and the date this time by witnesses on the spot show that the case is the same as the one mentioned in the cablegram quoted above. Moreover, the title of "Princess" given to the woman in both accounts and the fact that in the cablegram she is said to be "of Washington, D.C.," which is in the diocese of Baltimore (mentioned by the Tablet as her dio-

arguing on supposed facts communi- ity to do so. cated by cablegrams, it is well to suspend one's judgment as to the truth of Rev. Dr. Bryce, LL.D., those facts.

A "CAUSE CELEBRE"

Rome, June 18, 1905. The American papers have recently been very full of a famous marriage case which has been before the ecclesiastical tribunals of Rome for a considerable time. Last week they announced that it had been settled at last by a decision in favour of the validity of the second marriage of the Princess X. They were quite wrong, however, for the decision has been given the other way only a few days ago. The facts are of the diocese of Baltimore became engaged to a Mr. Y. He was supposed to be a baptised Protestant, and a dispensation from the impediment "mixtae religionis" was, of course, necessary. Mr. Y. willingly agreed that the children of the marriage should be brought up Catholics, a dispensation was applied kota Territory, and the balance of the ity than are the Roman Catholics in

riage. Mrs. Y., being a Catholic, very impossible. conclusive. She then proceeded to the legitimacy of the offspring on the eyesight or conduct can be reliable. In our issue of June 3, we gave a Congregation would recognise the null- 1870 and 1871 "planning mischief" as provisional answer to a correspondent's ity of the first marriage. But the inves- you have so construed, or meet even for question about a supposed annulment tigations of Propaganda led to an im- any other purpose. This letter is thereof marriage by Pope Pius X., reported portant discovery, to wit. that the dis- fore respectfully submitted to you with by cablegram on May 24. In that an pensation granted for the first marriage a request for a vindication, and I would ons for this decision but we might learn religionis." but from that of "disparitas matter. them later from the Rome correspon- cultus." The former, it may be explained, means that the persons conlearn from the Rome correspondent of templating marriage are both baptised "The Tablet" all the details of the case | Christians; the latter applies to a marand the further interesting fact that riage between a Catholic and a person Rev. Geo. Bryce, LL.D., the decision was exactly the contrary who has not been baptised, but it inof that which the cable transmitted to cludes also the case of two baptised us. In other words, the marriage is persons. Both before and after the not declared null and void but remains marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Y. it was the you of date, May 25 last, requesting a Rome, May 24.—Pope Pius X. has one of the parties to a marriage was not nipeg" you force the conclusion that it New Orleans and Washington, D.C. stat de nullitate," that is to say "The you assailed.

FATHER LESTANC AGAIN VINDICATED

DR. BRYCE KEEPS MUM

To the Editor of the Northwest Review Sir-In reference to the "History of Winnipeg," published in the Weekly Free Press by Dr. George Bryce of Winnipeg, would you be pleased to open your columns to the following correscese) confirm the identity of the persons. | pondence, in the interests of true history We append the Tablet correspondent's and justice, the author having failed to report, merely premising that, before rectify when offered a fair opportun-

Mr. Tennant's First Letter

Winnipeg, Man. Rev. and dear Sir-In connection with your interesting history of Winnipeg there is a statement made which I hope you will pardon my intrusion on your time in bringing to your notice.

You recite "that the Rev. Father the United States on the arrival of the troops at Fort Garry, and spent the winter ('70 and '71) at Pembina planning mischief.'

This is challenged. Will you in the history, and for the sake of truth, again search this matter, and you will certainthese: Some years ago a Catholic girl ly get facts from many living witnesses that your testimony for your first recital is absolutely false, and injurious to

the character of the living and the dead. O'Donohue left the country after the arrival of the troops. This is not questioned. The early part of the winter ('70 and '71) he spent at Walhalla, Da-

Northwest Review ton. Some years later the domestic that winter, neither did Father Lestanc. life of Mr. and Mrs. Y. was shattered; during that period pay a temporary ton. Some years later the domestic that winter, neither did Father Lestanc, Wesleyan Theological College of Monan appeal was made to the civil courts visit to Pembina. He was miles away Council of Public Instruction of Quebec. for a divorce, and a decree was issued from the scene, and travel in winter that the fullest measure of justice is dissolving the marriage, and giving both during those days, except on the few. parties liberty to contract a new mar- well-defined winter trails, was almost Could there be a continuance of this

properly regarded herself as still bound | I was a member of No. 1. Company of in the bond of wedlock until she learned, the 1st Ontario Rifles. This company one day that Mr. Y. had never been was detached for service on the frontier and violent language? It is to the really baptised. She hunted up the to guard against possible troubles, and credit of the French press that such desevidence of this and the evidence was wintered at North Pembina, on the in- picable tactics are not resorted to by ternational boundary line in '70 and them, and to the French people that argue that as she had been married to '71. There are three members of this they would not countenance such jour-Mr. Y. on the supposition that he was company, well known residents of Win- nalism. The News is in daily receipt a baptised Protestant, and as the dis- nipeg, whom I may be pardoned for of two leading French dailies of Monpensation from the impediment "mix- making mention of their names, viz., tae religionis." supposed to have been Major W. H. Nash, Major H. Swinford, granted on this hypothesis, did not and and J. Cadham the contractor. They could not cover her marriage with an know that the company was kept under unbaptised person, the marriage must strict discipline by the commanding have been null from the beginning. officer, Capt. H. Cooke, and none were Apparently she took counsel on the permitted to visit Pembina, in U.S. subject and was assured that she was territory excepting under the privilege free to marry again. Shortly after she of a pass. The pass was allowed at made the acquaintance of Prince X. an regular intervals for the mail, and occaattachment sprang up between them. sionally for a few little necessary sup-The Prince was duly informed of the plies. Under military orders, theretangled situation, but, to make a long fore, the one that saw Father Lestanc story short, Prince X. and Mrs. Y. and William O'Donohue in constant were married. Everything seems to company that winter in Pembina, was have gone smoothly until the birth of certainly (at times) absent from quaran heir to the Prince, and then his next ters without leave from his commandof kin declared that they would dispute ing officer, and neither the delinquent's

ground that the Prince's marriage with In justice to the Rev. Father Lestance a divorcee, during the lifetime of her (a truly loyal subject to the crown) husband, was invalid in Italy in the you are in honor bound to withdraw eyes of the State as well as of the Church. your injurious statement against his The Prince and the Princess determined character, for neither did the Rev. to put their case before Propaganda Father Lestanc and William O'Donohue with full assurance that the Sacred meet in Pembina during the winter of was not from the impediment "mixtae be pleased to hear from you on the

> I remain, Rev. and dear Sir. Yours truly,

J. F. TENNANT. A Second Letter

Winnipeg, Man. Rev. and Dear Sir,--Having received no acknowledgment of my letter to custom in Baltimore archdiocese to vindication of the name of the Rev. apply for the dispensation from the Father Lestanc, so slandered by you in impediment "disparitas cultus" when connection with your "History of Wina Catholic. Propaganda therefore an- is not your intention to withdraw the

The assumption remains that what F. H. Parkhurst, of Bangor, Me. The proven." The Prince and Princess did the oracle has said cannot now be withdecision of the Pope will now permit not accept the verdict. They sought drawn. But there is an alternative case once more to the judgment of the living witnesses of the falseness of your One of the suggestions in our previous Cardinals. The case came up at the statement, and they will exercise their never have been baptized. As will be same result as before. This time, how- far as it seems just and proper for them

I remain reverend and dear Sir.

Yours truly, J. F. TENNANT

Gretna, June 12, 1905. An Acknowledgment

In acknowledgment of the two previous letters, the following is a copy of a postal card received from the Rev Doctor on the subject:

Winnipeg, June 20, 1905. My Dear Sir,-I have just returned from the east and find your letters awaiting me. You will hear from me in a day or two.

Yours truly

GEORGE BRYCE After waiting some days expecting to hear from the reverend doctor as promised, I wrote again, as follows:

Rev. Dr. Geo. Bryce, LL.D., Winnipeg, Man.

Rev. and Dear Sir,-I have your post card of date June 20 last, saying, I would hear from you in a day or two. Nine days have elapsed and I am still waiting for your action. I beg leave to remind you of your promise, though Churches and Public Buildyou may deem it persistent of me.

Yours truly, J. F. TENNANT

Gretna, June 29, 1905. Up to date of July 5, 1905, no further word has been received from the doctor Lestanc and William O'Donobue fled to and your columns are now sought for a 259 SMITH ST. vindication of the name of the Rev. Father Lestanc, so grossly slandered by the author of "The History of Winnipeg" by a publication of these letters.

> Yours truly, J. F. TENNANT.

CONTRAST

Just imagine what a happy and united country this Dominion would be were the French papers of Montreal to adopt the example of the firebrand press of Toronto in stirring up racial and religious animosities! The Protestants of Quebec are in a much smaller minorfor and obtained, and the wedding took winter in St. Paul, Minn. There was Ontario. Yet we have the testimony place with great splendour in Washing- no resident priest in Pembina during of the Rev. Dr. Shaw, the head of the

treal and Chairman of the Protestant meted out to them by the majority. desirable state of affairs if French Catholic journals were encouraged in abusing the Protestant clergy by vulgar cartoons treal, and, although the people of that province are as deeply interested in the educational question as are the people of Ontario, we defy any man to point out one offensive word or cartoon in them directed against Protestants or the Protestant religion. Contrast the attitude of the French press with that of the Toronto News and say which is more conducive to peace and unity and the up-building of the Dominion? The Protestantism which seeks to inflame the masses by abuse and misrepresentation of Roman Catholics for party ends is not the genuine Protestantism-it is a parasitical Protestantism which does more injury to the genuine article than to the religious system it attacks. It does not require much courage to pose as an ultra-Protestant in a province which is over whelmingly Protestant and hence the role is usually assumed by demagogues and self-seekers. Such people should be discountenanced in the interests of Protestantism as well as of national unity and progress.—Alexandra (Ont.)

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