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Weekly Church Calendar.
Sunday August 9—Goepel, St. Luke xviii, 9-14—St. Romanus, martyr.
Monday 10—St. Lawrence, martyr.
Tuesday 11—St. Tiburtius and Susanna virgins and martyrs.
Wednesday 12—St. Clare, abbess and virgin.
Thursday 13—St. Hippolytus and Com. martyrs.
Friday 14—St. Eusebius, confessor.
Saturday 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Five Minute Sermon
The Pharisees and the Publican.
The Pharisee boasted that he was not like other people; that he had no faults, that he had no vices, that he was not an adulterer, but that he practiced virtue and was faithful in the observance of the law. But he uncharitably condemned the publican.
We should learn to avoid the vice of pride and not to confide in our own good qualities, if we happen to have any, in order not to become, like the Pharisee, an object of aversion to God. To avoid this vice let us bear in mind that the proud man is odious to heaven and earth, and that God, as St. Peter says, resists the proud and covers them with confusion, as he did Lucifer, the son of Babel, Holofernes, and many others.
The publican is a figure of the sinner, who, by grace of God, knows his failings, humbles himself, and asks for mercy. He would not even lift his eyes to heaven, and God looked down on him with the eyes of a father. He asks for mercy, and God, besides forgiving him his sins, bestows on him His benedictions and graces. Let us not hid our sins, but acknowledge them; let us prostrate ourselves before God, and confess that we are unworthy of His favors, but let us always hope to obtain them of His infinite goodness through the merits of Jesus Christ, remembering what St. Peter said, that God gives his graces to the humble.

Fifth Week At Cliff Haven.
Never has Cliff Haven been so popular as it has been this year. The population is ever increasing at a rapid rate. Between Saturday morning and Monday night there arrived about two hundred persons, a record breaking number at Cliff Haven. All of the Cottages and Clubs report a most satisfactory season in their history. Solemn mass was sung Sunday morning in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake. The sermon was preached by Rev. William Stang D. D. Chancellor of the diocese of Providence, R. I.
The most brilliant social event of the week was the Colonial dance given by the guests of the Brooklyn Cottage. Several other pleasant affairs helped to while away the leisure hours.
A pleasant event of this past week was the presence of some of the famous Catholic writers. Notable among them were Rev. John T. Driscoll, Rev. Hugh T. Henry, Rev. John T. Smith, Rev. Wm. Stang, Miss Katherine Conway, Miss Lida Rose McCabe, Miss Helene T. Goessmann and Miss Emily O'Callaghan.

Bishop McQuaid to Officiate.
The investiture of Archbishop John M. Farley with the archiepiscopal pallium, which was postponed on account of the Pope's death, will take place in the New York Cathedral August 12. Bishop McQuaid of Rochester will preach the sermon and Archbishop Falconi will officiate at the vesture in the absence of Cardinal Gibbons. On August 23 Bishop McQuaid will act as the assistant consecrating at the elevation of the purple of Bishop-elect Colton of Buffalo, which will take place in the New York Cathedral.

WEDDINGS.
Invitations for Aug. weddings can be furnished in the latest styles at reasonable prices at the Catholic Journal office, 324 East Main St. E.

NEW PAPAL COMMISSION.

The Last One to Be Appointed by Pope Leo XIII.

Pope Leo XIII. on May 26 last sent an open letter to the lord cardinals requesting the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and appointing them as a commission to plan the form of the celebration. The letter, translated for the New York Freeman's Journal, reads as follows:

To our Beloved Sons, Vincenzo Cardinal Vannutelli, Mariano Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro, Domenico Cardinal Ferrata and Giuseppe Calasanzio Cardinal Vives: Lord Cardinals—From many sides evidence has been manifested to us of an earnest desire on the part of the faithful to celebrate with extraordinary solemnity the fiftieth anniversary of the dogmatic definition of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. How dear to our heart this desire has been may well be imagined. Devotion to the Mother of God not only has been from our tender years among our most cherished affections, but it is for us one of the most potent means of defense granted by Providence to the Catholic Church. At all times and in all trials and persecutions the Church has had recourse to Mary and in her has ever found solace and protection. And now that the days in which we live are so stormy and so big with menace for the Church herself we are rejoiced and stimulated to hope when we see the faithful desiring the auspicious opportunity presented by this fiftieth anniversary turn with a unanimous impulse of love and confidence to her who is invoked as the help of Christians. This longing for fiftieth anniversary is rendered all the dearer to us, too, by the fact that we are the only survivors of all the cardinals and bishops who gathered around our predecessor at the promulgation of the dogmatic decree. But as it is our wish that the anniversary celebrations shall have the stamp of greatness befitting this Rome of ours and be of a nature to serve as a stimulus and a guide to the devotion of Catholics throughout the world, we have determined to form a cardinalial commission, whose care it will be to regulate and direct them. You, lord cardinals, we nominate as members of this commission, and with the certainty that through your wise solicitude and own wishes and those of all will be fully gratified we impart to you, as a pledge of heavenly favors, the apostolic benediction. LEO XIII., Pope.
From the Vatican, May 28, 1903.

English Catholics to the Kaiser.
Considerable interest is manifested in Berlin in an address of British Catholics to the German emperor which is said to be in preparation. According to a draft of the document, which is published there in a German translation, the Roman Catholics of Great Britain and Ireland request Kaiser Wilhelm to accept their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the wise, generous and farsighted policy toward his Catholic subjects, the laws against whom have been modernized or repealed and whose religious orders are allowed to move freely throughout the empire. The entire Catholic world would, it is further asserted in the address, be delighted if the protection of Catholics in the Orient were confided to the Kaiser, who has placed his relations with the Holy See on the basis of respect and trust. For these reasons British and Irish Catholics are thankful to the Kaiser and will exert themselves to remove all misunderstandings between Germany and England.

Priest's Mother a Convert.
Rev. Thomas S. Major, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Frankfort, Ky., recently enjoyed the inestimable pleasure of receiving into the true church of Christ his venerable and beloved mother. "Father Tom," as he is affectionately called by all who know him, comes of a non-Catholic family. During the civil war he was in General Morgan's command and became a convert to Catholicity after the war. Since his conversion and ordination to the priesthood his constant prayer was for the conversion of his family to the true church. Last spring his venerable mother paid him a visit and became more interested in reading matter pertaining to Catholic doctrine, but was not solicited by "Father Tom" to join the church. The grace of the Holy Ghost took possession of her, and a few weeks ago her son journeyed to Chattanooga, Tenn., at her request, to receive her into the church.

The Gate of Heaven.
The wise men found the Child of whom they were in search in Mary's virgin arms, and their joy was thereby increased—nay, doubled. Now, if it happens that for a long time you strive to find our Lord in prayer, in meditation—that is, to find his grace and his consolations—and do not experience the happiness you desire, you know to whom you must have recourse in your need in order to find him and to experience a twofold joy in finding him. It is to Mary that you must turn. She is the gate of heaven, and she will give you access to the King.

Holy Communion.
The body of Christ has been entrusted to you, says St. Athanasius. You are his temple, and he dwells within you. What do I say? You have become a member of his body; treat him with respectful love, and do not betray him as Judas did. In many passages St. Chrysostom has displayed his eloquence when he strongly recommends purity of life after the reception of holy communion and when he represents to his flock the enormous sin committed by those who easily return to their former state of tepidity.—Le Pere Castillo.

Result of German Elections.
There is still salvation for the government and all it stands for in German life, but the road to safety is the historic road which passes Canossa. The Socialists, in spite of their millions of votes, are not likely to command more than eighty-five out of 397 votes. The government may yet find salvation if it learns of the sweet use of adversity. The chances that the Jesuits will shortly be allowed to return to Prussia seem considerable.—London Tablet.

SCIENCE AND CREATION.

A Modern Defense of What the Church Has Always Taught.

A recent speech of Lord Kelvin, one of the foremost scientists of the time, revived the great controversy about science and creation. Years ago it was held by many men of science that certain forms of life came into existence "spontaneously"—that is, of themselves and from inanimate matter. This was taken as a proof that the intervention of God was not at all necessary to explain the presence of life in this world. Pasteur, by simply excluding living germs whose presence was unsuspected before proved conclusively the error of such a theory. So completely did he demonstrate this fact that no scientific man today holds the contrary, and the axiom stands that "life can come only from the living."

Speaking of the difference between the inanimate and the animate kingdoms, Lord Kelvin says: "While fortuitous concurrence of atoms is not an inappropriate description of the formation of a crystal, it is utterly absurd in respect to the coming into existence or the growth and continuation of living things. Here scientific thought is compelled to accept the idea of creative power."

"Forty years ago I asked Liebig, walking somewhere in the country, if he believed that the grass and flowers which we saw around us grew by mere chemical forces. He answered, 'No; no more than I could believe that a book of botany describing them could grow by mere chemical forces.'"

"Every action of human free will is a miracle to physical and chemical and mathematical science."
Lord Kelvin does not state anything new. He merely lends his weighty authority to what Catholic teaching has always held—that the presence of life in this world as well as the existence of the world itself can be only explained by the intervention of a creator.—Guldon.

The Confessional.
A Protestant divine, the Rev. Ambrose J. Wilson, D. D., in an article which he has contributed to the Contemporary Review makes an attack upon the practice of confession. It is natural enough that those who do not go to confession themselves should depreciate it. But it does surprise us that when so many Protestants denounce it none of them takes the trouble to investigate the subject carefully. There are millions of people going to confession every week, yet those critics in the magazines tell us who know well what the practice is that it should be opposed, relying for their evidence simply on a case or two they have heard of or been told about in which confession has not reformed manners. This is what the Rev. A. J. Wilson does. The confessional, he assures us, weakens character. If he had examined the matter properly he would find that it strengthens character and that many Protestants who have become Catholics have discovered this from experience.—London Catholic Times.

The Letare Medal.
The Letare medal of the University of Notre Dame of Indiana was presented by Cardinal Gibbons to Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore on June 29. Mr. Bonaparte, in accepting the medal, dwelt upon the growth of the Catholic church in America. He spoke of the fears once entertained by many Protestants and even some Catholics that American institutions and the Catholic church were antagonistic and said the history of the past century had shown that the church, on the contrary, is here to sustain and purify popular government. The Letare medal is the annual gift of Notre Dame university to some distinguished Catholic, and among those who have received it in the past were the late Daniel Dougherty of Philadelphia, General Rosecrans, General John Newton, Augustin Daly, John A. Creighton of Omaha, Miss Mary G. Caldwell and W. Bourke Cockran.

Cardinal Wiseman's Tomb.
It is stated that the commemorative sarcophagus of Cardinal Wiseman, the memorial to Cardinal Newman, which lies close beside it in Kensal Green cemetery, in northwest London, are to be removed to the new cathedral at Westminster. Cardinal Wiseman's tomb, which consists almost entirely of alabaster, has suffered considerably. It appears, from the effects of the weather, the rude structure of wood and glass built around it affording insufficient protection. It is situated in a very crowded section of the Catholic portion of the cemetery, and its present unsatisfactory condition would seem to be suggestive of neglect.

A Move That Failed.
Some years ago there was a movement toward an independent Polish church in this country inaugurated by some apostates. The ringleaders thought to draw all the Poles into this new sect, but they have discovered what other heretics and apostates have learned—that the Catholic church cannot be destroyed nor even shaken by human power.—Church Calendar of West Virginia.

Jesuits and Franciscans.
Recently we were able to quote the latest official statistics of the Society of Jesus, showing a grand total of 15,221 members. Here are those of the Franciscan orders as presented to the recent general chapter in Rome. The grand total of members is 18,482, including 7,572 priests and 3,804 students. The number of provinces is 76 and of houses 1,274.—London Tablet.

Look not mournfully into the past; it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present; it is thine. Go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart.

Again a Queen in Trotting.

A little more than a year ago the sporting columns of the press were asking if Cresceus would prove the long-anticipated two-minute trotter. The great horse had just lowered the world's record for a trotted mile to 2:02 1/4. To-day, in the middle of a specially interesting trotting season, all eyes are turned upon the California wonder, Lou Dillon. Already the champion of her sex by a clean margin, this little mare has put the record of Cresceus in peril. At Cleveland on Friday she did a mile in 2:02 3/4. It is claimed that but for impending accident due to her galloping pacemaker she would have gone at least a half second better.

From the 2:29 1/2 of Lady Pelham, made on a Hoboken track in 1845, to the 2:02 3/4 of Lou Dillon, is a long step in fleetness. Yet the first-mentioned performance, still remembered by living men, was quite as loudly hailed in the sporting world as is the later one. The fifty-eight years since Lady Pelham's spurt have witnessed a marvellous development of trotting track—much of it due to improved steeds, harness and sulkies, but the results inspiring nevertheless.

It is interesting, in view of Lou Dillon's achievement, to note the prominent part taken by mares in the reduction of the trotting record. Highland Maid followed Lady Pelham with a 2:27 mark. Flora Temple brought the figures down to 2:19 1/4. Goldsmith Maid set her 2:14 example in 1874. In 1881 Maud S. put the championship figure at 2:10 1/4 and four years later she took off two more seconds. Sunol was the next champion; then came Nancy Hanks with a string of records ending at 2:04 in 1892. Alit made a 2:03 3/4 mark in 1894. Since that time no mare has held the high figure. About Lou Dillon, then, there is the double question of restoring the pre-eminence of her sex and of hitting the two-minute pace. It is a notable moment in trotting history.

Learning the Languages.

No man can hope to speak a language fluently without a conversational experience with people who have grown up with it. There are many kinds of French, as there are many kinds of English. What we Americans call French is the language of the boulevards. When one returns from a year or two in Paris and talks with freedom, flinging in a few slang phrases and indulging in idioms, he is said to "understand the language perfectly." To learn Spanish one must live in Spain among Spanish associations. It is so with all languages, for all languages are influenced more or less by soil, surroundings, local traditions and superstitions. The Eskimo have practically no language at all. Why? Because in their country it is too cold to talk, and without talk no language can grow.

The world is getting more compact daily. Peoples of different countries are coming closer together. By and by there will be only one universal language. The days of Babel are passing. The change is being wrought by commerce, the great civilizer and educator, through the medium of the railroad, the telegraph, the telephone and the typewriter. In the meantime we are enabled to learn conversational French, Spanish, Italian, Russian and German by means of the phonograph or graphophone. A master of Spanish is hired to speak into a machine; cylinders are made and sold to machine owners, who, desiring to learn, can have words, phrases, idioms and slang repeated to them thousands of times, if necessary, until stamped on the brain. It is no longer required that you should go to Barcelona to converse with the natives; the phonograph talks; you listen and repeat. You need not worry for years over the memorizing of verbs, declensions or rules. You learn by ear—just as the babe learns its mother tongue.

Prevention Better Than Cure.

It is coming generally to be admitted even in Germany, which invented the sanatorium, that its main role in the treatment of tuberculosis is educative. Curative it may be, but it is far more valuable as a means of imparting knowledge about prevention. Until an anti-tuberculosis serum is discovered prevention remains the only efficient means of dealing with this malady, and it is almost a pity that its importance should have been obscured by the "fresh-air" cure.

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