

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Third Sunday of Advent

- St. Florence, A.D.
St. Alice, Prop.
St. Olympe, W.
Expectation of the B.V.M.
St. Nemesion, M.
St. Christian, J.
St. Thomas, Apostle;

MOTHER DIED TO-NIGHT.

Your mother died to-night, that's all it said; But, somehow, in that simple line I read The last sad words of love and sympathy, The last heart-blessing that she gave to me, The admonitions that all went amiss, And what God ne'er can give—her farewell kiss; The fadless picture as she knelt to pray That she might meet me up above — some day.

Your mother died to-night," is all it said, As on the throbbing wire the tidings sped From that old, happy home, from which I came, To strive anew for honor and for fame, To toil with will to win a golden store To lay in solemn suppliance at her door; But shattered are the hopes, un-nerved the might, By that sad message, "Mother died to-night."

The Great Lottery

(By W. Philip Sheppard.) There were about a quarter of a million people interested in that lottery, with its great first prize of £3,000, so it may have been a trifling presumptuous on the part of Claire Lomas to say to herself, as she so emphatically did, "That £3,000 must come to me."

the adage that "charity begins at home" by decamping with the money and disappearing into foreign climes. Claire was seventeen at the time, and she was left with nothing but a good education and a considerable degree of beauty. The latter she considered a negligible quantity, but the good education was an asset of some importance, and she immediately proceeded to make use of it and secure herself from dependence on friends by obtaining the then vacant position of school teacher in Father David's school at Westborough.

Derry-Na-Mona

(Continued from last week.) But Eily — who was in a distracted state — hardly listened to Nora's words. Again she broke from her and rushed into the snowy night. "Come quickly — quickly!" she cried imploringly. "Every moment is precious!"

"You'd better hasten, boys. When we get through this business, Miss Quinlan, I shall ride over to Clonca and have a carriage sent for poor Carroll. Don't lose heart, Miss Quinlan. It's my opinion that he'll be all right." And Inspector Garvey's opinion turned out to be true enough. Frank Carroll rapidly recovered. Within a fortnight he was himself again.

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