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Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN. Nov. 5.—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Gospel, St. Matthew viii. 23-27; St. Zachary.

MON. 6.—St. Leonard, Hermit.

TUES. 7.—St. Willibrord, Bishop and Confessor.

WED. 8.—St. Godfrey, Bishop and Confessor.

THURS. 9.—St. Theodore Tyro, Martyr.

FRI. 10.—St. Andrew Avellino, Confessor.

SAT. 11.—St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor.

AN EVIL OF THE AGE

We venture the prediction that the day is not far distant when the question of secret societies will create almost as much disturbance within the church as was caused by the school controversy, now happily settled. Like that discussion the coming one will be waged principally here in America. Like that, also, it will when finally decided result in a complete rout of those who unwisely seek to reconcile irreconcilable elements—those who think the Church will gain by yielding to popular ideas.

Of recent years, owing in a large measure, to unfounded rumors that the Church had commenced to look with less disfavor upon secret societies, many Catholics have joined these organizations. Much of this misunderstanding is due to an erroneous idea that because the Church does not excommunicate persons for joining certain societies, Catholics are free to join them if they choose. The truth is that in addition to those societies which are forbidden under pains of excommunication (such as the Masons), there are others which are forbidden under pain of mortal sin, just as it is forbidden to steal or to lie.

That these societies are the cause of many souls being lost to the Church cannot be denied. Men become so attached to them that they will tell you they would give up the Church rather than give up the lodge room.

The time must come when the Church will find it necessary to take severe measures against those of her children who are members of secret orders. Then will be realized the extent of the harm done by those misguided theologians who take a liberal position towards secret societies. Ninety per cent. of the Catholics now in them will be lost to the Church.

The day will come, too, when it will be looked upon as unmanly to belong to a secret organization. At present secret societyism is an evil of the age.

AN EPISODE IN CONGRESS.

Whenever Know-nothingism finds its way out of the dark little corners and crevices where it is secure from public sight; whenever it creeps out where men with men's hatred of the serpent species can get a good whack at it, it fares badly. This fact was illustrated in Congress one day this week, when a bill aimed at foreign-born citizens was presented.

What followed is thus described: The bill to amend the naturalization laws was then taken up, and Mr. Oates, democrat, of Alabama, went on with the argument which he began Tuesday. He suggested several amendments, one of them being that nothing in the bill shall be construed as affecting the property rights of aliens.

Mr. Campbell, democrat, of New York, served notice that he was opposed to the bill.

Mr. Goldzer, democrat, of Illinois, opposed the bill. He served notice on the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. Oates) that he, as one of the naturalized citizens of the country, considered himself as good in every respect as any man born in the country. The naturalized citizens had well earned for themselves the right to be treated in every respect like all citizens. He said that he stood recently on the battlefield of Fredericksburg, Va., where Meagher led his Irish Brigade and where his men had cemented their love of country with their heart's blood. He had stood on the very spot where his nearest kin had fallen leading on his regiment to a forlorn hope. As he stood there he thought of the stream of blood of adopted citizens who died fighting for the cause of liberty. The statements in the report as to the large proportions of foreigners in the almshouses, prisons and insane asylums; he assailed as utterly untrue; and when Mr. Oates tried to interrupt him and assert their correctness, Mr. Goldzer declined absolutely to yield.

If the committee, he said had gone to the trouble of consulting the census tables, they would never have penned such an infamous slur of the good name and fame of the emigrant. Mr. Oates, democrat, of Texas, opposed the bill and said its title ought to be "A bill to resurrect know-nothingism in the United States." He criticized the provisions of the bill requiring a man who applies for naturalization to be able to read the constitution. Why, he asked, was it the constitution and not the Bible he should read? Was it that the alien was wanted to understand the constitution while there was not a democrat who would agree with a republican as to the meaning of certain phrases and sections? He asked the father of the bill (Mr. Oates) to explain why it imposed educational qualifications on foreigners while there were, in the south, millions of voters who not read the constitution. "But how many of them?" Mr. Milligan, republican, of Maine, asked as he crossed the aisle, "do you let vote and do you let have their votes counted after their are thrown?" Mr. Oates—There are millions of illiterate voters who are not in the south and there are some of them to be found in Maine.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xiv. 1-33

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "When therefore you shall see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, he that readeth let him understand. Then they that are in Judea, let them flee to the mountains. And he that is on the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house. And he that is in the field, let him not go back to take his coat. And woe to them that are with child, and that give suck in those days. But pray that your flight be not in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For there shall be then great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, neither shall be. And unless those days have been shortened, no flesh should be saved: but for the sake of the elect those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, do not believe him. For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, in so much as to deceive (if possible) even the elect. Behold I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they shall say to you, Behold, He is in the desert, go ye not out; behold, he is in the closets, believe it not. For as lightning cometh out of the East, and appeareth even unto the West, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Whosoever the body shall be gathered together. And immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn: and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with much power and majesty. And he shall send His angels with a trumpet, and a great voice, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest parts of the heavens to the utmost bounds of them. And from the fig tree learn a parable: when the branch thereof is now tender, and the leaves come forth, you know that summer is nigh: so you also, when you shall see all these things, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Amen. I say to you, that this generation shall not pass till all these things be so done. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass."

The Gospel for the twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost may be called the most eloquent of the Gospels.

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Branch 88 will nominate officers on the 15th of the month.

Central Council met Thursday evening; a fair number of delegates were present.

Branch 88, of the Cathedral parish, has five priest among its members, Revs. J. P. Kiernan, E. J. Hanna, D. D. and Coleman O'Loughlin have been members for some time. Revs. A. E. Brien, D. D. and Owen McGuire, Ph. D. of the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary have joined recently.

Patriot McCall was initiated at the last meeting of Branch 189, and two applications were received.

The Peerless Bowling Club of the Y. M. C. C. has organized and elected the following officers: President, Ed. G. Schlager; vice-president, John Fox; secretary and treasurer, P. F. Bauer; first bowling master, Charles J. Glather; second bowling master, Joseph Bausch. All communications should be addressed to P. F. Bauer, 45 Litchfield street.

A Pleasant Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hamlin entertained a number of their friends at their home on Emerson street, on Thursday of last week, it being the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage. There was a fine musical programme in which the following persons took part: Banjo and guitar quartette, Prof. Ferguson; a male quartette composed of Messrs. Predmore, Kearney, McSweeney and Kane gave vocal solos, P. J. McCracken and James O. Connolly recitations. Teal furnished an elegant supper, and all present had a most enjoyable evening and wished that their host and hostess would have many years of happiness.

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