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Kingston, Feb. 16, 1887.

At a meeting of Branch 9, C. M. B. A., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that it is with deep sorrow at the members of this Branch heard of the seal bereavement of Brother Louis ourdier by the death of his daughter.

Resolved, that the members of Branch 9 ander Brother Louis Gourdier their heart like sympathy in their sad bereavement of we pray Almighty God to grant him if and family grace to bear with fortide their sad affiction.

Resolved, that copies of this resolution acut to local papers and Catholic BCORD.

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#### HELPING THE HELPLESS.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL ST. MARY'S ORPHAN ASYLUM. Hamilton Times, Feb. 18.

There was never except once before such a large crowd in the Grand Opera House as assembled last evening on the occasion of the thirty fourth annual festival of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. Not only were all the seats in the body of the only were all the seats in the body of the house and galleries occupied, but hundreds of extra seats were placed in the sides, and even then the audience was not accommodated, and scores of people had to be content with standing room. Mr. Thos Reche, the manager, who was at the front of the house during the evening, says that the audience numbered between sixteen and seventeen hundred. The programme provided was more than ordinarily attractive, and to Rev. Father Craven belongs the credit of getting tegether such an array of favorite talented vocalists and musicians. The guests and elergymen occupied the front row of seats. The entrance of Dr. Burns and Mr. Walter was the signal for hearty cheers from the audience. Major Moore performed the duties of master of ceremonies gallantly and gracefully. The following is the

VOCAL AND MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

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Gevotte—Heimliche Liebe. ... Johann Resch
Mr. J. B. Nelligan's Family.

Sele—The Children's Home. ... Hutchison
Wis Fawick.

Violin obligato—Mr. J. W. Baumann.
Dett—I Live and Love Thee. ... Campana
Miss Addie Robbins and Mr. E. G. Payne.
Solo—Flower Girl. ... ... Bevigani
Wiss Kelly.

Violin solo—Suvenir de Bade. .. Leonard
Master George Fox.

Solo—Carnival de Venice ... Benedict
Miss Hose Brauff.

Solo—Polly. ... ... Milloy.

Mrs. Petley. 

Mr. P. D. Sherrin.

First movement, concerto in C..... Mczart

Mrs. Wigmore, R. A. M., and Mr. Littlehales and Mr. Little-

numbers too long. But it was so well arranged and all the performers acquitted themselves so splendidly that from beginning to end the interest on the part of the audience was unflagging. Mrs. Petley and Miss Rose Braniff, of Toronto, sang charmingly. The former lady in "O' Dublin Bay" won the hearts of all, and many handkerchiefs were raised to weeping eyes. She gave "The Arrow" in response to an encore. Miss Braniff has a bure, awert sourano voice. In response response to an encore. Miss Braniff has a pure, sweet soprano voice. In response to a hearty encore she rendered "Old Folks at Home" exquisitely. The concerted instrumental pieces were all rare performances, and the Littlehales and Nelligan families won golden opinions for their musical skill. Mr. George Fox's violin solos were simply perfect, and held the people spellbound. Mr. J. F. Egan is always a favorite with a Hamilton audience. In the singing of "Polly" last night is always a favorite with a Hamilton audience. In the singing of "Polly" last night he was all himself. It was rapturously encored. The comic songs of Mr. P. D. Sherrin fairly convulsed all present. He will always be greeted warmly by Hamiltonians. Mrs. Fenwick's solo, "The Children's Home," was an accomplished performance. The other numbers in the programme were all rendered in capital style.

When the curtain rose on the second When the curtain rose on the second

part of the entertainment a murmur of part of the entertainment a murmur of sympathetic admiration swept through the house. Ranged according to their height—the little ones occupying positions in front—were one hundred and sixty male and female orphans, all neatly dressed and "as clean as a new pin." All the juveniles looked rosy, well and contented. They cheerfully obeyed those having charge of them. The comicalities of one little fellow almost convulsed the audience. They greeted their patrons the audience. They greeted their patrons with a beautiful selection, after which a manly little fellow with an admirable voice delivered the following

ADDRESS: My Lord, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentle-men: My Lord, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

we are told that one of the most pleasing traits of "America's sweetest poet" was the power he possessed of presenting the ordinary of the human heart in languages so new and beautiful as almost to charm his readers into believing he had given expression to some sentiment never before heard of. Would that, for to-night at least, this power were ours, so that while pleading the cause of the homeless, the fatherless and the mothers, we might begulle you into thinking you had never heard us do so before; but, children as we are, such a gift is not source, with fall conducted in our noble benefactors from whom we feel we shall receive the same generous response as ever, we once more tell in our own simple words.

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Quite a number of people were turned away, not being able to get standing room.

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our sed, and story, which, though old as time, will be new to each successing generation while the world lasts, for has not our Divine Redeemer said, "The poor you have aways with you" and w-o has were sounded the depins of powerty if not the homeless orphans? Orphans! Only two been reduced to that condition in childhood can ever realize what a world of serrow and loneliness of heart is comprised in that one world! Doumed never again to be the objects of the tenderest, most enduring and nolicate of all human affect ions—a mo her's love! Nay, many of us nave not even the memory of such to cheer us along the recky gath of life. Time, that softens all other griefs, adds to the orphan's; for, as years pass by, and the means of their nearest and desirest friends, titl at last tree yers carrely missed at the hearts of their orphan children desired friends, titl at last tree yers carrely missed at the heart of their orphan children their loss is felt more sout if day by day and hour by hour; for daily and hourly they are making rapid stride—in that know ledge—the saddest of all—what it is to have no mother. And now what prayer can the little orphans offer up for their dear bane.

blessings, and conduct you all safely into that happy home waten He has prepared for His children.

THE BISHOF'S REMARKS.

The Right Rev. Bishop Carbery then rose from his seat in the box on the north side of the stege and delivered a brief address. He said: Ladies and gentlemen,—On behalf of the orphans I beg to thank you most sincerely for the magnificent attendance here to-night. Of course the presence of each of you here is an evidence of the interest you take in this most interesting of all interesting works, the taking care of the helpless orphan. Hamilton prides herself in her noble deeds, and I think I am safe in saving that she is the only city in Canada which comes forward with such magnificent and spontaneous generosity to support the helpless ones. When we come to know the amount of that charity it will be a balm in every heart. At this season it is usual to render an account of our steward-hip and it is a pleasant duty to do so. During the year sixty-three destitute female orphans have been received into the institution; thirty-one have been provided with situations or adopted into Christian families. One hundred and thirty-six female children destitute of all earthly help have been received; 53 have been so located that they can earn an honest living, or been adopted. The total number cared for in the Orphanage here and at Dundas has been 274 during the year. Towards the maintenance of those orphane the State contributed only 1½ cents each per day; the rest of the great expenditure has been covered by the spontaneous generosity of you dear, good people of Hamilton. I do not wish to trespess on your patience. Our programme to-night is large and attractive, and I think it would be more scoeptable to you to be listening to the sweet strains of music and the enchanting tones of song. I will sgain thank you on behalf of these destinate children. How they are cared for, their applause tells.

The Bishop's remarks were heartily applauded.

THE MAYON'S SPECCH.

Applauded.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

Mayor McKay then spoke in substance as follows: I can assure you that it gives me great pleasure to be here to night. I appreciate the good work of the noble ladies who are engaged in caring for the orphans, and I am sure that no one who looks at the little ones on the stage tonight will begrudge what they have on looks at the little ones on the stage tonight will begradge what they have conributed during the year to assist in their
education and maintenance. I have had
the pleasure of visiting the orphansge,
and can say that it is well and excellently
managed. Everything is in perfect order.
I hope that the patronage hitherto bestowed on this excellent institution will
be continued and increased from year to
year as its necessities increase. (Applause.)

Mrs. Wigmore, R. A. M. and Mr. Littiehales 'family.

If any fault could be found it would be that the programme was just a few remarks. He offered congratulations on the found in the fact that he had attended these anni-

the overflowing audience, and mentioned the fact that he had attended these anniversary feativals for the last thirty-three years consecutively. He made a brief allusion to the political contest now raging, and said that it was a relief to get on a common platform the single plank in which was succor to helpless humanity.

Loud cries of "Dr. Burne!" "Dr. Burns!" "Dr. Burns!" were heard from all parts of the hall. The doctor was sitting in the front seat with Mr. Walter. Major Moore at once stepped out and introduced His Lordship Bisnop Dowling, of Peterboro, a gentleman he had no doubt they would all like to hear.

BISHOP DOWLING STEAKS.

Bishop Dowling made a neat little speech, in the course of which he humorously referred to his early days and long residence in Hamilton. His elevation to the blahopric was briefly touched upon, as well as the warm affection which he holds for his friends in the Hamilton Diocees. He highly commended the charitableness of our citizens and the noble Protestant clergymen who by their presence and means had assisted in keeping up the praisewothy work. He congratulated Bishop Carbery on the success of the entertainment and the evidence of interest shown by the audience in the welfare of the young people. It was indeed pleasing, as Mr. Barton said, to meet on the comthe young people. It was indeed pleasing, as Mr. Barton said, to meet on the common platform of charity.

The children then sang in excellent style "A Cheer for Canada."

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The entertainment occupied until nearly midnight. It would have been later had not encores been discountenanced. The audience seemed disposed to make a night of it.

The festival matinee in the afternoon was even more largely attended than the entertainment last night. The programme was a grand one, and the wast number of school children who took part and were spectators were delighted.

#### MARVELOUS CHANGES.

WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE TO THOSE WHO

REPUSE TO BELIEVE Is this country unconsciously undergoing a wonderful change, is the change to take place before we are aware of the fact, and when it has taken place will we wonder why we did not see it before it was too late?

Those that see the changes early avail themselves early, and thereby receive benefit.

benefit.

The shrewd iron man sees the iron interest transferred from Pittsburg and Pennsylvania to Birmingham, Alabams, and in his far sightedness sees the turns.

and in his far sightedness sees the turna ces in Pennsylvania torn down and deserted for this new and prolific field. It is claimed by the iron men of Alabama that the low price at which iron can be produced there will revolutionize the iron interests of the world.

We have seen the grain-growing centers of this country shifted to the West, We have seen the pork-packing industry fit from Cincinnati to Chicago, and from thence to Kansas City and Omaha. Southern cotton mills underseli New England and American markets, and challenge the world.

England and American markets, and challenge the world.

We have seen and are seeing all this take place before our eyes, and know that other changes are taking place, equally as prominent, and we wonder as we behold them. Ten years ago the insurance companies only required an we behold them. Ten years ago the insurance companies only required an analysis of the fluids when they were taking insurance for very large amounts. Today no first class company will insure any amount unless they have a rigid analysis of the fluids passed, and if any traces of certain disorders are apparent, the application is rejected. In their reports they show that the death of sixty of every 100 people in this country, is due either directly or indirectly to such disorders. The Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, London, England, reports that sixty of every 100 victims of consumption also have serious disorders of the kidneys.

Among scientists for the treatment of this dread malady the question is being discussed:

discussed:
"Is not this disorder the real cause of

consumption?"

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remedy, who have been warning us of the danger; tell us how to avoid a disease that at first is so unimportant, and is so fatal in its termination? Are we to hope against hope, and wait without our re.

against hope, and wait without our reward?

The moet significant of all changes, however, that we of to-day can note is this radical change of view to which the public has been educated: It was formerly sthought that the kidneys were of very small importance; to-day, we believe, it is generally admitted that there can be no such thing as sound health in any organ if they are in the least degree deranged.

School Examination.—An examination took place in the Catholic Separate School, Hibbert, School Sec. No. 3, on Wednesday, the ninth inst. There was a good attendance of visitors. The higher classes examined in grammar, geography, arithmetic, reading and writing, showed themselves proficient in those subjects. As this school-house was built last May a great number of the smaller children had not previously attended any school and the manner in which they read and write is remarkably good for the time they have attended school. The various classes in cateohism were examined and showed by their answers that much attention has been given to this subject. On the whole the

given to this subject. On the whole the examination was highly creditable to Miss Alice O'Brien, their teacher.

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rist, ponder over these things and also leem the sins of the year by fasts, stinence, alms deeds, pious reading, d by assisting at the particular devons of the Church. Every morning you no offer to God—and renew this offering equently during the day—all your boughts, words, and actions; also your tigues and labors; for such is the lot the children of earth.

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We most earnestly recommend during this holy season the pious devotions of the Way of the Cross. For the spiritual comfort of such persons as cannot conveniently go to the church to perform them, we have received from Rome extraordinary faculties of attaching all the indulgences of the Way of the Cross to crosses blessed by us. Persons therefore in their private houses can gain these indulgences by reciting fourteen Our Fathers, and fourteen Hail Marys in honor of the fourteen Stations of the Cross, five in honor of the five adorable waunds of Christ, and one for the intention of our Holy Father the Pope, hedding at the same time the cross in their hands; and by another singular favor all who answer to the prayers will gain the same indulgences. All must, however, meditate for a short time on the sufferings of Christ, We also recommend that the indulgences attached to the Stations of the Cross be offered up for the most neglected of the souls in Puratory as well as for your own friends. This devotion can be performed in less than a quarter of an hour, and should be practiced, especially on Friday and Sundays. Blessed is the family that unites in the evening in these devotions. These crosses can be procured through your Rev. Pastors. All these sough your Rev. Pastors. All these de works may be accomplished with the linterfering with the order to the the linterfering with th

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