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### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK.

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JANUARY.

- 24 Third Sunday after Epiphany. Our Lord's Flight into Egypt.
- 25 Monday—The Conversion of St. Paul.
- 26 Tuesday—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr.
- 27 Wednesday—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop.
- 28 Thursday—Votive office of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 29 Friday—St. Francis of Sales, Bishop and Doctor.
- 30 Saturday—St. Martina, Virgin and Martyr.

### CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface expects to return home at the end of this week.

It is stated that Mr. John O'Donoghue has been given a position in Customs service by the Dominion Government.

Mr. N. Bawlf left for California a few days ago to join Mrs. Bawlf and family who have been there some time. They will return in a few weeks.

At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade held last week Mr. N. Bawlf was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year.

The daily press report that Dr. J. K. Barrett, Inspector of Inland Revenue here, is to be transferred to Kingston, the Inspector at that point taking his place in this district.

Branch No. 163 of the C. M. B. A. held a regular meeting in their hall over the Academy of the Immaculate Conception last night, and this evening Branch No. 52 hold their meeting in Unity Hall.

If Robert Mooney, his wife and children, Mrs. Kate Dee, her husband Michael Dee, or any of their children will write to S. S. Bloom, Shelby, Ohio, U. S. America, they may learn something to their advantage. Give brief history of family and parentage.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, until further notice, there will be three masses on Sundays instead of two as heretofore. The first mass at 8 o'clock instead of 8.30, the second at 9 o'clock, which is for the Polish people. High mass at the usual hour 10.30.

The election of Hon. Hugh John Macdonald for Winnipeg last June has been declared void on the ground that an agent of his hired vehicles to carry voters to the poll at the election last June. This decision is however dependent upon the judgment of the Supreme Court when the appeal against the ruling of the Manitoba judge regarding the preliminary objections to the petition come before them. The election of Mr. N. Boyd for Macdonald has also been declared void with the same proviso.

### PRAYED FOR THE PASSENGERS.

An Incident of an Exciting Trip on a Trolley Car.

(New York Sun.)

The passengers on the trolley car of the Third avenue line which left Bath Beach for Brooklyn at 6:30 o'clock on Thursday evening had experiences with thunder, lightning, and rain that they will remember as long as they remember anything. It is probable that none of them ever before got so complete and satisfactory a notion of how really devilish a rain storm, with a thunder and lightning accompaniment, can be. The car was an open one, the only protection for the passengers being the heavy canvas side curtains, which can never be fastened down when they should be. The car was crowded from the front seat to the rear platform. When it started there were forebodings of an approaching storm. Away to the north a heavy bank of dark clouds hung like a black curtain. Out of the west came the low rumbling of distant thunder. The cloud bank did not lift, but seemed to grow blacker and blacker as the car approached it. Suddenly there was a flash of lightning more vivid than any that had preceded it, and the storm had burst.

Of course, all the passengers were thoroughly drenched before the curtains were buttoned down. Then, by way of diversion, there was more thunder and lightning. The men were busy keeping out of the wet and the women and children were becoming frightened. There was a lull in the storm for a moment. Then the wind came crashing through the tree branches like the rattling of light artillery. Women screamed, men shouted, and children shrieked in

fright. Suddenly there was a loud report like an explosion of gunpowder, and the car was filled with flame. Two men at the rear of the car dropped as if they had been shot. In a back corner of the car something burned like a pitch pine firebrand, and the woodwork caught fire. It was quickly extinguished, and then it was learned that one of the incandescent lamps had burned out. The two men who had stood directly under it had received shocks which overcame them. They had hardly recovered their senses when two more lamps in the front end of the car burned out. One man was rendered unconscious by the current of one of these, and three women fainted. Then there was the odor of burning wood mingled with a smell that resembled that of exploding fireworks. In a moment the car was filled with a stifling smoke and a tongue of fire burst through the flooring. One of the electric brushes had burned out and set the floor of the car on fire.

Seated in one of the rear seats was an old lady and her two little granddaughters. The younger child, a girl of about 8 years, was the most thoroughly frightened person in the car. Sitting next to her was a man who wasn't by any means the least disturbed of the passengers. The child sat with her face buried in her hands, sobbing and shaking in every limb. The man put on a brave front and said:

"Don't be frightened, little girl. Th-there is noth-nothing to hurt you."

"Oh, I'm so afraid of lightning! And so is my mamma, and she is all alone at home. And my papa is on the water down by Sandy Hook. Oh, what will become of him?"

A flash of lightning illuminated the car again and all the women screamed. The child seemed about to go into hysterics.

"There, there," said the male passenger, his own teeth fairly chattering; "be a brave little girl."

The child by sheer will power pulled herself together and said, "I will." Then jumping up, she cried:

"Oh, there's nothing to be afraid of. God will take care of us. I'll ask Him to."

With that she knelt down beside the seat, and raising her childish voice until it could be heard all over the car, she recited the Lord's Prayer. When she reached the "Amen" the confusion among the passengers had ceased and not a sound was to be heard save the roar of the storm. Men, women, and children had quieted at the sound of the child's voice and the words of her prayer seemed to give them courage. Then, when the prayer was finished, she continued:

"Oh, dear Lord! Let this storm pass quickly over! Stop the thunder and lightning, and save all the souls in this car, and keep safely my papa and mamma for Thine own sake. Amen."

Hardly was the prayer finished when the fury of the storm passed, and the car, which had come to a sudden standstill, resumed its journey.

### A MOTHER'S LOVE AS PICTURED BY FATHER SHERMAN, S. J.

Father Sherman, S. J., son of General Sherman, is shining by his own light. During a mission in the West he gave this illustration of a mother's love:

"A young man so wandered in the paths of sin that he crept into his mother's chamber and while she slept stabbed her through the heart. Then his conscience upbraided him, and wishing for some memento, something to cherish of his mother's, he cut from the warm body her heart and fled. As he hastened he heard footsteps in pursuit. In his agitation of flight he stumbled and the bleeding heart of his mother cried out: 'Oh, my poor boy, did it hurt you?'"

The effect of this simple yet powerful little tale upon the young priest's auditors was beyond description.—Cath. Standard and Times.

### CATHOLICISM IN GERMANY.

A recent number of the Methodist Review of London contains an article on "The Bulwark of Protestantism," which must be discouraging for all who like to think of Germany in that capacity. The writer of the article declares that the German Lutheran church is out of touch with the masses, and that the breach is growing alarmingly wider every day. Catholicism, on the other hand, is making giant strides, mainly as a result of the increase of Catholic associations, congresses and newspapers. In 1880 there were in all Germany 124 Catholic periodicals and newspapers; in 1890 the number went up to 269, and today it has reached 305. This is a striking illustration of the fact, otherwise abundantly visible, that the spread of education and consequent growth of intelligence are favorable to the true Church.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

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From the Gravenhurst Banner.

Poor health is an affliction that is dreaded by everyone, and the first sign of approaching disease is usually met with an attempt on the part of the patient to check and kill it. Frequently, however, even the most skilled physicians fail, and the sufferer endures a weary round of agony such as those who are in the full enjoyment of health can have no conception of. But when at last a medicine is found that will cure it, its worth cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. It is without price. Such is the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCauce, of Ashdown, Ont. Mr. McCauce tells the story of his wife's illness and cure as follows:—"For three or four years past my wife had been constantly failing in health. The first symptoms of her trouble were languor and loss of appetite, accompanied by bearing down pains and headaches, which affected her periodically. As time grew on she was attacked with pains in the region of her kidneys that became almost unbearable owing to their severity. Home remedies and different medicines were tried but with no good results. Last winter she grew so weak and helpless that I was obliged to seek medical aid for her, and accordingly sent her out to Barrie, where she received the best medical attention, the result of which was only slightly beneficial. On her return, owing no doubt to the tediousness of the journey, she suffered from a relapse and her trouble came back in a form more aggravated than before. I noticed in a paper that I was reading one day a testimonial from one who had been cured of a similar trouble, and although knowing that other remedies had failed in my poor suffering wife's case, there was yet a ray of hope. I therefore procured a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and on my return home administered the first dose to my wife. It is perhaps needless to relate that before the first supply was exhausted she found great relief. My wife now commenced to enjoy a buoyancy of spirits and kept on taking the Pink Pills with increasing good results. By the time she had used six boxes her condition had so improved that her neighbors were almost unprepared to believe the evidence of their own eyes when seeing the change in her appearance. Before taking the pills it was a severe task even to dress herself, much less do any household work, while now, although not having used any of the pills for more than a couple of months, she attends to all her household duties without the slightest inconvenience. Taking all things into consideration, I feel it a duty I owe to other sufferers to recommend these little pink messengers of health which stood between my well nigh distracted wife and the jaws of a lingering but certain death."

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