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## Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN, June 14—Fourth Sunday after Pentec-

cost. Gospel: St. Luke, v. 1-11. St.

St. Basil the Great, Bp. &amp; Conf.

MON, 15—St. Germaine, Cousin.

TUES, 16—St. John Francis Regis, Conf.

WED, 17—St. Nicander and Marclan.

THURS, 18—St. Mark and Comp. MM.

FRI, 19—St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin.

SAT, 20—St. Silvester, Pope and Martyr.

## THE POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

We have received the official

translation of the great Encyclical

letter of the Holy Father on the

"Condition of Labor," and will

begin publishing same next week.

## AS WELL FIRST AS LAST.

It is now about three years since

the question of an additional water

supply for the city began to be se-

riously considered. During that

time there has been much discus-

sion, and at least two enabling acts

for a new conduit have been intro-

duced into the Legislature, but

failed of adoption because of wrang-

ling over the place from which

the supply should come, the man-

ner in which the water should be

conveyed to the city, the proper

hands in which the construction

should be placed.

It seems to us that all this wrang-

ling is, to a certain extent, futile,

and will reach but one conclusion:

Some of these days there will be a

water famine, and the kickers will

come to their senses when it is too

late. Already the Rochesterians

are beginning to feel the effects of

the scarcity of water. Lawns have

to go unsprinkled, and rigid econ-

omy must be practiced in every

way. This state of affairs should

not prevail. We agree with the

sentiments expressed by Mr. John

Fahy at the Chamber of Commerce

banquet in 1890, "that water

should be free as air." Then we

will be less liable to fevers, plagues,

etc., and reasonably sure of a

death in uncleanliness.

Wrangling should cease and all

settle down to a serious considera-

tion of where a supply of water

can be obtained sufficient for all

time, and of the best quality.

This brings us to the point of these

remarks: We believe the source of

supply should be from Lake Onta-

rio, and the method of conveyance

the pumping system. We hold

this opinion because the supply is

inexhaustible; it can be increased

at will. The water has been cer-

tified to be pure, and wholesome.

Our sister city of Toronto says that

Lake Ontario water is all that can

be desired. Furthermore there

will be no water rights to buy and

therefore, no series of endless dam-

age suits against the city. We

hold that the pumping system is

best because the gravity plan has

been tried and found wanting; also,

because the pumping capacity can

be increased without building a

new conduit every time an addi-

tional supply is needed.

Why not go to Lake Ontario

first as well as last? The move

will have to be made sooner or

later, and why not now?

## A COUNTRY WITHOUT A HEAD.

Before the JOURNAL containing

the news that Canada's Premier

was dying had reached our readers,

the soul of the great Sir John Mc-

Donald had passed to its last re-

ward. Whatever may have been

the dead man's faults, he has now

gone to meet his Maker and char-

ity bids us drop the mantle of si-

lence over the errors and mistakes

of the departed.

Charity, however, does not bid

us silent about the living Can-

adian politicians. Sir Charles Tupper

is mentioned as Sir John's suc-

cessor. Tupper, we answer, is

about as corrupt and crafty a poli-

tician as could well be scared up.

He is an unprincipled schemer and

has not the love for Canada's glory

to restrain his cupidity, as had Sir

John A. McDonald. It will be a

sorry day for the Dominion when

Tupper assumes command if any

lease of power be assured him.

Sir John Thompson is also men-

tioned for the vacant premiership.

Thompson is not likely to be avail-

able, as it is hardly probable he

can bind together the Catholic and

Orange factions; or, worse still, the

French Canadian and English

speaking clans. Sir Hector Lan-

gervin is under a cloud, having been

impeached for corrupt practices.

Taking all things into consider-

ation, it looks as though no Con-

servative could hold the premier-

ship a great while. A coalition

ministry is almost out of the ques-

tion and a new election in the near

future seems an assured fact. In

the event of a Liberal victory, Sir

Richard Cartwright or Edward

Blaké would probably form the

ministry. The former is a brainy

man, but the latter possesses the

confidence of the Canadian people

to a greater extent.

## JAMES HUGHES CONVICTED.

James Hughes, the chief official

of the garment workers of the

United States and a high official

of the Knights of Labor, has been

convicted of extortion in receiving

from a clothing manufacturer in

this city the sum of \$1,000, in con-

sideration that a boycott be raised

from said manufacturer's goods.

Justice Ramsey, on Tuesday, sen-

tenced Hughes to serve one year in

the Monroe county penitentiary.

The case will be appealed and we

think it should be. There are

some legal points involved which

we should like to see passed upon

by the highest court in the land.

We think Hughes believed him-

self within the law throughout all

his transactions with the clothing

manufacturers: he did not think

the extortion law was so far reach-

ing. If this be true, the sentence

imposed is an adequate one. But

if Hughes knew he was violating

the law, we think he should have

received the full extent of the law.

## POLITE English society taboos

a man caught cheating at gambling

—one who only steals money—and

receives with open arms the titled

roue who steals the honor of wives

and daughters.

As our readers noticed, last

week's issue of the JOURNAL con-

tained the concluding installment

of "Jack and Tom," a quasi reli-

gious story that has been running

in these columns for some months.

The story concerned two young

men; one a Catholic, the other a

Protestant, who in their leisure

hours engaged in discussions over

their respective religious tenets.

These talks form the ground-work

of the story. In due time the

Protestant becomes a Catholic, is

baptized on Easter Saturday and

dies Sunday evening. The story

is mainly founded on fact, and

while not presenting a consecutive

exposition of Catholic doctrine, a

non-Catholic is likely to find it far

more interesting than a strictly

theological book, because of the

conversational style. We are prom-

ised other articles from the same

writer's pen; also that "Jack and

Tom" may be published in book

form.

## PRESIDENT Pallen in a circular

letter printed in Church Progress,

informs Catholic editors that a con-

cern hailing from Cleveland, is not

the "Catholic Press Association of

the United States." We in the

East who have had dealings with

the establishment in question do

not need this information. How-

ever, "forewarned is forearmed."

By the way, why has not the Cath-

olic Press Association of the Uni-

ted States taken steps to procure,

at the lowest possible rates and fur-

nish to its members, the same mat-

ter that the Cleveland concern is

offering to send out?

## Our non-Catholic friends of the

Presbyterian persuasion seem no

nearer agreement than ever. The

General Assembly vetoed Prof.

Briggs' appointment to the chair of

Biblical literature in the Union

Theological seminary. Prof. Pat-

ton, of Princeton seminary, Union's

rival, led the opposition to Briggs.

Union seminary has decided to re-

tain Briggs whether the General

Assembly likes it or no. The

question now likely to be agitated

is, Is Union seminary the infallible

exponent of Presbyterianism, or is

the General Assembly? If not,

why not?

THEY who go down the Boule-

vard these days cannot fail to be

struck at the imposing structure

now rearing its head aloft, even in

less than half complete erection,

where is to be St. Bernard's Sem-

inary. Even non-Catholics are com-

menting upon the improvement to

the Boulevard. How much more

should Catholics be proud of the

edifice where, in the near future,

our priests who will minister to us

in the years to come, will be edu-

cated in our very midst.

## THE Post Express styles the

Unitarian, "What may be called,

for want of any more formal

phrase for characterization, a go-

as-you-please denomination." Quite

right. Readers of the JOURNAL re-

member it was a Unitarian who

was moved, at hearing a preacher

refer on Good Friday evening to

"the death of that great and good

Man," to ask, "I wonder who

is dead now!"

## In their work of clearing the

streets of obstructions the author-

ities would do well to turn their at-

tention to the wholesale fruit de-

alers, who store unsold stuff on the

street. If these people can't afford

to buy buildings in which to keep

their goods, there is no valid rea-

son why the citizens of Rochester

should pay taxes and be placed to

great inconvenience in order to pro-

vide business men with sidewalk-

refrigerators.

## WE HAVE received a copy of the

Union and Advertiser Year Book,

a valuable publication that we hope

will continue to be issued annually.

It contains a vast amount of local

and general statistics arranged in

compact form and embellished with

a unique and tastily designed cov-

er.

## THE confessional is the most con-

soling, at the same time least un-

derstood and most dreaded by non-

Catholics, of all institutions of the

Catholic Church. If you don't be-

lieve this, converse a while with a

good Catholic, then with an equal-

ly earnest non-Catholic.

## It is no wonder the Presbyteri-

ans are tinkering their creed. It

is naught but the work of men's

hands—rebellious, cantankerous

men at that. And after all the patch-

ing and soldering is done, the

Westminster Confession will be as

full of holes as ever. Mending it

is as pouring water into a sieve.

## SAYS the Post Express, "Be-

ware especially of Guy de Maup-

assant. Of all the vicious writers

we know of he is about the worst."

We return thanks for the repro-

of so delicately conveyed, and prom-

ise not to offend again in the man-

ner indirectly condemned.

## COMMISSIONER STAHLBRODT is

evidently "boss" of the Board of

Education. Mayor's vetoes have

little weight with that body.

## Seneca Falls.

The announcement of the approach-

ing marriage of Miss Mary FitzSimons

and Matthew Esmack, both of this

place, was made at St. Patrick's

church last Sunday by Rev. Father

O'Connor.

Thomas Creilly, a well-known citi-

zen of this place, died suddenly at his

residence on Canal St. last Tuesday.

He was a member of the C. M. B. A.

and Moulders' Union.

Mrs. Catherine Connor McGuire,

the young wife of Bernard McGuire,

died in childbirth at her residence on

Van Rensselaer St. last Tuesday

evening and was buried from St. Pat-

rick's church, Friday morning at 9

o'clock, Rev. Father O'Connor officiat-

ing. She leaves a husband and one