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**Weekly Church Calendar.**  
Sun. June 26.—Third Sunday after Pentecost. SS. John and Paul, Martyrs.  
Mon. 27.—Sacred Heart of Jesus.  
Tues. 28.—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul.  
Wed. 29.—SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.  
Thurs. 30.—Commemoration of St. Paul. Feast of St. John the Baptist.  
Sat. 1.—Visitation of the B. V. M.

As the commencement exercises in most of our Catholic schools take place about the time the JOURNAL is going to press, we are unable to give very extended account of the same in this issue. We would be pleased to receive reports from all the parochial and other Catholic schools in the diocese and request that such reports be sent to us in the early part of next week that we may do justice to all.

## WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

Commencement exercises have been held at many of our Catholic schools during the past week. The work accomplished during the season just ended can be best understood and appreciated by those who have had the good fortune to be present at these closing exercises. It is unnecessary to compliment either teachers or pupils. As our Rt. Rev. Bishop said in his address at the close of the Nazareth Academy exercises in Cathedral Hall last Wednesday evening, the pupils speak for themselves. Not only do they show their progress in secular learning has been equal to that of pupils from the much lauded State schools. The pupils who took part in the exercises at Cathedral Hall Thursday evening proved by the manner in which they acquitted themselves that they have been taught the worth of that valuable but oft neglected commodity, common sense. It is too often the case, in commencement exercises that they who witness them are displeased, aye, even disgusted at the affected and conceited manner of the graduates and essayists. At the Nazareth exercises there was none of this. The simple unaffected ways of the young ladies showed they were possessed of true refinement and despised the shabby veneering which often passes as such. All credit then, to the good Sisters who have aided in forming such characters in the girls confided to their care.

But better than all was the evidence of a thoroughly Christian education which was brought forward at these commencement exercises.

What we have said of Nazareth can also, we are sure, be said with equal truth of every parochial school in this diocese.

## GARFIELD ON ROME.

The Portland Catholic Sentinel has resurrected the following beautiful extract from an oration delivered by the late President James A. Garfield at Arlington opposite Washington, D. C., on Decoration Day, 1868:

"The view from this spot seems to bear some resemblance to that which greets the eye at Rome. In sight of the Capitoline Hill, up and across the Tiber, and overlooking the city, is a hill, not rugged nor lofty, but known as the Vatican Mount. At the beginning of the Christian era an imperial circus stood on its summit. There gladiator slaves died for the sport of Rome, and wild beasts fought with wilder men. In that arena a Galilean fisherman gave up his life a sacrifice for his faith. No human life was ever so nobly avenged. On that spot was reared the proudest Christian temple ever built by human hands. For its adornment, the rich offerings of every clime and kingdom have been contributed; and now, after eighteen centuries, the

people turn toward it with reverence when they worship God. As the traveller descends the Apennines, he sees the dome of St. Peter's rising above the desolate Campagna and the dead city, long before the seven hills and ruined palaces appear to his view. The fame of the dead fisherman has outlived the glory of the Eternal City. A noble life crowned with heroic death, rises above and outlives the pride and pomp and glory of the mightiest empire of the earth.

The soil beneath our feet was watered with the tears of slaves, in whose hearts the sight of yonder proud Capitol awakened no pride, and inspired no hope. The face of the goddess that crowns it, was turned toward the sea, and not towards them. But, thanks be to God, this arena of rebellion and slavery is a scene of violence and crime no longer. This will be forever the sacred mountain of our Capital. Here is our temple. Its pavement is the sepulchre of heroic hearts, its dome, the bending heaven; its altar candles, the watching stars."

Two very important letters have recently been sent to the American Hierarchy by the Propaganda. Both have been published in the JOURNAL and our readers will remember the ones to which we refer. This week on our first page is one said to be from the Pope himself, and addressed to the Archbishop and Bishops of this province. It is published merely as an item of current news and we can not vouch for its accuracy or genuineness. It first appeared in the Cleveland Catholic Universe. Where that paper got hold of it is a mystery, unless it was secured surreptitiously. Inquiry at the episcopal residence here elicits the information that no such letter has been received there, although it may be on its way from Rome. One remarkable feature of the letter as given out is the strong stand taken by the Holy Father against neutral schools. Yet the schools at Fairbault and Stillwater are surely exemplifications of that class. There is something mysterious about the circumstances under which the letter appears, and it is well to wait for further development before accepting it as bona fide.

IT IS GROVER.

Notwithstanding that the delegates from his own state were bitterly opposed to his nomination, Grover Cleveland has been for the third time chosen as the standard-bearer of the Democracy. If his nomination is satisfactory to the great majority of those who make up the Democratic party no one else has the right to complain. Judging from the large vote he received in the convention his nomination was desired by that majority.

Like the nomination of Harrison that of Mr. Cleveland awakes but little enthusiasm in the rank and file of his party. Had new men been selected, the campaign would be spirited; as it is the contest will probably be a wearisome repetition of that of four years ago.

It is the right of every citizen to work and vote against either candidate if he so choose no matter what the previous party affiliations of that citizen may have been in the past. But once the people have rendered their verdict and one of the present candidates becomes our President, that one will receive the loyal support of all good citizens.

A SOBER AGE.

The San Francisco Monitor in an able editorial on the drink evil says: The day of the drunken genius is past; this is a sober age, a practical age, and a man must be sober, industrious and practical to be a part of it and to succeed in it. Time was when men famous in literature and song, in science and philosophy, were addicted to the vice of intemperance and others no less dangerous and demoralizing. Constant giving away to passion shook the throne of reason and they raved out their lives in lunatic asylums. We were not created for any vice no matter how brilliant in appearance and satisfactory in consumption, and the man, woman or child who

violates the natural and divine laws must suffer. The order of things is perfect and man thus perfects himself in their obedience and practice. It requires not the wisdom of science and the skill of surgery to tell why lunacy and civilization go hand in hand. Among the savages of our forests the madman is unknown. Alexander the Great met an untimely death; Socrates drank the hemlock and Caesar, the epileptic, fell at the foot of Pompey's statue—were they not violators of nature's law? They strove to rule until extravagance had taken the place of sense, and the consequence was disaster. So it is with intemperance; it robs the victim of his sense and rules to ruin.

This week's Boston Pilot has the following concerning one of the young ladies who graduated from Nazareth Academy this week. "Miss Katherine Louise Caring, a graduate of Nazareth Academy of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Rochester, N. Y., was the fortunate winner of one of the three scholarships of Cornell University competed for last week. This speaks well, not only for the winner, but for her convent training. Nazareth Academy is one of the best schools for girls in the State of New York. It has an excellent supplement which we would wish to see in other places—a business course of one year for girls who for any reason cannot take the four years academy course. Within the same enclosure with Nazareth Academy is the Normal School for the Sisters of St. Joseph, who teach in most of the parochial schools of the diocese of Rochester. The tribute to Nazareth is certainly well deserved."

## THAT LETTER FROM LEO.

The managers of the Columbian Exposition says the Catholic Review, "have so rigidly excluded Catholics from the honors of the Fair that it is astonishing that they are willing to grant space for the Pope's exhibit. No float will tell of the coming of the Catholics to Maryland; no Catholic prelate or orator will take part in the inaugural exercises; no room can be found for the statue of Queen Isabella; no mention will be made of the Monk who made the voyage of Columbus possible; the spirit that gave inspiration to the great navigator will be ignored; the Church and its members will be shoved as far into the background as possible. A place may be made for the Holy Father's exhibit, but the man who insulted him is still a Director of the Exposition."

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If an army of these ants approaches a village the entire population is compelled to fly. Sometimes the people may be obliged to take to the water in order to save themselves. The insects travel in the night and on cloudy days, because they are quickly killed by the direct rays of the sun. Should the sun come out while they are making a journey, they construct a continuous arch over their path out of earth agglutinated by a fluid excreted from their mouths. In cloudy weather an arch for the protection of the marching workers is constructed of the bodies of the larger soldier ants, whose widely extended jaws, long legs and projecting antennae, intertwining, form a sort of network. In case of an alarm the arch is instantly broken and the insects which composed it join other soldiers on the flanks of the line, who seem to be acting as scouts, running about furiously in pursuit of the enemy. The alarm over, the arch is renewed and the column proceeds as before.—Washington Post.