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CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

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7—15th Sunday after Epiphany. St. Romuald, Abbot. Solemnity of the Purification.

8 Monday—St. John of Matha, Confessor.

9 Tuesday—St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria.

10 Wednesday—St. Scholastica, Virgin.

11 Thursday—The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites.

12 Friday—St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor; transferred from Jan. 23rd.

13 Saturday—Office of the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

Read D'Arcy McGee's strictures on the infallibility of the state in educational matters.

Rev. Father Grenier, S. J., said mass and preached last Sunday at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

The Very Rev. Administrator of the Archdiocese, Father Allard, O. M. I., came in from Selkirk to-day.

At the annual meeting of the Retail Dealers' association, held last week, Mr. T. D. Deegan was elected president.

A convention of the Conservatives of the Province is being held in the city, the first session taking place to-day.

Rev. Father Bourassa, of Pullman, Ill., returned home to his parish last Thursday, leaving his sister much improved in health.

A fund for the relief of the sufferers from famine in India has been opened by the Lieutenant-Governor and is assuming large proportions.

It is announced that Madame Albani and her company will appear again in Winnipeg on the 12th inst., when admission will be placed at popular prices.

For the future the pious exercises of the Stations of the Cross will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on the first Sunday in each month instead of vespers.

At a meeting of the Central Relief association Wednesday a report was made showing that some \$350.00 had been collected in addition to the amount previously on hand, making a total of nearly \$900.00.

The Review regrets to learn of the death of Mrs. Philip Thomas, wife of Mr. Philip Thomas, Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue at Portage la Prairie. Dr. Barrett, Inspector of Inland Revenue, left for Portage la Prairie on Monday's train to attend the funeral which took place on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. R. I. P.

At the Manitoba College Alma Mater Society's Ninth Reunion last Friday evening, Mr. Joseph Dubuc, an alumnus of St. Boniface College, in replying on behalf of "Sister Colleges," made a very graceful and tactful speech, brimful of suggestiveness and point, was listened to with close attention and greeted with hearty and frequent applause.

Death of Sister St. Joseph (see Coutlee).

On Monday last, at 9.45 p. m., Gertrude Anastasia Coutlee, known in religion as Sister St. Joseph, breathed her last at the Mother House of the Grey Nuns in St. Boniface. She was the only survivor of the first four Sisters who, embarking in a bark canoe at Lachine, near Montreal, on April 25th, 1844, reached St. Boniface by way of Lake Superior, Lake of the Woods and Winnipeg River on June 21st of the same year. Her father was Louis Coutlee, of Les Cedres, Que., and her mother's maiden name was Rose Watier. Born on the 17th November, 1819, she entered the Novitiate of the Grey Nuns in Montreal on the 28th March, 1836, and took her vows as a professed nun on the 1st June, 1838. Thus she had been eight years in the community and was in her twenty-fifth year when she braved the isolation of the Red River Settlement at that time, and, with her three companions, was the first nun to cross the height of land between Lake Superior and the Hudson Bay basin. Sister St. Joseph at different times filled the offices of Assistant, Mistress of Novices, and chief directress of the orphan girls. Though much crippled of late with age and infirmities, she preserved to the last her cheerfulness of spirit and quietly prepared for the last dread journey to the bourne where she will receive the reward of her almost sixty-one years of religious life.

WRIT FOR ST. BONIFACE.

The writ for the bye-election in St. Boniface made necessary by the resignation of Mr. J. E. P. Prendergast has been issued. The nominations will take place on the 13th of February, and the elections on the 20th.

HE GOT HIS RECEIPT.

Some time ago while I was trading in a village store one of the clerks came to the junior partner, who was waiting on me and said:

"Please step to the desk. Pat Flynn wants to settle his account with you and wants a receipt."

The merchant was evidently annoyed.

"Why, what does he want of a receipt?" he said, "we never give one, simply cross his account off the books, that is receipt enough."

"So I told him," answered the clerk, "but he is not satisfied. You had better see him."

So the proprietor stepped to the desk, and after greeting Pat with a "Good-morning," said:

"You want to settle your bill do you?" Pat replied in the affirmative.

"Well," said the merchant, "there is no need of me giving you a receipt. See! I will cross your account off the book, and suiting the action to the word he drew his pencil diagonally across the account. "That is a good receipt."

"And do you mean that that settles it?" exclaimed Pat.

"That settles it," said the merchant. "And you're sure you'll never be asking me for it again?"

"We'll never ask you for it again," said the merchant decidedly.

"Faith, thin," said Pat, "I'll be after kaping' me money in me pocket, for I haven't paid it."

"Oh, well, I can rub that out!"

"Faith, now, and I thought the same said Pat.

It is needless to add that Pat got his receipt.—Romance.

AN UNQUENCHABLE FIRE.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer:

There is a fire that never dies, and it is here, and in this world, too. This strange fire is of the consistency of paste, and is harmless while in a quiet state. The friction caused by rubbing it against a hard surface will, however, set it aglow, and nothing will extinguish the flames, which will burn with a blue light and an intense heat until the core round is completely destroyed by combustion. Water has no effect upon it, and it can be made into balls and thrown anywhere, and it will burn with a slow but fierce combustion which makes it unlike any known fire.

Dynamite and gunpowder require a spark to ignite them, and powder produces an explosion, not a regular fire. To ignite this compound there is just the slightest friction of rubbing it against some ordinary substance. There is no explosion or rapid spreading of flames, but a strange, pasty substance composed of living fire, which cannot be stamped out or killed in any known way.

John Floyd, the discoverer, has been for several years delving in all sorts of chemicals, as his numerous inventions required constant study. One day he wished to make a certain substance with which to experiment, and for that purpose placed in a liquid some waste substances which he thought would, when dissolved, produce the wished-for compound. But he found the material he wanted before the liquid was dissolved, so he left the jar containing the solution on the shelf for several weeks, thinking no more about it.

Finally he thought of using the jar, and, when lifting it down from the shelf, some of the liquid spilt on the floor. Mr. Flood thought nothing more about the matter till he noticed a sensation of heat about his foot, and on looking down found that the soft paste which had fallen out of the bottle had become a mass of soft, flickering flames, emitting an intense heat. He put his foot on the spot, stamping it out, as he thought, and turned to his work.

When he turned around again he saw that instead of going out the fire paste was steadily burning, that his rubbing it had only smeared it over the floor, and it was eating into the wood every moment. He then threw several buckets of water on the stuff, but the water had no effect other than to be converted into puffs of steam, and the fire burned steadily on, cutting its way through the soft pine flooring. As the experiments were being conducted in the back of a drug store, which was filled with dangerous chemicals, he knew that something must be done to put a stop to its ravages or the whole place would be blown to atoms.

After many fruitless attempts to put it out he procured a hatchet, and it was only by cutting out the entire square of wood on which the paste rested that he succeeded in stopping the fire, which burned for at least an hour.

Afraid of the uses to which this discovery might be put, Mr. Flood has never made the secret of the ingredient public; but he says that the cost of making it is so small that it can be easily used instead of the cheapest waste materials. And for that reason he will not let the formula become known, for incendiaries would take advantage of it and no place would be safe from burning. Those

who use oil or dynamite or powder can be easily traced, as some precaution is necessary, but with this liquid fire a criminal who knew its composition could burn his way noiselessly through any door or set any home on fire by throwing against it a noiseless ball of the composition.

The cost of making this liquid fire is so small that it can be easily used instead of coal in heating a furnace. But the most valuable properties are those which it possesses which are absolutely foreign to those of fire as known to us. All forms of heat, must be generated in some kind of a furnace and be constantly supplied with fuel. About a cupful can be set on fire and it will burn with a steady glow for an hour.

This wonderful fire can be utilized in the kitchen, and stoves can be dispensed with altogether as entirely useless. In order to fry anything it is only necessary to hang the pan from a wire and smear over the bottom with a spoonful of the liquid. In an instant there will be a hot fire which will burn for over an hour. So that the cook of the future can take her fire out into the country; it can be used in cooking in camping; there will be no coal bills, but the work of heating furnaces, of burning fires in grates, or running motors can be done by a harmless little spoonful of paste, which can be taken around in the vest pocket.

Of its practical uses there is no end, for the subject is yet in its infancy, the inventor, thinking but of the harm that might come, having stopped his experiments. He, however, says he intends to resume them and find out more about this explosionless, noiseless, unquenchable paste, which is fire pure and simple.

AN APT REPLY.

Max O'Reill relates that while he was teaching in an English school a lady wrote to the head master:

Dear Sir,—It is our intention to place our boy under your care, but before we do so we would like to know what "the social standard" of your school is.

To which the head master replied:

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The above reminds us of the man who, after booking his name at a seashore hotel, informed the landlord that he was the Lieutenant Governor of a state he named, to which the landlord replied, "Well, it's no matter, we'll treat you just as well."

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