

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS.

Other Items of Interest in Cities and Towns.

I. C. B. A.



C. J. McCaffrey, Grand President.

The Annual Convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Association of Canada, was held in the I.C.B.A. Hall on May 13th, 14th and 15th, and was largely attended by the Local Branches of Ontario. The Convention was opened by Grand President McCabe, on Monday May 13th, at 2 p.m. The Credential Committee reported the following delegates entitled to seats at this Convention: Branch No. 1, Toronto, P. Shea, J. J. McArthur and E. J. Maguire; Branch No. 2, Toronto, C. J. McCabe; Branch No. 4, Hamilton, John Rankin; No. 5 Paris, Wm. Lavoie; No. 7, Cobourg, J. J. Gormly; No. 8, Port Hope, A. McDonald; No. 9, St. Agnes Toronto, Miss M. Harding and Mrs. Sylvas; No. 10, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Toronto, Mrs. Brown and Miss Kelly. Owing to some of the delegates not arriving the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday morning.

2nd days proceedings—The Convention came to order at 9:30 a.m., Grand President McCabe in the chair. On motion the Convention went into committee of the whole on constitutional amendments, there being fifteen in all. Having sat all morning the Committee reported in the negative on all the amendments submitted except one, that being the changing the name of the Association, to that of the Union, so as to read the I.C.B.U. of Canada; this was carried after a very heated and lengthy discussion. The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The first order of business was the officers' reports. After the Grand President's report, which was highly appreciated by the delegates present, was received, the Grand Secretary's report was read, showing the progress that was made during the past year, and particular attention being paid to that part relating to the agreement between the National Union of America and the Canadian Association, whereby members travelling from this country to the United States will receive all the rights of the National Union the same as if they were home. This question has been talked of at past Conventions of the Association and was brought about through the efforts of Bro. J. J. Behan of Kingston 1st Vice President of the National Union. The Secretary also brought several recommendations which were highly appreciated and acted upon. Treasurer Lavoie also made his report showing the Association in a very flourishing condition, and having a balance on hand of \$200. The following officers were then elected and installed: Grand President, C. J. McCabe, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, John Rankin, Hamilton; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Toronto; Secretary, P. Shea, Box 395, Toronto; Asst. Secretary, Miss M. Harding, Toronto; Treasurer, Wm. Lavoie, Box 113, Paris; Auditors, E. J. Maguire and Mrs. Sylvas, Toronto; Solicitor, C. J. McCabe; Organizer, P. Shea; the Grand Officers were also elected Trustees. The Convention then adjourned until 9 a.m., Wednesday morning. In the evening of the 14th the Hall was crowded with members of the Association and their friends. Short addresses were delivered by Bro. Smith, Grand President McCabe, and Grand Secretary Shea. A stirring address was also delivered by Rev. Father Ryan, Chaplain of the Association, after which all attended a banquet tendered the visiting delegates, by Branches 1, 2, 9, 10 of this city.

The banquet hall was crowded to the doors, the Grand President in the chair, on his right being the Presidents of Branches 2 and 10, on his left the Presidents of Branches 1 and 9. After partaking of every thing in sight, waited upon by the ladies of Branches

9 and 10, the toast list was produced, and responded to by J. C. Walsh, Catholic Register, D. A. Carey, Grand President of the E. B. A., Hugh McCaffrey, A. O. H., Drs. McMahon and McKeown, John Rankin, Hamilton, W. H. Cahill, R. Smith and J. W. Kennedy, and the banquet came to a close, everybody singing "God Save Ireland," after which they adjourned to the hall upstairs, where dancing was the order until a late hour. This was a red-letter day in the history of the Association, everybody going home well pleased, and the greatest credit is due the Branches of this city, and especially the ladies' branches, for their work during the convention. The convention came to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, and the Resolution Committee brought in the following report, thanking the press for notices given during the convention, also the clergy, Branch No. 1, and the Branches in this city. They also resolved "That we, the Irish Catholic Benevolent Association, in convention assembled, hereby express our desire that all local Branches, compiling concert programmes, refrain from engaging talent whose selections tend to degrade the Irish race." And then was brought to a close one of the most successful conventions of this Association, to meet in Hamilton on the 3rd Monday in July, 1896. P. SHEA, Grand Secretary.

C. M. B. A.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 55, C. M. B. A., the following resolution of condolence was passed:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty to call to his eternal reward, Mrs. Keilty, wife of Bro. Mark Keilty, District Deputy and Chancellor of this Branch

Resolved: That we hereby give expression to our sincere sympathy with Bro. Keilty in his sad bereavement; and we feel that no words of ours can add to the high esteem in which his amiable partner was held by all who knew her; who was in her life all that a good Catholic wife and mother ought to be; and who in her long sickness and death displayed that Christian fortitude and resignation which is sure to receive the reward promised by God to those who serve him faithfully in this life. May her soul rest in peace.

Resolved: That this resolution be entered on our minutes, and published in THE CATHOLIC REGISTER, the Catholic Record, and the Canadian, and a copy sent to Brother Keilty.

D. F. McCloskey, Rec. Sec.

A. O. H.

Div. No. 4 held their regular meeting on Sunday, May 12th, there being about fifty members present. The business of the afternoon was brisk and very interesting to the members. Three new members were initiated and four applications for membership received. The Picnic Committee reported progress under the heading of "Good and Welfare of the Order." The Chaplain gave a very fine address to the members. On finishing his address he urged the members to be true to their grand motto, "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity." A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, after which the meeting adjourned with singing "God Save Ireland."

London.

For the good of the Order, a very successful smoking concert was given by Hope Court 294, London, on Monday evening, May 13th, it being the occasion of the installation of officers. The following officers were installed by High Deputy C. R. M. J. Donoghue, C. R. J. J. Clarke, Vice C. R. Del. C. P. Jento, Fin. Secy Wm. Dwyer, Rec. Secy M. J. Neville, Treas. Jno. Breen, Trustees Andrew Kenny, M. J. O'Mara, Louis Burns, T.C.R., W. J. McGinn, Del. to annual session, J. O'Donoghue. After which short speeches were delivered by Bros. J. J. Clarke, Del., C. P. Jento, J. O'Donoghue, M. J. O'Donoghue, J. Tocock and others, a splendid programme of vocal and instrumental music was furnished by the following persons: Messrs. T. Rahan, Birmingham, J. O'Neil, E. Ryan, M. McKeown, J. C. Lockhart, W. Clarke, J. O'Donoghue and a recitation, "The Sorrowful Prayer," by T. Morkin. Many enjoyed themselves playing cards. Refreshments were served by members of the Court and a very pleasant evening closed by singing God Save the Queen. In conclusion, as an invited guest, I wish to express my thanks to Mr. M. F. O'Mara and the officers and members of Hope Court for their cordial greeting and the very pleasant evening I spent with them. I also quite agree with the sentiment expressed by C.R. Clarke, that it is a pity more of these social reunions are not given to bring Catholic young men together so that the talent, "as displayed by them," could be appreciated. I was surprised to find that the Catholic societies of London have no hall of their own, viz.: for their exclusive use, as the one in which the C.M.B.A., C.O.F. etc., meet in is rented from the K. of P. This is not as it should be, and I hope in the not far distant future to hear of them having a hall, where Catho-

lic pictures and mottoes adorn the walls and furniture, that when they kneel down to recite their closing prayer, mottoes indicative of fractious Goats will not be before them.

Progress among our Catholic business men is always pleasing to note; my esteemed friend, Mr. Peter Conlon, who for the past seven years carried on a successful Grocery and Fruit business at 109 Wellington street, (London), has recently moved to more commodious premises, 601 Richmond street, known as the C.P.R. Grocery, where he has everything in his line "up to date." I wish him many years of success in his new stand.

C. N. MURPHY.

C. O. F.

St. Joseph's Court No. 370 meets in Diugman's Hall 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

A very successful and interesting meeting took place on Thursday last. Business was commenced half an hour earlier, the Chief Ranger being as usual on time. Five more candidates were initiated, after which every thing was put in shape for the open meeting. The guests in the ante rooms were admitted the installation of officers occupying their close attention. Refreshments were then served by the good of the Order Committee and the following interesting programme rendered. Song by Bro. M. J. Mogan which received a hearty encore; solo by Bro. R. Howorth, recitation by Bro. John Mogan, comic song by Bro. Wright and a paper on Forestry by Bro. Oswald Pape. This opened the way for the speaker of the evening Bro. W. T. J. Lee. After an eloquent address on the "Aims and Objects" of Forestry, the lecturer concluded with an appeal to those who were not members to avail themselves at the earliest possible moment of the privileges afforded by the C. O. F. The programme was finished with a recitation by the same gentleman which brought down the house. The usual toasts were drunk and responded to after which the meeting broke up with the singing of God Save the Queen, everybody expressing themselves well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

THOMAS FINCHAM Rec. Sec.

Lady Aberdeen's Lecture.

The Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association have been fortunate in securing the good will and active assistance of Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen towards their work. On Friday the 31st inst., Lady Aberdeen will deliver an address in Massey Hall on the present revival in Irish literature, a reference to which is made elsewhere in this issue. When Lord Aberdeen was the popular Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, his wife became interested in this and other leading phases of the National life. Her admiration for the old Celtic works is well known to be enthusiastic so that all who attend may expect a genuine treat. Admission to all parts of the building is fixed at 25 cts, a fact for which we are to be genuinely thankful to the ladies of the society.

Hamilton.

Last Wednesday evening the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Mary's gave an "At Home" in the parish hall. Tea was served from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Then came an excellent programme, vocal and instrumental music and elocutionary talent. The hall was decorated beautifully and all the arrangements rendered the affair deserving the name "At Home" in every sense. Misses L. Riche and R. McTully had charge of programme and decorations.

Forty hours' devotion began in St. Lawrence Church last Friday evening and closed Sunday evening. Bishop Dowling was present at the close and gave a splendid sermon on Transubstantiation. He remarked that he was pleased to hear that nearly 600 parishioners received communion during the devotions, thus performing their Easter duty.

Startlingly Sudden Death.

Suddenly did the unwelcome shadow of death descend on the happy homestead of Mr. Michael O'Meara, farmer of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville Thursday evening last. Mrs. O'Meara had taken her tea, unusual with the family and then went out into the garden. While there she taken suddenly with hemorrhage of the lungs. She came running into the house with her mouth full of blood, and after seating herself on a chair, expired almost immediately.

Although Mrs. O'Meara had been subject to slight hemorrhages for a year past her death came quite unexpectedly and was a very great shock to the family. She was a truly Christian woman and a kind, devoted and loving mother, and the loss is very great both to Mr. O'Meara and his family.

Mrs. O'Meara was 65 years old at the time of her death and was born in the County Tipperary, Ireland. She leaves a family of four sons and three daughters, one of whom was a member of the community of St. Joseph, Toronto. The body will be taken to the morning train, Saturday, when it will be transferred to London, Ont., the old home of the family. The funeral will take place in that city Saturday afternoon.



The contrast between disease and health is sharply marked as that between darkness and light. The sufferings of disease make enjoyment of life impossible and perfect health makes even a commonplace existence

a bright and happy one.

The truest thing about disease is that most of it is needless. Nine tenths of it can be subdued by very simple remedies. Even that most dreadful malady, consumption, can be cured in 98 cases out of a hundred, if it be treated in its early stages with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Consumption is a disease caused by impurity of the blood, and the first thing to be done in its treatment is to make the blood pure, rich and wholesome. That is half the battle. The other half is the impregnation of the blood with cleansing, healing, invigorating medicines. The "Golden Medical Discovery" does both. It first puts the whole digestive system into perfect order, rids it of all impurities, and from the vantage ground so gained, reaches out to every fiber of the body and restores all to perfect vigor. It cures many diseases simply because many diseases spring from a set of common causes. The same disorder may lead to different symptoms in different people. What might be only a little indigestion in one person, may combine with a slight cold in another and result in consumption. A treatment that tones up the whole system is always the safest. A medicine that is good for the general health is pretty sure to cure ordinary diseases. Six cents in stamps with this notice, sent to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., will bring a large 100 page book. It contains photographs and letters from hundreds who have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Married.

At the Catholic Church, Smith's Falls, on the 22nd of April last, by the Rev. M. J. Stanton, Ellen Norah, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Gilligan, to Thomas, son of John J. Rowan, Esq., formerly of the village of Ruau, County of Clare, Ireland; and now of the town of Smith's Falls, Ontario, Canada.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

SOME FACTS ON INSURANCE.

Experience of Mr. Alfred Orr, With a Well-Known Company.

The Editor of the Mirror

DEAR SIR—As a large number of people in Omeme and surrounding townships are insured in the Provincial Provident Institution of St. Thomas, a history of how that company has dealt with me, will be of interest to your readers. In 1892, I insured in this company for \$5000, Mr. Isaiah Thornton acting as agent for the company; I was then thirty-one years of age, and my rate of assessment was 88c. per thousand of insurance, with a limit of ten assessments a year. In addition to this I had to pay in dues to my running expenses of the company two dollars a year for each thousand of insurance. The outside cost of insurance for \$5000 was thus \$54 a year, while in reality in 1894, I had to pay only \$40.80, as there were only seven assessments in that year. So far in 1895, there has been but two assessments. The policy issued by this company provides that in case the holder becomes disabled and thus prevented from earning his living, the Company pay one half of the face of the policy. In 1894 I lost my eyesight, thus becoming disabled according to the rules of the Company. As soon as I established to the satisfaction of the Company that I was permanently disabled by blindness, a check for \$2,500 was cashed at par in Peterboro'. I was put to no expense beyond that of medical examination which cost only two dollars, had no agent's fees, law expenses, exchange discounts, or anything else to pay, but simply sent in my claim with proofs, and the cash was paid me. Nothing could be fairer or more liberal than the treatment I received from the Company, which has my most hearty thanks for the timely relief it brought to me. I may add that although the Provincial Provident Institution aims to make the cost as low as possible to the policy holder yet by careful management it has accumulated a surplus of over \$100,000.

From my own experience I can vouch that this company fulfils its agreements with its policy holders to the letter, and so far as I am capable of judging, and I have carefully examined the working of this company and compared it with others, it is perfectly sound and safe financially.

Yours truly,
ALFRED ORR.

(Omeme, Ont., May 6th, 1895.