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Weekly Church Calendar. SUN. Nov. 30—First Sunday of Advent. Gospel, St. Luke xxi, 25-23. St. Andrew Apostle. MON. Dec. 1—St. Edmond Champion & Com. Martyrs. TUES. 2—St. Bibiana, Virgin and Mar. WED. 3—St. Francis Xavier, Conf. THURS. 4—St. Barbara, Vir. and Mar. FRI. 5—St. Sabas, Abbot. SAT. 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop and Conf.

THE INEVITABLE TENDENCY.

More and more each day the Protestant churches are copying after the Catholic Church. Especially is this true of church music. In the musical programme of the Union Baptist service on Thanksgiving day, held in the Park avenue Baptist church, we find the following numbers: "Gujus Animam,"—Stabat Mater; "Festiva Te Deum"; "Inflammatus—Stabat Mater"; "Offertory"; "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Though they will not admit it, the Protestant denominations are either moving toward the Catholic Church or toward simon-pure free thought. There is no doubt, to a calm, dispassionate mind, that the Protestant creeds are progressing toward free thought, which is the logical outcome of the platform of "private judgment," worked to its extreme conclusion. Ingersoll and his followers but represent the advance guard of nineteenth century Protestantism. The infidels and Masonic free thinkers of Germany can easily be traced back to Martin Luther's rebellion against organized Truth. The French Revolution, led by men who opposed the Catholic Church, has left France in the disorganized condition she is to-day. And here in the United States the same tendency is observed. On every side can be observed the signs of breaking up in Protestant ranks. The Presbyterians want their creed revised; the Methodists' preaching is considerably different and their austere private life is vastly relaxed from that of Wesley; the Baptist theology is a heap less stringent than in days of yore. The Episcopalians are the most conservative, yet they are moving, not in the direction of infidelity, but toward the Roman Catholic Church.

By what we have said we do not wish to be understood as thinking all Protestants are losing their faith in Christianity. We only intend to convey the idea that such is the trend of their theology and that such is the inevitable conclusion of all creeds giving the doctrine of "private judgment." Men reject this or believe as it suits their convenience, but surely they will be more convenient and their consciences

are many non-firm belief in Christian re- the "march have al- too, to should- usci- pe and church. they ance; old do- athol- antag- on to- ent who points

in his enemy's case. Truly fair-minded non-Catholics are not the enemies the Church hates to meet; very often they are won over to her side. It is the ignorant and narrow-minded person who, with cool presumption, assumes he is all-wise and is mightier than God or the Church, that she dreads to face, because he listens to argument, will concede nothing and, blind in his own conceit, sets up his puny "private judgment" in opposition to the Church against whom "the gates of hell have not prevailed," and which will last "all days even unto the consummation of the world." But even such an enemy will inevitably succumb, if not in submission during life, at least to Death—that dread warrior who wins all earthly strifes.

Meanwhile, through all the turmoil, the Church marches grandly on. She changes not and will withstand all onslaughts, both from within and without, until the Church Militant is merged into the Church Triumphant. "The fittest will survive."

THANKSGIVING.

Thursday last the people of the United States united in thanking the great Creator. The Catholic citizens of America have more reason to thank God than any other class. They are children of the Church established by Christ; they know they are worshipping in the manner prescribed by Christ; they assist every Sunday and holiday in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, that species of worship most acceptable to the Author of All God; they are under the especial protection of Mary Immaculate, the all-powerful intercessor at the throne of grace; (And who shall say the Blessed Mother's patronage has not been instrumental in bringing about much of this country's wonderful growth?) If a Catholic be a good Catholic, there is no citizen in all the land who can thank God with more profound sense of gratitude than he.

We might carp and whine and say we are not treated with all the fairness we could expect; bigotry is yet abroad in the land; Catholics are still discriminated against. We might say all this and with good cause. But low free and independent are we in comparison with the faithful of other lands. We are not imprisoned for our faith as in Ireland; we do not have to bow the knee or submit to indignities from supercilious irreligious potentates; neither are we cursed with Crispian, infidel, Masonic rule, as in poor Italy. Taking all these things into consideration, Catholics have not much room for complaint. Therefore they can thank God for the present and trust Him for the future.

The "Woman's Educational Union," of Chicago, are seeking to have the Bible read in the public schools of the great metropolis. They make the just plea that the public or State schools are becoming godless and irreligious. But they wish the Bible read in the schools without note or comment. The Catholic Home pertinently remarks this will be but a drop in the bucket towards the goal at which those ladies aim—Christian education. The Bible was never intended to be read and studied by the masses according to their own "private judgment," for what else would reading it without "note or comment" amount to?

Donahoe's Monthly Magazine for December give the conclusion of Peter McGorry's review of the great book of the Most Rev. John Healy; The Drift of Pulpit Oratory, by Jos. Scott; Sayings of Cardinal Newman; Glimpses of Irish Industries; Disgracing Old Irish Names; A Tale of the Great Famine; The late Wm. Francis Clarke, S. J., and numerous other articles. Patrick Donahoe has bought a controlling interest in the Pilot, and is again in control of the paper he founded.

Some interesting Catholic reading matter will be found on our inside pages this week.

That arch-enemy to all Christianity, Robert Ingersoll, in one of his recent lectures, made use of the following filthy and disgusting sentiment: "The most indecent word in the English language is Celibacy." Is it any wonder the eloquent and talented Colonel has never risen to any high place in the councils of this nation, which annually honors God by a day of national thanksgiving to the Author of All Good? That filthy sentiment must have emanated from a foul, unclean heart, because the words of the lips are but the spoken thoughts of the heart.

ENOCH T. CARSON, a veteran Free Mason, and president of the Masonic Mutual Aid Association of Cincinnati, not long ago told an interviewer that he would place precious little confidence in a Catholic who wanted to be a Mason, as such an one would either be false to his Church or the fraternity. Mr Carson is right. A Catholic cannot be a Mason, and vice versa, unless he be a most arrant hypocrite

We have received from Superintendent Robert P. Porter census bulletin No. 12 from which we learn that the population of the United States on June 1, 1890, exclusive of white persons in Indian Territory, Indians on reservations, and Alaska, was 62,480,540. The apparent increase in the decade between 1880 and 1890 was 12,324,757, or 24.57 per cent.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Genesee.

Mr. Cronin and wife, of Rochester, visited the family of Edward Conlin last week. Misses Nellie Fitzgerald, Clara Lillibridge and Carrie Roche, of Rochester, attended the festival. Miss Mary Kelly has returned to Rochester, after a short visit here. The members of the Genesee Valley Hunt Club presented John Mahoney a gold watch and chain this week. Miss Kate McDonald, of Canandaigua, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Crystal. Mr. Crystal and wife were made happy last week by a "little fellow" coming there to stay. The next entertainment of the Joint Society will be an illustrated lecture on "A Trip to Europe." Rev. A. P. Doyle, C. S. P., of New York city, who is to deliver a lecture in St. Mary's church next Thursday evening, Dec. 4th, is too well known here to need any introduction, and will no doubt be greeted with a large audience. His subject is, "Who shall Preserve Us as a Nation?" The concert and festival held Friday evening of last week was a grand success, both socially and financially. A fine program was rendered. Net proceeds, about \$175.

Mt. Morris.

Dr. Stapleton, of Buffalo, was in town last week. A number of people from this village attended the Catholic fair at Nunda, which took place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mrs Dwyre, of Rochester, visited friends here last week. Mr. McNamara, a nurseryman from Geneva, was a guest of Dr. Moore last week. Dr. Moore will spend Thanksgiving at his home in Geneva. Michael Dugan, employed as section hand on the D. L. and W. R. R., while trying to jump a freight train Wednesday last, had his right leg so badly crushed it was found necessary to amputate it. Mr. Dugan had but lately come from Ireland, and had but one near relative in this country—a sister who lives in this village. High Mass was celebrated Thanksgiving morning by Father Flaherty. Born: Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Milliman, a son.

Charlotte.

Holy Cross church was the scene of a happy event at 7 p. m. Tuesday, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Mary Hadlock to George C. Clark, both well-known and popular young people of this village. Rev. J. M. Fitzgerald performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends. A fair for the benefit of Holy Cross school was held this week.

Correspondents whose letters do not appear this week will know that they arrived too late. Letters must reach this office Thursday morning in the future, as the large increase in our circulation compels us to go to press earlier.

Seneca Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Briggs, of Auburn, spent Sunday with O. J. Mackin on Toledo street. Mr. Briggs, for some time past has been in the employ of the Goulds Mfg. Co., here, but has accepted a position with Osburn & Co. of Auburn, and left for that place Wednesday. St. Patrick's church choir is rehearsing Girolzi's Vespers for Xmas. Mrs. Pat'k McKeon of Mynderse street and Mrs. Bernard Carroll of West Fall street, are both seriously ill and not expected to recover. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooney are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Geneva.

The Old Dutch Reformed church on the corner of William and Main Sts., has been purchased by the Catholics of Geneva for \$3,000. The funeral of James Riley, son of Patrick Riley, of Seneca Falls, formerly of Geneva, took place at St. Francis de Sales church at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The funeral of Mrs. Thos. Holland occurred at 10 a. m. Wednesday. She died four weeks from the day she was married.

Brockport.

The Young Ladies Aid Society of the Catholic church present with their annual report sincere thanks to all who so generously aided them in caring for the poor and helpless, particularly Mrs. E. Harrison, and Mrs. J. Welch, for the use of their homes for musicals; to J. Shephard, for printing; A. D. Daly for use of chairs, and to Mrs. J. Collins, Misses D. McDonald, A. Shannon, Cowley, Mrs. E. Dunham and Mrs. K. McGuinn for articles of clothing.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1890, \$1.94 By musical at Mrs. E. Harrison's, 52.00 Mrs. J. Welch's, 52.35 Mrs. H. Dunham, cash, 1.00 Total, \$107.29; expenses, \$93.81; balance on hand Nov. 1, 1890, \$13.48. About 40 persons were helped.

We are in hopes of doing more with your continued kindness. Mary Welch, pres.; Hattie Dunham, Sec'y; Margurete Harrison, treas.

Palmyra.

Miss Kate Hennessy died at her home Friday last, aged 21 years. The deceased possessed a disposition which endeared her to all who knew her. The funeral took place Sunday, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Rev. Wm. Casey officiated. Miss Mary Welch, who has been failing for a long time, is reported very low. Mrs. Michael Rogers died at her home in Farmington on the 24th. She was well advanced in years and had been in failing health for a long time. Her remains were taken to Fairport for interment on Wednesday.

Ladies' Fur Shoulder Capes. In seal, mink, Persian lamb, astrachan wool, seal, sable, beaver, nutria, gray kimmer, African Monkey, and Australian seal at closing out prices at Meng & Shafer's, the strictly one-price furriers and hatters, 185 East Main street, opposite Whitcomb house, 11 State street, first fur store from the corner in Powers block, and fur parlor 14 West Main street, Powers block.

Holiday Goods. Of every description, in great variety. Low prices, cash and credit, at "THE ADAMS," 116 & 118 State st.

Ladies' Genuine Alaska Seal Skin Garments. In all sizes and lengths can be found at the old prices at Meng & Shafer's, the strictly one-price furriers and hatters. Fur parlor, 14 West Main st. Powers block.

Ladies' Seal Plush Garments. At unheard of low prices, at Meng & Shafer's, the strictly one-price furriers and hatters. Fur parlor, 14 W. Main street, Powers block.

Cardigan Jackets. One dollar buys a very nice one in the men's furnishing goods department at BURKE, FITZSIMONS, HONE & Co.

New Catholic Society. THE CATHOLIC RELIEF AND BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION.

The Supreme Council at Auburn, N. Y. A Prosperous Career Assured.—New Features Presented.

The Supreme Council of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association has completed its organization with the following officers: Supreme President, Thomas H. O'Neil; First Vice President, Thomas McConnell; Second Vice-President, J. D. Long; Supreme Treasurer, James L. McGarr; Supreme Recorder, Walter A. Byrne; Supreme Medical Examiner, John Gerin, M. D.; Marshal, C. H. Kavanaugh; Guard, P. M. Heron; Trustees, John Lawler, Wm. Byrne, John H. Hubbard, John E. Bennett, Wm. J. Holihan, James H. Holmes.

This association was first organized in Auburn of the present year. Since that time the Supreme Council has been hard at work perfecting its organization and preparing the necessary papers, blanks and by-laws with which to go before the people. Their work is now completed and they have already begun the organization of Subordinate Councils. That the Catholics of Auburn have the utmost faith in the integrity of the Supreme Council and its officers, is evidenced by the fact that when the first Subordinate Council was organized in that city there were one hundred and thirty-seven applicants for charter membership, and since that time the membership has been rapidly increasing. The association has already begun to spread into the surrounding cities. With these flattering testimonials at home and from the neighboring cities the Supreme Council officers feel confident that the association will meet with gratifying success among the Catholics of the country.

The C. R. B. A. presents many features entirely new in Catholic Mutual Insurance societies, notably the admission of women and men on equal terms, and the provision for a permanent Reserve Fund which will be an adequate protection to the association and its members in case of plague or epidemic. The admission of women on equal terms with men makes the association a potent agent for good in the social and religious advancement of its members. The provision for a permanent reserve fund recommends itself to all who are acquainted with the workings of mutual benefit insurance, and speaks well for the business ability of the organizers of the association. Not less than sixteen assessments are levied in any one year, the balance not needed for payment of monetary claims being placed in the Reserve fund, and not less than one assessment being levied for the Reserve Fund in case no sufficient balance remains from the first sixteen assessments. This Fund is invested by the Trustees in first mortgage bonds or in bonded trust companies, and the principle and interest held as a permanent fund to be used only when the number of assessments reaches the limit prescribed by the laws of the association when it is used to relieve members from an extraordinary number of assessments. Further than this, the existence of this permanent Reserve Fund enables the association to guarantee its members against suspension or expulsion for non-payment of dues or assessments after ten years, the amounts necessary being loaned to the members and charged up against their beneficiary certificates, with interest. This is a step in the right direction, as it enables those who are overtaken with financial reverses to keep up their beneficiary for their families.

The association also provides a Relief Fund, from which, on the payment of twenty-five cents a month, a member becomes entitled to receive five dollars a week when sick or disabled. This is also a feature which commends itself to Catholics, as it enables them to procure, in a Catholic organization, what many enter non-Catholic societies to procure. This is the first year of the association, but already it promises a healthy and rapid growth, covering as it does a wider field than any Catholic organization of its kind.

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any items. Appropriat- e city chur- Tomorrow- vent. Forty Hou- essed Sac- ter High M- (Thomas O' sit Wednes- O'Hanlon. The fair in- the Holy R- ill begin Dec- obably be d- Mrs. Micha- ed Monday- No. Clinto- ok place W- Michael's A progressi- Catholic y- ome of Miss- week and enj- Among thou- in the platfor- Monday even- for. Wm. P- Stewart. Edward Do- Weis were m- week at SS. P- After the cere- held at the- parents, Mr. 209 West Map- were present, nelly, of Aubu- The body- found Monday- bank in the- brewery. The- man and subj- his head were- of which, he- skull. The co- verdict of ju- causes? George Fle- Treasurer Val- been admitted- judicial depart- stein has, for- gaged as man- York law firm- to this city, w- the practice of- well equipped- tion among th- bar. The last T- member Messrs- O'Reilly, D. P- lin and Edwar- Rochester's sw- Caledonia and- Father Eisler's- ba. The Mor- the Quid Num- the Cathedral- always pleas- ments. Henry M. St- explorer, lectu- Monday eveni- sive, fashiona- ence ever ga- The affair was- pointment. S- neither does- adventures in- nous. If a pe- anything about- Africa, he cou- reading Stanle- the people we- lion, and they- Friday even- Cathedral choi- tion at Cathed- feast of St. C- Bonn acted as- Miss Minnie O- ganist, and M- director. In t- ing Rev. J. P- interesting ad- participated in- Miss Mary Gar- M. J. O'Brien, Darcy, Misses Hamilton, Mar- Libbie Cosgro- and Catherine- hue, Linda O'E- At the last n- and Elocution