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Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN, Dec. 24.—Fourth Sunday of Advent. Gospel St. Luke iii. 1-16. SS. Theresia and Emiliana, M. M. MON. 25.—Christmas. TUES. 26.—St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr. WED. 27.—St. John, Evangelist. THURS. 28.—Holy Innocents. FRI. 29.—St. Thomas a Becket, B. and M. ST. 30.—St. Sabina, Bishop and Martyr.

## AN OLD SWEET STORY.

There is an old sweet story handed down from a time when the grand temple stood in the city which was the pride and glory of all Israel; from a time when Roman genius ruled the greater portion of the then known world. Down through the misty ages that story has come to us. It has been told by the apostles; it has been told by their successors. It has been related by loving parents to wondering children. It has helped to convert the heathen to the worship of the One True God. It is told to-day, and it still retains all its beauty, all its eloquence, and all its sweetness. You will listen to it, Christian reader, as it is told below, although you may have heard it many times:

**GOSPEL; St. Luke ii. 1-14.**—And it came to pass in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass that when they were there her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping night-watches over their flock. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people. For this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you: You shall find the infant wrapped up in swaddling-clothes, and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to men of good will."

## A SIXTEEN PAGE JOURNAL.

We present our readers a sixteen-page paper this week. It contains a large number of columns of choice reading matter and attractive advertisements. The former will help to pass away a few pleasant hours, and the latter will guide you to the best business houses in Rochester. We issue this week's JOURNAL earlier than usual.

In justice to the members of the Chamber of Commerce, who were notified by "J. A. B." in his letter last week, it should be stated that we have since raised a large fund of \$5,000 up

## NOT OPPOSED TO THE BIBLE.

Bigots who persistently and without the slightest regard for the truth repeat the silly charge that the Catholic Church is opposed to the reading of the Bible, have received a black eye of large proportions. Our Holy Father has just issued an Encyclical letter relating to the study of the Bible. It was the Catholic Church that preserved the Bible during the middle ages. It is fitting that the head of that Church should now call attention to the Holy Book. The following is given by Cardinal Gibbons as a brief summary of the new Encyclical:

"Leo XIII. exhorts the priesthood of the Catholic Church, and in particular its Patriarchs, Primate, Archbishops and Bishops, to whom the pontifical epistle is addressed, to study the Bible. "About twenty pages are filled with special regulations and provisions for the searching of the Scriptures in the Catholic schools, academies and seminaries. The Pope counsels a more prudent and careful selection in the choice of the teachers and professors. He then lays down certain detailed rules for a thorough and scientific course of Biblical interpretation, which he says ought to be both comprehensive and profound. Adopting the Vulgate, or recognized Latin version of the Bible as the true and generally accepted text-book, Leo XIII. upon the endorsement of St. Augustine, advises the use and study of the Greek and Hebrew originals of the New and Old Testaments respectively."

"The apparent conflict between Biblical doctrine and the discoveries of modern science, between faith and knowledge, is referred to and denied. Natural and supernatural revelation, the God of creation and the Lord of salvation, the Pope says, do not contradict each other. The Pope confirms constantly his assertions and Pontifical admonitions by concurrent quotations from the fathers and the decrees of the church."

## ANOTHER EPISCOPALIAN ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Rev. Algernon Crapsey whom we quoted last week is not the only Episcopalian who has a word to say for religious schools. The Episcopalian Bishop, of a diocese in Texas, after praising Archbishop Hennesey's great speech in behalf of Christian education, says:

Every Christian, who values the immortal soul above the perishing body, must endorse the sentiments. The only question is, how we are to secure the desired result of giving to our children the benefits of such an education? It is evidently impossible to divert any portion of the school-tax for this purpose, so long as we have so many forms of religion, Christian as well as heathen, in our country. The only reasonable remedy is for those great bodies of Christians, who agree with the fundamental principles of Christianity, to bury their differences on minor points and to organize one grand National Church, which shall be able to provide amply for the proper education of all the children connected with it. Unless we are prepared to do this, we need not be surprised to find the next generation completely divorced from Christianity. In the coming age, when every fact and dogma of Christianity will be questioned, Christians must have some surer foundation for their faith than can be gotten from giddy girls in a S. S. or from a single sermon on Sunday.

Our namesake, the Memphis Catholic Journal, whose editor is a devoted Irishman, takes a gloomy view of Ireland's prospects of gaining home rule, and believes it has been clearly demonstrated that Ireland will never gain that blessing through moral education. This is exactly the view which the English Tories would like to have become general. The proper view for Irishmen to give their ancient enemies is that they will not become discouraged; they will give the English public no peace; they will keep on agitating; they will nag and annoy, until even English Tories are worn out and will gladly grant Home Rule to get rid of the irrepresible Irish question. A little of that bull-dog tenacity, so remarkable in Englishmen, would be a good addition to Celtic enthusiasm in Ireland's present crisis, and we believe the proper advice to give the Irish Home Rulers is this: You have a hold on your enemy; hang to him. He may bang you, and kick you, and slam you, and cuff you, but don't let him

shake you off. Let go only when your demands are granted.

Our Lord Jesus Christ taught men by precept and example how to live. He established a Church to continue teaching these same precepts to all generations and promised to remain with it to the end of time according to Rev. Myron Adams of Plymouth Church, this city, there is little resemblance between Christ and the Christianity of to-day as exemplified in that Church. The natural inference to be drawn is that Jesus Christ has failed to keep his promise; the Church has failed to make men live like Jesus Christ. But Rev. Myron Adams is sure that he and his school can preach a form of Christianity that will make men much like Christ. He can succeed where Christ and His Church have failed. Sublime assumption! It would be interesting to know just what resemblance to Adams there will be in the Adamicism of a century hence.

Russian laws forbid the employment of Catholics on all railroads except those running through bleak Siberia. This in Russia is despotism. The A. P. Aists try to carry out the same policy in this country, not only as regards railroads, but any other employment for which Catholics may apply; yet they claim to be defenders of American institutions. The question naturally arises: Is despotism synonymous with true Americanism? It can be truthfully answered by saying that A. P. Aists are not true Americans.

A charitable Cleveland gentleman—a stockholder in the Catholic University Publishing Co.—has donated 500 tons of coal to be distributed among the poor of that city. The generous giver undoubtedly feels a thousand times happier than if he had increased his wealth by an amount equal to the value of the coal.

The continued illness of Rev. Father Renker, pastor of St. Boniface church, is sad news to the Catholic people of Rochester and particularly so to the members of his own flock. Quiet and unassuming, zealous and faithful in discharging his priestly duties, Father Renker has been a true priest of God.

We call the attention of our readers to the address which Mr. Satoli recently delivered on the subject of Catholic education. It will be found on one of our inside pages.

## CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Rev. Dr. Conaty, President of the Catholic Summer School and the Rev. Joseph H. Hollabon, Chairman of the Executive Committee, called upon His Grace the Archbishop of New York recently to pay him an official visit, present to him the good wishes of the Board of Trustees, and ask from him such suggestions and advice as he might see fit to give. The Archbishop received them very cordially and expressed his great desire for the success of the school and his interest in its welfare. He was pleased to learn of the good condition of the organization and its spirit of harmony with the best thought in Church work. He was also glad to learn that the Board of Studies had arranged for a Special Course in Normal School work for the teachers and thought well of the idea of having such religious teachers as could attend the School take advantage of these opportunities. The great work of charity, he said, is teaching. Those in the Church who devote themselves to the work of teaching should undoubtedly avail themselves of the best methods of accomplishing their work. Hence it is well that opportunities such as these be embraced by all who teach. The methods of work were outlined to him and met with his hearty approbation. He hoped to see a large attendance of those engaged in parochial school work, so that our parish schools might be benefited by the instruction in experimental science and school methods given by competent teachers under direct Catholic influence. The fact that the convent at Plattsburgh had facilities for the accommodation of so many of the Sisters, and had already given hospitality last summer to members of different religious orders, would make it easier for their Ordinaries to recommend them to attend. This pleasant interview closed with another expression of the Archbishop's good wishes toward the school in

his work, on which he graciously bestowed his blessing, intimating that he would try to arrange his engagements next summer so as to visit Plattsburgh during the session of the School.

## THE GOSPELS.

**GOSPEL; St. Luke ii. 1-6.**—At that time: "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip, his brother, being tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high priests Annas and Caiaphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way for the Lord; make straight His paths: Every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight: and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation."

The Gospel teaches us that everything concerning our holy religion had been foretold and, consequently, our faith should be strengthened. It also teaches us that the only way to win the graces of this holy Christmas time is to do penance for our sins and return to God.

No legislation in favor of adopting denominational schools as a part of the State system, can be had unless our Protestant fellow-citizens are willing parties to it. It rests with them. They have fifty millions to our ten. If they do not wish to consent to this just solution of the school question, there is an end to the hope. They need not get excited or become enraged against us. We are only a small minority of the inhabitants of the republic. But if they are satisfied with the secular system, they could have it for all eternity, so far as we are concerned, even if we were in the majority; why, then, can they not equally respect our convictions?—Catholic Review

## Value of Time.

It is wonderful to see how many hours prompt people contrive to make of a day. It is as if they poked up the moments the dawdlers lost, and if ever you find yourself where you have so many things pressing upon you that you hardly know how to begin, let me tell you a secret: Take hold of the very one that comes to hand and you will find the rest will all fall into line and follow after like a company of well-drilled soldiers, and though work may be hard, it is easily vanquished in a squad. It is really vanquished if you often see the anecdote of the man who was asked how he had succeeded in his life. "My father taught me," was the reply, "when I had anything to do, to go and do it." There is the secret—the magic word now!

## True Wisdom.

While Socrates was yet very young he was seized with the desire to become learned and wise. Having no property he must either devote many years to the acquisition of a competence, so that he might then have leisure to pursue his studies, or else he must curtail his desires to the bare necessities. He decided to follow the latter course and he so schooled himself that the plainest fare and the simplest articles of clothing were acceptable to him as the plainest dishes and the plainest were to others. Thus he came very near to proving in his own person that a man could live by faith alone, even in that pagan time. He was the royal road to freedom from debt, as well as from all other evils. We are told that goodness is wisdom, and that sin is suffering.

## Personal Influence.

The outside world, the honest, straightforward men who may misunderstand the Catholic Church, who may be prejudiced against the Catholic Church, but who, when they find a man who for twenty-five years has been always the same—ministering to the poor, laboring without human reward and without human ambition, exalting his actions during a quarter of a century—men of the world honor such a man. They will know his influence upon society, first his influence on his own people and then indirectly, because if there are a number of good people in any society they must necessarily influence the whole mass.—Archbishop Ryan on the Bishop of Buffalo.

## Help Holy Souls.

It is our duty to help the holy souls—to help them by our prayers, our penances, our mortifications, our alms, by the Holy Sacrifice of the altar. There may be father and mother, brother and sister, friend and child, whom you have loved as your own life—they may now be there. Have you forgotten them? Have you no pity for them now, no natural pity, no spirit of love for them? Do you forget them all day long? Look back upon those who made your home in your early childhood, the light of whose faces you can still see shining in your memories, and the sweetness of whose voice is still in your ears—do you forget them because they are no longer seen? Is it indeed "out of sight out of mind"? What an impety of heart is this.—Cardinal Manning.

## ROBBIE'S CHRISTMAS.

For the Young Folks—By an East Bloomfield Girl.

It was a cold, wintry day in November, when in front of a bakery store in New York City stood a half-naked urchin of about five or six years of age. Tears were trickling down his cheeks and his clothes were very ragged; shoeless, stockingless, and almost trouserless, he stood shivering in the wintry blast; he had on an old waist which was made for a boy two or three years older than he, but he had no coat.

He was crying when a good natured man of about forty years came up to him and said, "Well, my little man, what is the matter with you, and why are you crying?" The child hesitated a moment and was about to turn and run from the man when the man said, "Are you hungry? Tell me what is the matter with you?" The little boy then said, "I am Robbie; my mother died last night and I have no money, clothes nor home; I am very hungry for I haven't had anything to eat to-day." The man's name was Mr. Smith and he was a widower; he had had a little boy of his own who if he had lived would have been about Robbie's age, and Robbie greatly impressed Mr. Smith as he thought he looked very much like his little Jim, who had been dead about a year.

Mr. Smith went into the bakery and purchased some sandwiches and some cookies and gave them to Robbie; he ate them with a relish, but did not forget to say "Thank you." Mr. Smith said, "Come with me Robbie," and he took him to his own handsome home in Fifth Avenue and put nice clothes on him. When he was dressed nicely he was a very pretty boy. Mr. Smith thought so much of him that he adopted him and began to send him to school. Robbie had not been used to that kind of a living and it made a great difference to him; he dropped all his slang and was very polite.

Robbie's name was Smith now, and no wonder Mr. Smith felt proud of him, for there was not a handsomer boy on the street.

Along toward the middle of December Robbie heard the children speak of Christmas; he had heard of it before but did not know why it was called Christmas. When he went home that night he asked Mr. Smith (or as he called him now, Papa) why it was called Christmas, and his Papa told him the reason why it was called was because Christ was born in a stable at Bethlehem on Christmas day; and he also said that Santa Claus came down the chimney and put presents in all good children's stockings. Robbie was very much excited and could hardly contain himself until Christmas which was two days away. The days wore on and Robbie thought it very queer that he had never heard of Santa Claus before. When Christmas eve came Robbie hung his stocking on the mantel above the fireplace in his room and fixed it so that he knew Santa would be sure to see it.

He went to bed and was soon in dreamland; he dreamt that he was back in his shabby home in a dirty street by the docks where he first lived; when he awoke in the morning he was very much surprised to see his stocking full of candy, oranges, nuts, and toys; on the mantel and table were picture books, a sled, gun, drum and many other play things. He could hardly wait until he was dressed to go and call papa to come in and see them. When his papa came in he exclaimed: "Oh papa, I never thought Santa Claus could be as good as this!"

## THE END.

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One of the most difficult problems in life is to adjust the burden of one's immediate work to the conditions of one's largest development. Earnest young men and women are constantly tempted to pour their vitality so copiously in the channels of immediate duty that they frequently deny themselves the conditions of the highest growth. No young man can put all his force into the work of the day, if it be along intellectual lines, without dwarfing his ultimate development. There ought to be behind every specific force a general force, and in the long run the value of the specific force will depend upon the volume of general force which is suffered to diminish by reason of the pressure of daily work.

## A CHRISTMAS MENU.

That Would Tempt Even a Dyspeptic. At this season of the year nearly every housekeeper is puzzling her brains about what she will prepare for her Christmas dinner. A nice breakfast on Christmas morning must also be served. A good way out of the dilemma would be to visit Culross' bakery. There will be found nice breakfast rolls, crisp, fresh crackers, delicious pies, light, white, sweet bread, cakes that would make our teeth water, cookies, fried cakes, cream puffs, cocoanut kisses, jumbles, in fact everything in the line of fine pastry and all fresh, all made of pure ingredients and all at reasonable prices. Remember the numbers, 30 and 499 State street.

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