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Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN, DEC. 27.—In the Octave of Christmas. Gospel, St. Luke ii. 38-40. The Prophecy of Simeon. St. Sylvester, P. and C. MON, JAN. 1.—Circumcision of our Lord. Holiday of Obligation. Epist. Tit. ii. 11-16; Gosp. Luke ii. 21. TUES. 2.—Octave of St. Stephen. WED. 3.—Octave of St. John. THURS. 4.—Octave of the Holy Innocents. FRI. 5.—Vigil of the Epiphany. St. Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr. SAT. 6.—Epiphany of our Lord.

TIME AND ETERNITY.

If there is one lesson more than another that should be learned well, as we stand at the threshold of the new year, it is that contained in the two simple words, "Time Flies." To look ahead fifteen, ten or even five years seems like peering far into the future; but let us look backward. We can scarce believe that fifteen years have passed since we left school; ten since mother died, and five since some other important event of our life transpired. Yet it is true, and fifteen years hence, if we are not sooner called to give an account of how the time granted to us for working out salvation has been spent—we will look back and wonder if it can be fifteen long years since we waited for the gladsome bells to usher in with sweet melody the young year of 1894.

Time always advances. It never retreats. It may seem afar off if we measure it by years or decades, but it comes nearer, nevertheless. What is a hundred years in the great ocean of eternity? An insignificant drop. Yet man has less than that to spend on this earth. He has a whole eternity—time illimitable—to spend in the next.

On the manner in which those few years on earth are spent depends the happiness of man during the thousands and millions of centuries that are to come after this life here.

A FAMILIAR STORY—WITH A MORAL.

In an old forbidding tomb a ghoul-like explorer once found the remains of what had been a man like himself. The features were apparently well preserved, and the finder imagined he could put his discovery to profitable use. On being exposed to the light, however, the remains crumbled into dust.

Hunting through the tomb of bigotry and intolerance to which it was consigned forty years ago, some Orange ghouls have found the corpse of old Know-nothingism, given it a new name and hope to use it to attain their ends. When plenty of light has been thrown upon it, it too will crumble into dust.

Some non-Catholic gentlemen in Denver have recently organized under the name of the Society of Liberty and Loyalty, to fight the A. P. A. Their object is commendable, but having made their organization a secret one, their method cannot be fully approved. The end never justifies the means. Throw the light on Apatism, don't envelope yourself in the same darkness where the venomous serpent lurks and stings.

THE CROSS OF POVERTY.

"There's nothing sweet in the city But the patient lives of the poor." So sang John Boyle O'Reilly, who had a heart to sympathize with the suffering poor, and a keen appreciation of the nobility of their lives. We speak, of course, of the deserving poor—of those who, through no fault of their own, must often know the pangs of hunger, face winter's biting blasts too lightly clad, enjoy no luxuries; yet, who are pure and honest and patient, nevertheless; who are, in truth, the only truly "better class."

The generous ones among those who are more happily situated are certainly worthy of our admiration; but there is less merit in giving when to give means merely letting the poor have a small part of that which we have a superabundance of. It is when a sacrifice is made to assist the poor, that giving becomes a virtue.

We are very much surprised to find that Rochester has a newspaper of so narrow a calibre that it endorses Bishop Coxe's silly attack upon Archbishop Satolli. Yet the Jewish Tidings calls it "a splendid letter," and comments favorably upon Bishop Coxe's effusion. Our Jewish fellow citizens have reason to feel ashamed of the Tidings for this approval of a bigoted and fanatical old gentleman's peculiar outbreak.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Citizen, feels justly proud of the anti-A. P. A. editor which it recently published and which was filled with excellent ammunition for use against the cowardly society.

To win success on the stage, to be able to draw crowded houses, it is no longer necessary to master Shakespeare or study elocution. The aspiring actor who is shrewd will lay the foundation for his future dramatic triumphs in the prize-ring.

Father Corrigan, of Hoboken, is in trouble again, this time with his assistant priests. The good Father could keep an Apostolic Delegate busy in Hoboken alone.

THE FEW AND THE MANY.

Written for the JOURNAL. The many are heaven's own bright stars. The few are the comets fierce. From queenly Venus to warlike Mars.

The rays of the former pierce The stars give light for the world below. (They have shone for ages thus.) Their beautiful, calm, majestic glow Has a meaning, too, for us.

For the comet, with erratic course, May dazzle and blind us soon; But it quickly fades, and the only source Of light is the stars and moon.

Oh! not in the few who scorn to shine In the orthodox, Godly way Should we trust the most for the light divine.

Beware! lest the comet stray.

T. H. D.

SELECTED HERE AND THERE.

Great Principles. The human spirit, bold, impetuous and imprudent, too frequently looks not so much at principles as at present results. But the Church, with the accumulated experience of ages, and with a maternal instinct for the preservation of her children, future as well as present, clings above all things to great directing principles of action.

Has her influence and the influence of her present Pontiff and representative ecclesiastics on the thinking men of our age and country. The best thought and the mon of the age will be ever found in sympathy with Catholic teaching when fairly understood, and with the Catholic episcopate and clergy. The prophecy shall be fulfilled: "The children of them that afflicted thee shall come bowing down to thee and they that slandered thee shall worship the steps of thy feet and shall call thee the city of the Lord and the Zion of the holy one of Israel."

Peaceful Invasion of Ireland. A representative of the associated '98 clubs of New York city has returned from England with the information that the English government will offer no objection to the clubs peaceful invasion of Ireland in 1898 to celebrate the anniversary of the Irish outbreak in 1798 and to place memorial stones on the battlefields. It is estimated that 20,000 Irish-Americans will invade the old sod. Two steamships will be chartered and these will have to make several trips.

Suffice it to say, that after the grace of God flowing to us through the channel of prayer and the sacraments, I know no greater solace to the soul than the soothing words of a good book. Indeed, is not the good book a visible grace?—Brother Azarias.

The very sound of the name of Mary forever thrills our hearts with the sweetest truth in all creation—God has a Mother. Out of this little sentence flows, murmured forever, in every crimson ripple of the living stream of the Precious Blood, the beautiful truth—God's Mother is ours.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke ii. 33-40.—"And His father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said: 'Behold this Child is set for the fall and for the reconstruction of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanneel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until four score and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fasting and prayers serving night and day. Now she at the same hour coming in, confessed to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city of Nazareth. And the Child grew, and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him."

This Gospel teaches us that we should begin in childhood to lead a good life and should persevere in good works. When the end of our life comes we will be contented and resigned and we shall die happy like all who serve God faithfully in this world.

AS TO FACTS.

"A Lover of Law" Talks on the School Question.

Catholic Columbian.

A Washington special in the Evening Dispatch of December 11th, tells us of Dr. Hamlin's arraignment of Mgr. Satolli's advocacy of maintaining Catholic schools from the public funds. I have re-read Mgr. Satolli's address of Thanksgiving day and fail to find a line in which he advocates anything of the kind. He does speak of Catholic schools turning out good and loyal citizens.

Dr. Hamlin, a Presbyterian divine of Washington, and no doubt known to Dr. Hamlin, in 1857 wrote to Montgomery, assistant attorney general of the United States that—"The public school system is unconstitutional, unnatural and unscriptural, and threatens the destruction of the American Republic in the future."

My! my! What if Mgr. Satolli had uttered these words Bishop Coxe would not be equal to the occasion.

Dr. Hamlin declared that the support of denominational schools from public funds would be unconstitutional. Oh, no, Doctor. In that act of Congress of July 18th, 1857, known as "Ordinance for the Northwest Territory" under which Ohio was settled, it is said that: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall for ever be encouraged."

The courts of Ohio have recognized as legal the establishment of separate schools for colored pupils. See Bill of Rights, Art. I, Sec. 7, Note 2, page 1796, Vol. 2, Revised Statutes. Hence, why may not the State support schools classified according to denominational lines, a more important matter than the accidental color of the body?

This is the substance of my communication to the Dispatch as well as I can remember. About the time it appeared in its columns, an editorial was published calling upon the friends of the public schools to take the management of politics, and asserting that the public school was the corner-stone of American liberty. Shades of the U. S. History! I thought that the corner-stone of American liberty was that "all men are born free and equal."

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Charles Carroll never thumbed the books of our public school system and yet managed to lay the corner-stone of American liberty. It is a very erroneous and common idea that to support a denominational school out of public funds is unconstitutional. Our National Government from early days guaranteed religious liberty to all citizens of the United States, but only as against its own legislation. But the XIV Amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1868, provides that "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." According to this XIV Amendment, States are now barred from prohibiting denominational schools or making any discrimination on account of religion, just as much as Congress was before the adoption of the Amendment.

States, therefore, would not violate any constitutional law if they supported denominational schools, whenever a portion of the tax-paying population demanded them, because they would simply be living up to the old cry of 1776:—No taxation without representation.

A LOVER OF AMERICAN LAW.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Official Organ C. M. B. A. All communications to this department should be addressed to Bro. T. H. Donovan.

Each Branch should try to save sufficient during the year to provide at least a modest supper for all its members on the occasion of the annual installation of officers. We fear the social features of our organization are too much neglected. There are so many organizations to attract our young men that Catholic insurance associations like the C. M. B. A. and C. B. L. will do well to have at least one night in the year for the members to come together in a fraternal spirit, get acquainted and enjoy themselves as one happy family. This can be done without departing from strict business principles, if a start toward raising such a fund is made at the commencement of the year. A portion of the general fund might be set aside each month or the members might contribute from five to ten cents per month. Scarcely any member would miss the few cents but at the end of the year the Branch or Council would have a fund sufficiently large to provide a respectable lunch for its members.

The annual party of the Clyde Council, No. 184, C. B. L., was held at the Clyde opera house, Wednesday evening, December 21st. The Clyde orchestra furnished the music, and supper was served in the lower hall.

C. B. & B. A.

At the annual meeting of the Catholic Relief and Beneficiary Association of Seneca Falls officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Spiritual advisor, Rev. James O'Connor; president, Michael Reagan; first vice-president, Thomas Kennedy; second vice-president, Miss Julia Holland; recording secretary, Miss Ellen Laville; financial secretary, John E. Mackin; assistant secretary, Patrick Ferguson; treasurer, Charles Fornesi; marshal, John Carraher; guard, E. Balderosa; trustees, Miss Mary Cook and John O'Neil. Michael Reagan was chosen to represent the lodge at the next grand council with John E. Mackin as alternate.

BRANCH 81, C. M. B. A.

Branch 81 has laid another member under the snow—poor Tom O'Brien, young, strong and seemingly with a long life before him. It is only about three years since death entered this Branch for the first time. Brother Harter was called before the Supreme President and the golden chain of friendship lost a link. A number of others followed.

All of these Brothers have been initiated into the mysteries of the great beyond. "The clasped hands," will never unclasp until the trump of Gabriel calls them to the greatest of all meetings. They know now there is but one faith that will lead to God and the emblem of that faith is the cross, to which their attention was called on the night they joined the C. M. B. A. They realize that, though their living relatives reap the material reward of their faithfulness to the vows they took that night, they themselves receive a far greater reward because they did not "cease to be members of that church." The Fidelity to the C. M. B. A. vows means insurance to the soul as well as on the temporal life.

Our association is growing old. When we enter the meeting room now the faces of dead Brothers come up before us in memory. The number will grow greater year by year until the last survivors feel lonely among the young living members and sigh for their old comrades.

Ah, well! They will have a great reunion some day; and may all our Brothers be found on the right hand of Him who preached the universal brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

The Knights of St. Mauritius, G. C. U., elected the following officers: President, Stephen Rauber; vice-president, Phil Leckinger; corresponding secretary, Wm. Hutte; financial secretary, George C. Vogt; treasurer, Oh. W. Rampe; trustees, Jos. Hessleringer, Jos. Stallknecht, Jas. Hutte, Geo. Bauer, Wm. Baumstark; capt., Oh. L. Gerstner; first lieutenant, Frank Harter; lieutenant, George J. Hessleringer; armorer, Frank Ruh.

C. B. & B. A.

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At the last regular meeting of Council 18, C. B. & B. A., held Dec. 28, the following officers were elected: President, Michael D. Kavanagh; first vice-president, Mrs. Julia Fahy; second vice-president, Miss Jeanie E. Dorey; recording secretary, Francis H. Heiselin; financial secretary, Miss Bridget A. Dorey; treasurer, Thos. J. Oshman; marshal, Michael Donnelly; guard, John Craig; trustees for one year, Francis H. Heiselin, Michael D. Kavanagh, Bridget A. Dorey; spiritual advisor, Rev. Felix J. O'Hanlon; medical examiner, Dr. L. J. Somers. The Coun-

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There is a flourishing condition and bids fair to continue so. New members are constantly seeking admission on account of the many advantages held out. The rates are so low as to be within the reach of all. A relief fund gives assistance to sick members who in health contributed 25c per month toward the maintenance of such a fund. We advise all persons looking for a reasonable and reliable company in which to become insured to join the C. R. & B. A.

COUNCIL 27, C. R. & B. A.

At the last meeting held, Dec. 21, at its rooms in Durand Building invited four new members: Dr. P. O. Guinan, assisted Pres. Keenan; a vote of thanks was extended to the doctor.

The Men of Energy.

There is a great practical truth embodied in the following matter: Life is a school and it's only through its struggles, its mishaps and its disappointments that we learn human nature ourselves and our fellow-men. It is only through repeated falls that the child learns to stand alone and walk. He who is the architect of his own fortune is always an energetic man, and if we examine, we find that ninety-nine out of every hundred such men have begun life without any other aid than a sound physical, moral and intellectual constitution, and have been successful in almost all the phases of life—tasting of poverty, struggling with disappointment, relegated to obscurity, and undergoing all the kicks and cuffs of "outrageous fortune," and finally, by the development of their inherent energies in such a hard, rough school, rising triumphantly over all obstacles at last. Many an unwise parent labors hard and lives sparingly all his life for the purpose of leaving enough to give his child a start in the world, as it is called. Setting a young man afloat with money left by his relatives is like tying bladders under the arms of one who cannot swim, ten chances to one he will lose his bladders. Give your child a good education and you will have given him what will be better and of more value than the wealth of the Indies. To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast upon the very lap of fortune, for one's faculties then undergo a development and display an energy of which they were previously unaccountable.

We cannot, like our Divine Saviour, give sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf, and strength to the paralyzed limbs; we cannot work the miracles which Christ wrought; but there are other miracles far more beneficial to ourselves that we are all in the measure of our lives, capable of working, and these are the miracles of charity, of mercy, and of love to our fellow man.—Cardinal Gibbons.

DOMESTIC READING.

In vain men try; they can never find In creatures sincere affection, perfect Joy, or true peace.—B. Henry Suso.

It takes some time to know genuine, though at first unobtrusive, nature. But once found out they grow into the daily life of the people.

The capacity for joy of heart, religious as well as purely natural, is a recognized element of our nature, and hence the Psalmist frequently calls on us to rejoice in the Lord, to be glad and cry out in jubilation to the Lord our God.

This world's work wants active, buoyant, good tempered persons, with souls fresh and young, ever desiring to learn some better way of doing things. All we can count on with absolute certainty is the fact of constant change—mostly for the better; one may hope.

Let this and every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and let every setting sun be to you as its close. Let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others—some goodly strength or knowledge gleaned for yourselves.

How patiently Christ the King and Lord of heaven and earth, bore with the Apostles enduring at their hands many inconveniences and misbeliefs, being but poor and rough fishermen! How much more ought we, remembering our own sins and imperfections, to bear with the faults of our neighbors!

An Indian paper announces the disappearance of one of the last vestiges of the Goanese schism. The little group of Christians at Duwa, in Ceylon, who for some years had refused to recognize their legitimate pastors have happily made their submission and been received back into communion with the Catholic Church.

How transforming is the power of love! But if the love of a pure, true woman can transform a rude, raw, careless boy into a noble, heroic man, what may not the love of God do for a soul which realizes that it is loved by God? What! Can such a one as I be worthy to be loved by God? What could so fire to the divinest aspiration and achievement as this thought?—Lyman Abbott.

A attempt is being made to start a Protestant daily paper in France. The capital is being subscribed chiefly in other countries and even amongst the small body of Protestants in France there is very little enthusiasm for the project. It will probably meet with the same fate as the last attempt of the same kind. In 1879 a Protestant daily was issued in Paris under the title of Le Reformateur. Although it was under the editorship of a very able journalist, it only lasted for eighteen days.

No man can order his life, for it comes flowing over him from behind. The one secret of life and development is not to devise and plan, but to fall in with the forces of work—to do every moment's duty aright.