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WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR.

Sunday, February, 17, 1901.—Gospel, St. Luke, xviii 43-47. St. Finan, abbot, martyr.
Monday, 18.—St. Simeon, bishop, martyr.
Tuesday, 19.—St. Conrad, confessor.
Wednesday, 20.—At Wednesday.
Thursday, 21.—St. Eleonora, queen.
Friday, 22.—The Passion of Our Lord.
Saturday, 23.—St. Peter Damian, bishop, confessor, doctor.

SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL: I was much pleased to observe that the third annual banquet of the Cathedral School association passed off so pleasantly and successfully. The flow of wit and general bonhomie was very gratifying and gave an earnest of good feeling, taste and enterprise among our young people. I looked in vain, however, for any representative of our only Catholic newspaper—none was to be found. I have noticed this on several occasions, and could not make it out; certainly it cannot be for lack of courtesy and appreciation of our only secular medium of communication with the Catholics of the diocese. Your journal is certainly very obliging in giving all particulars of every event of importance, either to organizations or individuals, and I for one think that on the part of those in charge of Catholic affairs, they should show some appreciation of your efforts. There are, however, some of the class who want it all—who seem to think that a Catholic paper exists only to print all particulars about their gatherings while they lack the common courtesy, or, will I say the knowledge of the first principles of politeness, in not sending the editor an invitation or a request to furnish a representative. If one expects to be represented at the JOURNAL'S expense I, for one, think the least they can do is to show some appreciation for your earnest efforts in the desire to publish authentic Catholic news. CHESTERFIELD.

Our congratulations are extended to our Rt. Rev. Bishop upon his safe return home.

BISHOP DENIES RUMOR.

Stories Circulated in Syracuse Proved to be Canards.

Whilst Bishop McQuaid was in Rome a Syracuse Catholic paper among the "news" that Bishop McQuaid was to have a coadjutor or an auxiliary bishop in the person of Very Rev. Dean McDonald of Geneva, which was denied by this paper at the time. In speaking of the story to a reporter in New York the other day, the bishop asked: "What would I do with a coadjutor or an auxiliary bishop? I have enough to do without adding to my duties the task of directing a coadjutor."

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report and I cannot imagine where it originated," continued the bishop, "except that the Syracuse Catholic paper was at loss for a paragraph to fill its pages and so guessed that very Rev. Dean McDonald accompanying me had some mysterious significance. All there was to that was that at my request Father McDonald postponed his trip to Europe from the summer until the fall and so gave me another pleasant traveling companion. I do not need a coadjutor now, please God. My health is good and I will try to take care of my own episcopal duties with the help of the regular officers of the diocese."

Now the imaginative brain of the Syracuse man was not at all suppressed by the bishop's denial, so another report was circulated that Bishop McQuaid was to be made an Archbishop. In reply to this the Bishop stated that "it is very embarrassing and annoying to me, to have such stories circulated. There is not a syllable of truth in it."

New Books Received.
"Dancing's Success" by Clara
"The Man Nobody" by
Wm. L. Waggoner. Retail 40
Cents. Scribner Bros., New York.

WORK LAYMEN MIGHT DO.

A good deal has been said from time to time on the question of what the Catholic layman might do, or ought to do. There is certainly one thing which he might often do, and which he often fails to do.

The layman who is well instructed in his religion has often opportunities of defending and extending the faith in cases where the priest is practically excluded. But, as has been well said, "there are numerous instances of well educated people as ignorant of the teachings of the Church as they are of the number of birds in the air or of the number of fishes in the sea." "The time has come," it has also been said, "for the Catholic layman to ask himself how much blame is to be attached to his own attitude in this matter." The priest, as we have said, is practically excluded in many cases. Many protestants look upon him as a professional proselytizer, whose special business it is to advocate the cause of Catholicity. Hence it is that the layman can find an entrance where the priest is barred out. He is on the same plane with his fellow layman and intimate with him in the daily intercourse of life. The work-shop or factory is no mean field for missionary labor, but the missionary must often be the layman, intelligent and well instructed in the principles of his faith.

The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, a flourishing society in England, seems to suggest a model for lay work. The Guild is composed of three grades. The White Cross Ransomers are priests who say Mass at least once a year for the intention of the Guild; the Blue Cross Ransomers say the daily prayer for the conversion of heretics, and the Red Cross Ransomers, in addition to the daily prayer, undertake some definite work, as for example, the organization of clubs, the giving of lectures, the distribution of Catholic literature and so forth, subject to the direction of the clergy, and under the supervision of the management of the Guild. The Red Cross Ransomers form a disciplined body of lay helpers, ready at all times to strengthen the hands of the over-worked clergy. By these auxiliaries, many lies of ex-priests or ex-nuns have been exposed and refuted at their meetings, and before their very faces; and if, at times, the zeal of the ransomer has overcome his discretion, the fault is the fault of the individual and not of the system.

This, then, is one work that the layman might do. He cannot administer the Sacraments of our Holy Church, but he can tell the ignorant of the value and necessity of those Sacraments. He can show wherein the Holy Catholic Church has been so grossly maligned and misrepresented. The word spoken in due season may bring a rich harvest of souls to the true faith.

The Holy Father will hold a Consistory in the first half of the month of March, when the oft-deferred creation of new Cardinals will take place. The vacancies in the Sacred College being now abnormally numerous, amounting to nearly one-fourth of the plenum or full number, it is expected that the list of new Porporati will be longer than is usually the case. Besides the Papal Major-domo, Mgr. Della Volpe, the Archbishop of Florence, Mgr. Mistrangelo, and the Substitute to the Secretaryship of State, Mgr. Tripepi, it is now almost certain that the Very Rev. Father Hildebrand de Hemptinne, Prior-General of the Benedictine Order, will receive the purple as the Holy Father has more than once expressed the wish that each of the great Monastic Orders should have a representative in the Sacred College.

The French Government will, no doubt, pass their bill on religious societies; but the unfairness of its provisions have been exposed with merciless logic. The speech of the Comte de Mun in the Chamber on Tuesday was a mastery defence of the religious orders. He laid bare the official exaggerations as to their wealth, showed how false and hostile to the interest of the State is the assertion that they are a danger to France, and denounced the Government for appealing to the passion of avarice by unhallowed confiscation. It is in truth most discreditable to the French authorities that at the opening of a new century, in which there is such a general clamor for the recognition of human rights, they should make an attack of this kind on the liberty of the subject. The whole tendency of the religious orders into mere puppets of the Government. For instance, one of the various conditions which will render religious bodies illegal is the holding of relations with foreigners unless the Government's consent has been previously obtained. French Catholics will not endure the bonds which it is sought to impose on them, and not even a bribe to the populace in the shape of pensions from the funds of dissolved congregations will ensure the success of the measure.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INTRODUCTIONS OF THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Gospel St. Luke, xviii 13-43.—Jesus gives sight to the Blind Man.

The blind man according to St. Gregory, was a figure of two things. In general, he represented the whole human race; in particular, he was a figure of those Christians who, blinded by the things of this world, do not see the value of heavenly things. Consider attentively this blind man. He was outside the city; he did not see the rags that covered him; he did not see the dangerous about him; he was helpless and depended entirely on the assistance of those he met on the road. Such is the human race. Though the sin of Adam it was placed outside the way of paradise; blinded in intellect, it sees not its own misery, nor the light of truth, nor the gift open before it by ignorance, passion, and its own fallen nature; incapable of repairing its misfortunes by its own power, it could only hope for salvation from the Eternal Word, Who coming upon earth clothed in our flesh, should redeem it, by His infinite merits and by the power of His grace, from its great calamity, and enable it to see God, to see itself, and to see all things necessary to salvation.

The blind man saw neither the magnificence of his country, nor the road that leads to it, nor the face of any one from whom he could ask assistance. It is the same with Christians who are blinded by the things of this world. They find themselves in the bosom of the church, but see not its beauties; they are on the road to heaven but cannot advance one step; they wish for happiness, but know not the vanity, the impotence, the nothingness of riches, honor, and power, from which they hope for it in vain.

We should learn never to let a favorable opportunity pass nor delay a single moment to implore the healing of our souls whenever God passes with His grace; we should learn to make ourselves heard by prayer, internal aspirations, and by the voice of the priest.

Siberian Rides.

The regular monthly uniform drill was held at headquarters on Tuesday evening and in the absence of Captain Quinlan, who has been detained at his home by illness for two weeks, the company was in command of the two lieutenants, First Lieutenant John Cullen, assuming command. In every particular he showed his efficiency and experience in his drilling as he put the company through the most difficult evolutions of the drill manual with that ease and accuracy which is only gained by years of study and attention to the duties of an officer. The company is always fortunate when any of its members is incapacitated to have another on hand who is always willing and capable of filling the place of his superior, and here lies the secret success, come what will there is no duty too hard or work too difficult to perform when it is for the interest of the company or its members, but has its enthusiastic response to the call of duty. The members have been well engaged during the week, as delegations attended all the A. O. H. parties given before lent and the next issue will find them having laid aside their jolly demeanor for one of penance and prayer.

Thomas Downing was mustered in on Tuesday evening and the application of Kiernan Kennedy received. This is an indication that there is a revival tendency to increase the company to be one of the leaders of the new regiment. Colonel Cary has promised a list of his staff appointments to be forthcoming before March. The first complete including the priest who will act as chaplain. A movement is on foot to get an auxiliary of the ladies attached to the company. Comrades Willie Rowan, W. O'Brien, and J. Moore are the prime movers for the new attachment. The next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19th, is the County Board meeting and as the officers must attend the command must assemble for drill at armory not later than 8 p. m.

Sellers' Excursion Rates.

During February, March, and April, the Nickle Plate Road will sell low rate tickets from Buffalo to many points in the West and North-west. If your nearest ticket agent cannot give information desired, write F. J. Moore, Genl. Agent, Nickle Plate Road, 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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"One of the greatest bills of vaudeville headlines ever presented, and without exception the best number of star feature acts ever placed before a fashionable audience at one time, at popular prices," is the remark that will be heard during the coming week concerning the delightful programme that Manager Moore will offer at Cook Opera House beginning next Monday matinee. For variety, pleasing quality and general excellence, it cannot be surpassed. Among the stellar features are Julia Kingsley and her company, who will appear in her frolicsome comedietta "He Uncle's Niece," ably supported by Nelson Lewis. Manager Moore as a special feature, has engaged Filson and Erroll, bright comedy stars, who, assisted by Harold S. Godfrey, will interpret Arthur J. Lamb's latest and funniest comedy, entitled "A House Divided," which is said to have scored a big hit in all the largest cities. Trask & Gladden are exponents of clever dancing, singers of late songs, and pleasant comedians. The Weston Family, musical artists, will offer a choice lot of musical selections on various instruments, interspersed with amusing comedy. Miss Lorraine Armour, Soprano, and Charles Bagley, the eminent baritone, will be seen in their original operatic singing sketch, "The Brigand's Bride." Miss May Cook, an accomplished cornetist and vocalist, will be heard to advantage. Maud Townsend is proclaimed to have a unique specialty, and is termed the "Whistling Comedian" and it is stated that she outwits the famous Alice Shaw, the whistling queen. One of the most interesting events on the programme will be that of a five mile bicycle race between Major Taylor, the champion sprinter of the world, and Charles Mile-a-Minute Murphy. The American Biograph has covered the Paris Exposition so thoroughly that those of us who were forced to stay at home can get a very good idea of the show after all. Wonderful progress has been made of late years in the making of moving pictures, and the Biograph, with its numerous connections in foreign countries, is enabled to present the newest pictures of the day, as promptly as do the illustrated papers. In the list of views presented this week, is one which gives a fine view of the Streets of Cairo, with the procession of all its queer denizens, the dancing girls, snake charmers, musicians, camel and donkey drivers, and the magicians. The following new pictures will be shown: "Paris Exposition," "In a Chinese Restaurant," "Approach to Shelburne," "Hudson River Steamboats," "Me and My two Friends," "At the Sound of the Bugle," "Evidence Was Against Him," "Jumbo," "John Chinaman at Home," "Art Studies." Prof. Joe Monk will as usual furnish several choice selections in his masterly manner.

BAKER THEATRE.

A gala week opens at the Baker theatre with Sunday night's popular sacred concert by the popular 64th Regiment band and the extraordinary announcement that the famous comic opera star, the peerless dainty Corinne, will be the special attraction. She will be heard both in vocal as well as instrumental solos. The band part of the programme will be of unusual variety and of exceptional popular nature.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with matinees Tuesday and Wednesday, a grand revival of the ever popular play "East Lynne" will be the attraction, and with the talented actress Miss Agnes Burroughs in the dual role of Lady Isabel and Madame Vine. The company engaged is one of the most capable that has ever been seen in this play, and the production will be given an adequate mounting. The last three days of the week, with matinees on Thursday and Saturday, the Baker theatre is particularly well favored in securing so notable an attraction as Joseph Arthur's "Lost River," which has been voted the most successful play of the year.

The Great West.

If you are contemplating a trip to any point in the West, and your nearest ticket agent cannot give you all information desired, address F. J. Moore, General Agent, Nickle Plate Road, 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., for rates, etc. During February, March and April reduced rate tickets will be on sale to many points in the West and North-west, and the Nickle Plate Road is the best and cheapest route to use.

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 - Fancy crepe effects in solid blues, greens, grays and tans, \$1.25 a yard.
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SWORDS AND SABERS.

The announcement of the arrival of these war relics was almost swamped in Monday's furniture news. Possibly you didn't see it. What a tale of adventure these swords and sabers would tell, were they endowed with speech. Some served in the Civil War, some routed the Spaniards in the more recent conflict. Give them a resting place in the den.
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