

reception in Brockville, that he withdrew the above short and merely formal reply, and through the Duke of Newcastle, replaced it with the following, the Duke stating that the short reply was insufficient to express His Royal Highness' satisfaction at the reception accorded him by the people of Brockville: "GENTLEMEN.—I am deeply touched by the cordiality and warmth of feeling with which I have been welcomed to the town, in your address. I thank you heartily, and appreciate the sentiments of attachment to your Sovereign and her Empire, which you have expressed. The name of your town recalls the memory of a brave man and brave deeds in times now happily past. May such men never be wanting to you, but may their services long remain uncalled for. I never doubted that the well-known loyalty of those people would ensure to me a kind reception amongst you, but day after day convinces me that I have not fully estimated the strength and ardour of Canadian patriotism. Be assured I shall not forget the scene of this evening."

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10th.

13 W		Micah 6	Matt. 13	Micah 7	Romans 13
14 Th	.....	Nahum 1	.....	Nahum 2	.....
15 F	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 Sat	.....	Malak. 2	.....	Malak. 3	.....
17 S	15th Sunday aft. Trinity	Jer. 23	.....	Jer. 24	1 Cor. 1
18 M	.....	Zeph. 3	.....	Malak. 4	.....
19 Tu	.....	Malak. 5	.....	Zech. 1	.....

The extraordinary press of local matters just now in Canada West, especially in its metropolis, prevents us from being able to give the usual amount of intelligence beyond the limits of our Province.

ERRATA IN LAST ISSUE.

In second editorial article, and a little more than half way down the column, instead of "reading desk for progress," read "reading desk for prayers." At the end of the same article, supply—"in good time."

THE EMBER WEEKS.

We fear that these holy seasons, immediately after which the Church intends that ordination to her ministry should be held, are used by few as our Church means them to be used. Beyond a mere repetition of one of the appointed prayers on the Sunday, little notice is taken of them in, we fear, the greater number of cases. And even when noticed at all, they are observed only by the clergy, as seasons of especial prayer: while the laity are altogether ignorant of their nature, and often even of their very name. And yet how much advantage would be gained by pastor and people, were both to set apart even a few moments of each day in the Ember Weeks, for earnest prayer for each other! How greatly would it tend to draw each closer to the other, and render less likely any unkindness either of act or word. The very recollection of having begged a blessing on each other at the throne of grace, would act as a check upon a rising wish to utter a harsh expression, or see evil in what was meant as a harmless action.

But it is more particularly for the clergy that we notice the recurrence of this sacred time. It is especially needful for them to have some such special season of self-examination and prayer. Every parish priest knows how readily he loses spiritual tone of mind and heart; how easily common troubles—ordinary anxieties and vexations—factions opposition to his plans, unite and succeed in lowering his heavenly-mindedness; how soon his zeal becomes relaxed under the manifold shocks that assail it; and how hard it is to be ever active—never to grow weary in well-doing.

Now we all know, of course, that prayer (for grace against all this) is needful, and must be made continually; and unless so made, the building of the minister who neglects it will prove but "hay and stubble" in the day of trial. Still cannot any one see how great a gain will be brought to the soul—how much the courage and endurance will be strengthened—by the setting

apart a few hours each day during the Ember Week, for careful examination of the past months! how work has been done, whether as unto the Lord or before men; how it has been persevered in, or whether only performed by spasmodic efforts, caused by the pricking of the conscience; whether there has been any holding back of a portion of the truth through fear of man; how, too, it has fared in the meanwhile with the soul's life?

These, and many other such things, may well call for special search at this time; and we all know how apt we are, at ordinary times, especially when fatigued in mind or body, and worn by anxiety, to do work like this hastily and imperfectly; hence the spiritual advantage of a right use of the Ember Weeks must be great beyond estimation.

Trusting that the few thoughts here suggested may awaken many members of the Church—lay and clerical—to a more thoughtful consideration of the spiritual loss suffered by reason of the non-observance of such seasons, we beg to offer for the use of our brethren of the clergy, the following prayer, compiled from the ordination service, hoping that it may be found not unprofitable "to the work of the ministry—to the edifying of the Body of Christ:"

"Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock."—JER. xiii. 20.

O God! Thou hast called me to the sacred office of a priest in Thy holy church. Of what dignity, of how great importance, is this office whereunto I am called.

O Lord, I beseech Thee, print in my remembrance, that I may ever have in mind, into how high a dignity, unto how weighty an office and charge I am called; even to be a messenger, watchman, and steward of the Lord: to teach and to admonish; to feed, and provide for, the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

O Father of all—O Lord Jesus, Saviour of all, Thou Great Shepherd, Thou Good Shepherd, who gavest Thine own life for the sheep, print in my remembrance how great a treasure is committed to my charge,—even the sheep of Christ, which He bought with His death, and for whom He shed His blood. Yea! the Church and congregation whom I serve is His spouse and His body. If, then, it should happen the same Church, or any member thereof, take any hurt or hindrance by reason of my negligence, how great must be the fault! how horrible the punishment that will ensue!

Blessed Jesu! have mercy on me: help me fully to understand the end of my ministry towards the children of God—towards the Spouse and Body of Christ. Give me, O Lord, give me grace, to enable me never to cease my labour, my care, and diligence, until I have done all—yea ALL—that lieth in me (for what is this but my bounden duty!) to bring all committed to my charge unto that agreement in the faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripeness and perfectness of age in Christ, that there be no place left among us, either for error in doctrine or for viciousness in life.

O Lord Jesus Christ, what a work is this! Who is sufficient for these things—these things so weighty and so awful!

O God, the Holy Ghost,—do Thou, by Thy mighty indwelling in my heart, make me to do that which by mine own self I cannot do. Give me earnestness of heart—a godly, fervent zeal. Help me to give myself wholly to these things; to study continually how I may best apply myself, as well that by my life I may show myself dutiful and thankful unto that Lord, who hath placed me in so high a dignity, as also to beware that neither I myself offend, nor be occasion that others offend.

O Lord, I implore, with all humility and unfeigned earnestness, the gifts of the Holy Ghost to help my weakness, that it may be strong to compass the doing of so weighty a work pertaining to the salvation of men. And to the end that I may the better learn it, give me a mind, O Lord, to love Thy Holy Word; to study it, to mark, learn, and inwardly digest it; to delight in it above all things else; that with doctrine and exhortation taken from the Holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable to the same, I may be able, with Thy help, to frame the manners both of myself and of them that specially pertain unto me, according to the rule of the same Scriptures. And to this end, help me, O Lord, to forsake and set aside, as much as I may, all worldly cares and studies.

Lord help me, I pray thee, to give myself wholly to this office whereunto Thou hast called me: enable me, as much as lieth in me, to apply myself wholly to this one thing, and to draw all my cares and studies this way.

Make me, O God, ever eager to seek Thy help and blessing in my work, through the merits and mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give me abundantly the aid of the Holy Ghost, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, I may wax riper and stronger in my ministry; and that I may endeavour myself, from time to time, so to sanctify my own life, and the lives of all belonging to me, after the rule and doctrines of Christ, that we may