

ESSAYS.

[FROM C. M. B. A. JOURNAL.] A FEW WORDS ON BOOKS.

Read at a Conference in St. Anthony's Hall, Montreal.

On looking around this room a person is at once struck with its tasteful arrangement, which reflects great credit on the committee of management. The engravings, photos and colored pictures are of good subjects, and well calculated to instruct and interest the members of two associations destined to do so much good in St. Anthony's Parish.

But I have gone on and not yet said a word about books. My object in this introduction is to show that, as a good selection of pictures has given this room a tasteful appearance, so will a good selection of books give a person a polish not otherwise acquired, and that such a one will always be able to hold a front rank in society.

Our last subject "The Fathers of Confederation." How many of our people know who were the men who framed the Canadian Constitution? What difficulties they had to overcome before this great land was united from ocean to ocean.

And now let us hope that the young men and Branch 50 C. M. B. A. will soon have a well stocked library of the choicest works that can be procured. The books at present in their case are very good and we trust the number will soon be doubled.

What Will They Say?

A strange title truly, and a still stranger subject to write upon. But do you not hear this question almost daily. Some of us are so sensitive that we will do nothing however good if the act be likely to create adverse criticism.

Why should we fear what some of the people may say concerning our acts? We cannot please everybody, in fact it often happens that the better we do the more we displease.

But this essay appears to advise an utter disregard for the opinions of others. Such is not by any means the intention. There are none of us who are not anxious to be well thought of by our acquaint-

ances, and rightly so. But should we not be fortunate enough to get that good opinion are we to change our course in order to secure it? If we were doing wrong, yes. If our actions were right, no. It might, perhaps, be to our personal interest to change, but self-interest must never outweigh the good that we should do.

RIGORS OF EXPOSURE.

Those most exposed to the rigor of a Canadian winter suffer most with what cannot be well avoided, but can be certainly and promptly cured by St. Jacobs Oil, and that is frost-bites. If neglected, they sometimes cause the loss of a limb, but they can be easily cured, as stated.

From Fort Erie.

On Thursday evening, February 5th, several of the congregation and members of branch No. 139, C.M.B.A., met at the church to bid farewell to and to present Rev. Father Traylor with an address and well-filled purse from each body, on the eve of his departure for a more extensive field of labor, to which he had been called by his ecclesiastical superior.

Rev. AND DEAR FATHER—We, the parishioners of St. Joseph's church, Fort Erie, who, for the past three years, have been committed to your spiritual care, take this opportunity, on the occasion of your departure from amongst us, of addressing you and of expressing the deep sense of love and gratitude we have towards you.

You have been truly a pastor to us, and at all times shown yourself a worthy priest of God, and one possessing the qualities of a Christian gentleman; therefore it is that we deeply mourn your loss. Please accept this purse as a slight token of our regard for you.

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Joseph's, we remain, gratefully yours, Wm. Mitchell, A. G. Truitt, W. E. Edwards, P. J. DEGAN.

Brother W. E. Edwards, of branch 139, C.M.B.A., then read the following address in behalf of the members of the branch:

Rev. J. A. TRAYLING, P. P., Fort Erie, Ont., First President Branch 139, C.M.B.A. REV. AND DEAR FATHER—We, the members of Branch 139, C.M.B.A., on the eve of your departure from our midst, desire to express our appreciation for your unrivalled services so cheerfully rendered to advance the interests and well-being of our beloved society.

The rev. gentleman replied briefly, being deeply affected. As Fort Erie was his first parish, he felt great sorrow in leaving it.

A Pleasant Affair in Wyoming.

The pastoral residence at Wyoming was the scene of a pleasant affair on Thursday evening last when about thirty members of St. Philip's branch, 27, C. M. B. A., under the presidency of Mr. Wm. Gleason, and co-operative union of the members, had assembled to share in the hospitality of Father Gnam, their Spiritual Adviser, and to give tangible proof of the love and veneration borne towards him.

At the close of the address Messrs Maurice Kelly and Chas. McManis came forward, bearing a beautiful plush easy chair, the gift of the members to their beloved Spiritual Adviser. Following is the address:

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER—Words at best but faintly portray the feelings of love and veneration with which we, the members of St. Philip's Branch, No. 27, C. M. B. A., Petrolia, approach you, our beloved Spiritual Adviser, to give expressions of our respect and heartfelt gratitude for your untiring zeal in the promotion of the interests and wel-

fare of our association. You have been to us a most zealous pastor, and by your every word and action have endeared yourself to us all. Your kind words spoken from the altar of God on the great virtue of charity have encouraged many to join the grand charitable union of the C. M. B. A.

Signed on behalf of the Branch, WILLIAM GLEASON, President. JOHN J. HARVEY, Rec. Sec.

Father Gnam responded in most feeling terms, thanking the members sincerely for their handsome gift. He promised to do all in his power for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the association, and he would earnestly pray for each and every member to lead holy, virtuous and sober lives, so that when God was pleased to call them from earthly cares all might be prepared to enter the home of His eternal kingdom.

The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in speeches and songs. After a vote of thanks had been tendered to Father Gnam for his kind hospitality—for which he is remarkable—each member bade his pastor a friendly goodbye, to return home, highly pleased with the night's enjoyment.

No one knows better than those who have used Carter's Little Liver Pills what relief they have given when taken for dyspepsia, dizziness, pain in the side, constipation, and disordered stomach.

At the last regular meeting of Sacred Heart Branch No. 140, C.M.B.A., President Spedding, on behalf of the officers and members of the branch, presented a magnificent gold C.M.B.A. pin to Rev. J. L. Turrot, spiritual adviser and treasurer of the branch.

The rev. gentleman, who was taken by surprise, returned thanks for the generous present, which he said he would always prize, not merely for its intrinsic value, but also as a souvenir of the many pleasant hours spent at the meetings of Branch 140.

Gold in head, catarrh, consumption, death are the four stages that rapidly follow each other. If you would avoid the latter do not neglect the former, but use Nasal Balm at the first symptoms.

What, then, are the means of perpetuating good family stocks in a democracy. The first is country life. In this regard, democracies have much to learn from the European aristocracies which have proved to be durable.

Next, a permanent family should have a permanent dwelling-place, domicile, or home town. In older societies this has always been the case. Indeed, a place often lent its name to a family. In American cities and large towns there are as yet no such things as permanent family houses.

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION.

Pickering News, January 23. The residence of Mr. A. A. Post was the scene of a very happy little gathering on Wednesday evening. It is nothing new to the people in this section to say that Mr. Post is deservedly one of the most popular men in this country.

Mr. Post made a very suitable reply, in which he stated that whatever services he was able to render were always performed without seeking any praise or recompense, and the fact of such a kind address and such a valuable gift as he was surprised with tonight was more than he expected.

Mr. A. A. Post, of the firm of Post & Holmes, architects, Toronto and Whitby is also recording secretary of Branch 139, Pickering, C.M.B.A.

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Rules for Competitors: The stories must be submitted in the handwriting of the competitor. They must not exceed two thousand words. Each MS. must be enclosed in a blank sheet of paper of the same size as that on which the story is written.

THE PRIZES. The Prizes will be divided as follows: 1. City of Montreal. 2. Dominion Prize. 3. Provincial Prize. 4. County Prize. 5. School Prize.

Blank forms for intending Competitors, and all other information regarding our Prize Competition, can be had by applying at the Office, 761 Craig Street.

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