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## CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

### OCTOBER.

7. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Most Holy Rosary.
- 8, Monday. St. Bridget, Widow.
- 9, Tuesday. St. Dennis and Companions, Martyrs.
- 10, Wednesday. St. Francis Borgia, Conf.
- 11, Thursday. Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 12, Friday. Votive office of the Passion.
- 13, Saturday. St. Edward the Confessor, King of England.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

A prominent temperance man remarked lately to us that the United States were introducing civilization into the Philippines. "Civilization of a strange kind," we replied. "Are you aware that the Americans have introduced drunkenness and aggressive debauchery into the Philippines where these vices were unknown before? There are over three hundred saloons in Manila now and there was not one till the Americans came." "Well," he said, glad to get out of the difficulty by a joke, "You know the saying about the Anglo-Saxon going about the world with a bible in one hand and a whisky bottle in the other," which was tantamount to giving up the case altogether, and admitting that the Anglo-Saxon does not always civilize, but too often merely utilizes, when they let him, his foreign subjects. In striking contrast with this blatant but spurious civilization is that which is portrayed in our selection from the Catholic Columbian, entitled, "Land Without Vice," and we know from trustworthy Catholic sources, not from the lying Freemason editor of the leading American paper in Manila, that the condition of the Filipinos, where American soldiers and officials have not corrupted them, is very like that of the Catholics of South America.

The Duke of Abruzzi's Arctic expedition has returned and reports that one of their sledge parties reached a point farther north than Nansen, viz., 86 deg. 33, while Nansen's farthest was 86 deg. 14. We are curious to learn if the record of this unparalleled performance is more trustworthy than Nansen's. As we pointed out some years ago, Nansen's record depends altogether on his own veracity, as his only companion was quite incapable of checking the leader's observations. Now Nansen's book, "Farthest North," stamps him as an extremely proud, egotistic man, who would not

scruple at falsifying observations of latitude when there was no danger of detection. What makes this view probable is the care with which Nansen, when editing Captain Svendrup's narrative of the voyage of the *Fram* after Nansen left it, disguises the fact that the highest northern latitude reached by the *Fram* under Capt. Svendrup, when Nansen was away sledging, was only eighteen miles south of Nansen's own farthest. This is a most remarkable fact, constituting a record for northern sailing ships which beats by almost three degrees or two hundred miles, all previous records. Yet this fact is hidden away in dry tables of latitudes reached, so that it is sure to escape the notice of any but the most observant readers. This way of slurring so momentous an event is in direct contradiction to Nansen's uniform practice in his own narrative of emphasizing every important step northward, and the inference is borne in upon us that Nansen must have carefully expunged from Svendrup's narrative, of which of course he had absolute control, all explicit mention, in the text, of Svendrup's furthest north. Who or what then, could have hindered him from adding eighteen, twenty, or, for that matter, thirty miles, to his own record? Svendrup could not tamper with the *Fram's* record, because there were half a dozen men in the ships with him who could and would verify it. Let us hope that the Duke of Abruzzi's record stands on a firmer footing.

The Germans are nothing if not up-to-date. Field Marshall Count Von Woldersee, who is to command the allied forces in China, has taken with him to the scene of operations a portable asbestos house, which has been placed at his disposal by the German government. The house is packed in sections, ready for immediate erection, and when set up, provides seven large and comfortably appointed rooms. The material of which the structure is manufactured is called "asbestos slate." It is proof against fire and water, is as hard as slate, and yet can be nailed and planed like a piece of wood. The substance is very light and is an excellent insulating material against heat and cold. If it is not too dear it would be very servicable in climates like ours where extreme high and low temperatures occur.

## "THE ECHO OF MANITOBA'S" REBUKE.

The *Echo*, in its issue of the 20th ult., bitterly criticizes us on account of an article, "The Political Outlook," which lately appeared in the *NORTHWEST REVIEW*. We will grant to the *Echo* that for once at least it hit the nail on the head; for the article in question, we frankly admit, savors somewhat of party politics. We regret that it was inserted without first being submitted to our examination: this is our only apology for its publication. Whatever our political feeling may be, we always refrain from expressing any personal opinion on politics pure and simple, i.e., when and where there is no encroachment upon some well defined religious or constitutional principle. The *NORTHWEST REVIEW* exists to uphold and defend such rights and privileges as are involved, for instance, in the Manitoba School question; and in so doing we spare neither men nor party. The *Echo* knows it, and more than once has it lavished on us, for that attitude, the vocabulary of its revengeful ire. Better, it seems to us, would it be for all parties concerned if the *Echo* itself were less subject to overlook even the most sacred principles to serve the political interest of its masters.

Therefore, whilst submitting ourselves to the rebuke incurred because of an accidental failing to control an article, which has had the effect to wound the feelings of the touchy *Echo*, we wish to retort in reminding the Editor of that paper of the well known adage: "Medice cura teipsum." A pill that is good for another ought not to be too bitter to be swallowed by the doctor who serves it, when he himself stands in such need of the same medicine.

With this we congratulate the *Echo* for its criticism, although, should we remark, it might have been given with less contemptible scorn and more christian charity.

We regret that our space does not enable us to give an account of all the events connected with the visit of His Excellency, the Papal Delegate, in this issue. The many pleasant incidents connected with his meeting with the younger portion of the Catholic community, will be given next week.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. Father Verloroy of Brandon, leaves for Montreal, where he will be stationed. Rev. Father Peter Vermeiren will take his place at Brandon. Father Vermeiren gave Missions in Canada and the U. S., especially in Wisconsin.

His Lordship Mgr. Grandin and the Rev. F. Leduc O.M.I., V.G., are visiting the missions of the district of Calgary. The Rev. Father Lussier will accompany them to receive His Grace Archbishop Falconie at Calgary Station.

The Rev. Father Lussier is arranging a Bazar to raise funds for the completion of St. Mann's Church.

Rev. Father Drummond will return from Nelson, B.C., at the end of this week.

## GREAT CATHOLIC DEMONSTRATION.

the past, maintain their schools as long as they can, and continue to demand the restoration of their legal educational rights, and in this we confidently hope that we shall have Your Excellency's active sympathy.

These being our aspirations, we are, we repeat, filled with gratitude on account of Your Excellency's visit. We see in it one more proof of the marvellous oversight which our Holy Father exercises over his flock, in all parts of the world, and of how wonderfully united are even the humblest children of the church with their chief pastor. Assuring you that we fully appreciate how grateful we should be, and respectfully renewing our expression of the most profound veneration and regard for yourself personally, we have the honor to remain, on behalf of the Catholics of Winnipeg, (Signed) N. BAWLF, Chairman of the Committee. F. W. RUSSELL, Secretary.

His Excellency in the course of his reply said he was very pleased indeed to receive such an address and he had to thank them from the bottom of his heart for the reception they had given him. He was very pleased to come to this country. In their address they had made allusion to a painful question and one which should not exist in a free and liberal country like this. The House of God was no place for discussion and he could only tell them what he had said at St. Boniface that morning. They knew well there was no person in the world who had so much at heart the Christian education of youth as the sovereign pontiff, hence there was nothing that could be dearer to him than to know that this painful question of the Catholic

schools of Manitoba was settled throughout the whole province in such a manner as to give full satisfaction to the rights of the Catholics. He was glad to learn through the archbishop that already with the exception, however of Winnipeg and some other mixed places, something had been done in order to reach this happy end and that there was amelioration in the state of the question in country districts and he sincerely hoped that the separated brethren for the love of justice, for the sake of that harmony which was so necessary for the progress of this young and noble nation, for that charity so much recommended by the Divine Lord would treat the Catholic minority of Manitoba with the same measure of fairness as the Protestant minority was treated by the Catholic majority in the province of Quebec. In the meanwhile he would recommend the Catholics to follow scrupulously the wise, the prudent, and peaceful instruction of the Holy See and to accept those partial reparations which might be offered until full justice was attained. His Excellency spoke of the constancy of the Irish in the faith and alluded to the unity of Catholics in all parts of the world. This unity was exemplified in this country where we had so many nationalities speaking different languages, and having different ideas of most things except religion. But in religion they were united and this was the case the world over. The church was composed not of hundreds or thousands, but millions and every member professed the same faith and recognized only one head, the successor to St. Peter. It had been that unity which had given strength to their church and its supporters in the days of trial and persecution. He had to thank them again for this beautiful demonstration and he hoped God would bless this country and the people. His Excellency closed by giving the papal benediction. During the short service which followed the following music was sweetly rendered by the St. Mary's choir: Quartette and chorus, "O Salutaris;" soprano solo with violin obligato, "Ave Maria," from Mascagne's intermezzo, Miss J. Perkins; trio, "Jesu Dei Vivi," Miss Perkins, Messrs. Perkins and Codd; quartette and chorus, "Laudate," soloists, Misses Perkins and Holroyde, Messrs. Perkins and A. A. Codd. Mr. Fred Alderson played the violin obligato to Miss Perkins' solo. After the service the procession reformed and proceeded to the church of the Immaculate Conception.

## AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

From St. Mary's church the procession advanced to the church of the Immaculate Conception, presenting an imposing spectacle which attracted much attention. As many as possible crowded into the church which had been occupied by many for about half an hour beforehand. The announcement of the arrival of His Excellency, accompanied by the archbishop, Bishop Pascal and clergy, was announced by the chiming of the bells, followed by the music of the organ. After a short service Mr. F. W. Russell, on behalf of the church, read the following address: The Parish of Immaculate Conception.

WINNIPEG, MAN., Sept. 30, 1900. To His Excellency the Most Rev. Diomed Falconio, Archbishop of Larissa, Apostolic Delegate.

Your Excellency:—Words are all too weak to fittingly express the heartfelt pleasure which is ours, on this joyous occasion, in respectfully and reverently welcoming you to our parish church as the Special Representative, in the Dominion, of our Holy Father Leo XIII whose zeal for the spread of God's Kingdom on earth, purity and holiness

us this evening, an event that will long live in our memories as one of the most treasured of our lives.

Dearly beloved as is the Vicar of Christ by the Catholics of Christendom, we venture to affirm that in no part of the world, over which his benign sway extends, are his spiritual children more loyal, devoted and obedient to his person and office, than are those of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Winnipeg, whose earnest hope and prayer is that in the designs of Providence, he may yet be spared for many years to rule the Church of life, grand and tireless efforts to brighten and bless the age in which we live, will earn for him at the hands of impartial history the title of "Great." We beg to assure Your Excellency that we deeply appreciate, and are correspondingly grateful for, the honor conferred upon us by your presence amongst

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