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Calendar for the Week.

- 24-Nativity of St. John Baptist. 25-S. William. 26-S. John and Paul. 27-The Sacred Heart of Jesus. 28-S. Peter and Paul. 29-S. Paul Ap.

Rudyard Kipling has proved himself a great poet. In an interview in London with a representative of The Toronto World, he was asked where he got the name 'Our Lady of the Snows,' which he lately applied to Canada.

It is Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier G. C. M. G., which means that he has sacrificed himself. The fact was well known before the Canadian Premier left for England that he thought he had made up his mind to refuse knighthood.

The 40th annual closing of Ottawa University, a report of which we publish elsewhere, was indeed a remarkable function. His Excellency Mgr. Merry del Val, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, presided and received himself the degree of Doctor of Canon Law, the highest honor in the gift of the University.

The Christian Guardian.

It is not often that we find the editor of The Christian Guardian in a violent mood. But due allowance must be made for the recently increased strain of his duties.

Oliver Mowat as an old woman. But his anger upon this point is not real. It is our reference to the Plebiscite Bill that has provoked him.

The truth is that the Plebiscite is the policy of the Liberal party. It may be a diplomatic and ingenious stroke on the part of our core to shift the odium from the shoulders of the deputation who waited upon the Government as representatives of the Methodist Conference.

The question of prohibition remains to-day, as it has always been, a sectarian question. When the Government assumes the expense of a plebiscite it cannot by so doing make the question one of legitimate public expediency.

Yet the only difference between our remote supposition and the Methodist reality is that the Mahometans would be consistent sectarians, whereas the Methodists, by making this the cardinal plank of their creed, practically denounce the boasted foundation of their own religious belief.

The Catholic Register make light of legislation? We claim to have as much respect for law as our contemporaries. It is not we who make light of legislation; it is the authors of this political arrangement between the Government and the Methodists who make light of truth and justice.

All legislation that is boldly contrary to truth should be derided, and it is "injurious to the cause of good citizenship" to treat it otherwise.

The fanatical demand for prohibition is as unjust as it is opposed to truth. By what right can Methodist political influence—or the Government obeying the Methodist mandate—prevent one citizen from growing the grape or the barley, or another from extracting from these products of our bountiful soil their ancient and most beneficent yield?

In the current number of The Globe Quarterly Review (New York) the editor, William Henry Thorne, asserts:

There are more beastly drunkards in the State of Maine than in any portion of this continent of an equal number of inhabitants—yet that wretched fossil Neal Dow expresses himself satisfied with the working of his bigoted law.

of Maine know the facts to be as I have stated them, and most of these people drink liquor as freely as their intelligent fellow-citizens in other parts of the world. Maine legislators know these facts and they themselves drink as a rule. Maine authorities know these facts and do not hesitate to tax unlicensed saloon keepers to aid in all their national and other holidays, and yet such is the blinded avarice bigotry of the people of Maine that no man can be elected to the Maine Legislature who is not sworn, fawningly, of course, to uphold the Maine law.

If The Guardian cannot accept The Globe Review we shall be glad at any time to quote British Blue books, equally strong in point of fact, though more temperate in regard to language.

Edward Blake on Ireland and the Jubilee.

At the annual Convention of the Irish National League of Great Britain, held at Manchester on June 6th, a resolution was carried emphasizing the fact, already pronounced upon by the Parliamentary Party, that Ireland has nothing to rejoice over, the reign there being marked by oppression, depopulation and starvation, early in contrast with the rest of the empire.

We are fain to face with the great demonstration of the year, and I do think that reasonable, practical men who look at that great and imposing demonstration might draw lessons from it which would enlighten their minds upon the Irish question.

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It would, however, be a mistake to imagine that Mr. Blake's speech was entirely pessimistic in tone. On the contrary we have not had the pleasure of reading in a long time an address so full of hope, so encouraging in its account of the well-sustained battle for Irish rights, so practical in its advice to the Irish race to stand together whilst pending promises await performance, and thereafter to continue united until the management of their own concerns is fully granted to Irishmen.

standing that position an Irish land bill had been passed, the over-taxation of Ireland had been debated, relief of agricultural distress had been promised, The Queen's speech at the opening of the present year had been read, and the late Prince and Princess royal, and their ten over her own name, tell us plainly that it was that defeated and maintained the glorious right of religious freedom.

Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy, that was part of his policy, was that the Irish people ought to have the opportunity of settling these local concerns themselves. I retain, not as dogmas of an article of creed, every form and shape in which the late Home Rule Bill stands. It may be that other forms may be proposed which may give substantially the same result, and an open mind ought to be kept by all of us upon all questions of form.

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not say should be lost, but should commit one single venial sin, should tell one wilful untruth though it harmed no one, or steal one poor farthing without excuse. Yet this is the Church's view of things even in time of Jubilee, and this too must be the view of all who expound or accept the Church's teaching.

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and the Parliamentary tactics surrounding the Ecclesiastical Titles Bill show us clearly what might have happened. The Queen's speech at the opening of the present year had been read, and the late Prince and Princess royal, and their ten over her own name, tell us plainly that it was that defeated and maintained the glorious right of religious freedom.

Brave and noble words to be remembered and prized by all her Majesty's subjects, and especially by the people of this Empire. The words were uttered nearly fifty years ago; it took us some time to learn the lesson. But to-day, thank God, we can present as a Jubilee offering to our Royal Mistress the splendid and blessed spirit of the Jubilee of religious liberty.

We needed the example of our teacher, perhaps, to practice perfectly the lesson she has taught us. That noble example we have had. When our country was stricken by sorrow, the national loss of our illustrious Premier, Sir John Thompson, we were greatly comforted in our sad bereavement by the touching, tender, delicate sympathy of our beloved Queen.

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Our Catholic French Canadian Premier is more than an example of loyalty and religious purity. He is the foremost of our people for whom Heaven has created that has ever been heard in London.

But this looks like bringing politics into the pulpit. We had better come to our prayers. There are two names the Catholic Church brings into the most solemn part of her religious services—the names of her spiritual and temporal rulers, for as the nations of our Universe, our youth, and our gracious Queen.

The service ended with the singing of the national anthem by the choir. The Knights of St. John, under the command of Col. Kelly, furnished a guard of honor in the Sanctuary.

Solemn High Mass was sung at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. W. McCann, as deacon and Father Doherty as sub-deacon. The sermon had reference to the feast of Corpus Christi.

Jesus Corona! by the angels choir, was fresh and charming. The 'Domine Salvator Ego Romanus' involving heaven by light and blessings on the Queen, was rendered, con amore, by the choir. The main and side alters were beautifully decorated, and ablaze with light.

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The Hon. Thomas Ballantyne, of this city, has received the nomination of the Liberal Party for North Perth, in the local legislature. The constituency by Mr. Thomas Magwood of Mornington, a worthy farmer representative, Mr. Ballantyne was formerly representative member for South Perth, but was defeated by Mr. McNeil, the present member.