

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

E. B. A.

The Grand President in Peterborough.

Mr. D. A. Carey, Grand President of the E.B.A., on the occasion of his official visit to the Peterborough branch last week received a hearty reception. The demonstration of welcome took place in the hall. The President, Mr. J. Daly, occupied the chair and on the platform were Chancellor Davin, of Branch 21, and Rev. Father Scollard, spiritual adviser.

The programme opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Maggie Butler, which was followed by vocal solos by Messrs. D. Gordon, James Browne, T. Dugley and Mr. Chas. Podger, of Lindsay. Mr. D. Simons contributed to the success of the

and President delivered an address on the objects of the society. A vote of thanks was passed to him on motion of Mr. A. J. Gough seconded by Mr. O. Podger. Rev. Father Scollard added his congratulations.

An oyster supper was subsequently given in the Catholic Order of Foresters' Hall. Ex. Councilor Cahill occupied the chair. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Cahill, President Daly of Branch 21, Mr. Podger, Mr. Nottingham, Chancellor Davin, Mr. William Rudkin, Mr. Joseph Dugley, Messrs. Doris, Ward, Ahern, Loneragan and Mr. James Bogues.

The Grand President who was greeted with loud cheers, made a capital address. He referred to the grand results achieved by becoming affiliated with organizations of the nature of the E. B. A., pointing out the benefits he derived, which he claimed others could obtain. He dealt eloquently on the future of Canada and the prominent part the laboring class took in promoting its advancement. He paid a warm tribute to the chairman of the evening, whom he characterized as a gentleman who had treated all classes alike and was doing all in his power to build up a country of which all would be proud.

Branch 49, C. M. B. A.

A most successful musicale was held on Tuesday night by branch 49, C.M.B.A. The report is held over for our next issue.

The rooms of Branch No 184, C. M. B. A. St. John N.B., were the scene of a very pleasant event on the occasion of the presentation of a purse to John D. Burns, the popular secretary, who takes up his residence in Halifax. There was a large attendance of the members. President Tole occupied the chair.

CONDOLENCES.

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

Moved by C. G. Collins, seconded by Eugene Korman, that—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst, our late worthy and esteemed fellow member, Brother Thomas A. Heffernan, and

Whereas, by his death, this Branch loses a sincere friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his children an affectionate father, therefore be it

Resolved that while humbly submitting to the will of our Divine Redeemer, we desire to extend to the widow and family of our late brother associate, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but that the knowledge that he, whom they and we mourn, has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow, will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased, and spread upon the minutes of the Branch.

Catholic Truth Society.

St. Mary's Branch of this Society held a very interesting meeting in the Sacred Heart chapel adjoining the Church on Sunday evening last. Many new members joined the Society including a number of the ladies and as the gentle sex make the best of missionaries, the success of this branch is therefore a foregone conclusion. Very interesting addresses were delivered by the President, Dr. A. J. McGeehan, Messrs. D. A. Carey, C. G. Greener, D. M. Defoe, Dr. McKenna and McMahon. A supply of literature is expected this week and members will be supplied as soon as possible.

St. Basil's Catholic Union.

The meeting of St. Basil's Catholic Union will be held on Thursday the 15th inst. on Wednesday. A paper on the Canadian Mail Service will be read by Mr. F. O. Higgins. Young men are invited to attend.

Peterborough Catholic Association.

At the lecture by Mr. J. Hampden Burnham, on "The Irish in History, Life," reported in our last issue, Rev. Father Fitzpatrick occupied the chair. Ven. Archbishop O'Connell also occupied a seat on the platform. The programme of the evening opened with a well planned selection by Miss Mary, followed by a sweetly voiced solo by Mr. Geo. Ball and Mrs. A. J. McGeehan. The programme closed with a humorous sketch.

At the conclusion of his address Mr. Burnham was warmly complimented by Ven. Archbishop O'Connell. Rev. Father Fitzpatrick and Mr. Thos. Cahill in moving a vote of thanks, hoped that the Irish and British would become more united, and when in that condition they would defy the world. The second part of the programme opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Geo. Ball, and concluded with a baritone solo by Mr. L. J. Costello. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem. Miss Maggie Doherty acted as the accompanist of the evening.

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POSITION OF CANADA.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

A Notable Recital—Speech of Mr. McShane. M. P.—He recalls Lord Dufferin's policy of the Irish People of the Dominion.

OTTAWA, February 6.—Pursuant to arrangement the first order of business of the House of Commons taken up was the resolution of Mr. J. McNeill that in view of the threatening aspect of foreign affairs, this house desire to assure her majesty's government and the people of the United Kingdom, of its unalterable loyalty and devotion to the British throne and constitution, and of the conviction that should occasion unhappily arise, in no other part of the empire than the Dominion of Canada would more substantial sacrifices attest the determination of her majesty's subjects to maintain unimpaired the integrity and inviolable honor of her majesty's empire, and this house reiterates the oft-expressed desire of the people of Canada to maintain the most friendly relations with their kinsmen of the United States.

The following is the report of Mr. McShane's speech on Mr. McNeill's motion.—(Hansard report.)

Mr. McShane, M. P. Speaker, I cannot refrain from rising to give my humble support to this resolution, and to express my approval of the remarks of the hon. gentleman who moved it, and of those who supported it. I am not going to speak as to other portions of the Dominion, but shall confine the few remarks I intend to make, to my own native city where in the city of Montreal, the people are solid to a man in their support and defence of the British flag. I will remember the words used by one of the greatest men whom England ever sent to Canada—Lord Dufferin, when he said to the ladies that there were some in this country who attempted to decry the race to which I belong, but Lord Dufferin amply vindicated their loyalty by these patriotic words which he used, and which have endeared him to the heart of every Irishman. On that occasion, Lord Dufferin said:

"During my various progress through the country I have come into contact with hundreds and hundreds of kindly Irishmen, labouring in the field, the forest, by the river side, or in the mine, and never did I meet one who did not give me a hearty welcome, both as a fellow countryman, and as the representative of the Queen. Nay, on the day of peril, if in the Canadian line of battle I could find a regiment more essentially Irish in its composition than the rest, it would be to the keeping of that regiment, I would by preference entrust the standard of the Queen and the flag of the Dominion." Mr. Speaker, we are a loyal people in the city of Montreal, loyal not only to the Empire, but loyal to ourselves. Let me mention a fact, Sir, which will illustrate how the people of all races and creeds in Montreal act loyally together. You know, Sir, that almost seven-eighths of the population of Montreal is of the Catholic faith, but yet so liberal are we, so united are we in our desire to do justice to all, that only the other day, we elected a Protestant mayor by acclamation. That was not only an act of justice, but the majority, but it was the right of the Protestant minority. If all the people of Canada were as united as are the people of that city it would be all the better for the unity of Canada and of the Empire. I hope that this lesson will be remembered in other parts of the Dominion. I hope that throughout our entire country this example will be followed. I trust that no one will be deterred from occupying the highest position in the land on account of his religion, but that, under a broad spirit of toleration, a man's merit, and a man's good record as a citizen,

will alone be taken into account. Every subject of the Queen felt proud when a few days ago, great England placed her battle ships in line, and in the face of an almost united Europe against her, declared her readiness to defend the flag which had braved a thousand years the battle and breeze. If we hope to make Canada a great country, and entitle her to a prominent part of the British Empire, we must stand united amongst ourselves. We must have no religious bigotry, or intolerance, and we must ensure that to be a good Canadian is to be a good subject for any pre-ferment at the hands of the people. I shall say no more except to repeat, that I warmly and heartily support the resolution proposed by the hon. member for North Bruce (Mr. McNeill), and to thank the House for having given me the opportunity to express the sentiments of loyalty which actuate myself, and the people I have the honour to represent here.

The Mutual Reserve for 1895.

The figures which appear elsewhere, and which were submitted at the annual meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association, require no addition and but little comment. So uniform and continuous has been the successful progress of this Association, that the record of another year is but the natural development for that period. Still, it is none the less gratifying to its friends and agreeable to its Managers, that the Association passed 1895 and its important changes in administration, without interrupting its growth, strength and prosperity. President Burnham has taken up with vigor and intelligence the duties devolving upon him by the death of President and Founder Harper, and closes the first year of his administration with a record, of which the Company and he particularly, may well be proud. Last year the Company's new business was \$69,000,000; its payments of death claims more than \$4,000,000, and in all its lines it shows a steady increase of business, in income, in surplus and in assets. Its membership now exceeds 105,800. The business in Canada last year amounted to over \$5,700,000. The amount of insurance in force in Canada exceeds twenty millions of dollars, and over one million dollars has been paid out to the beneficiaries of policy holders in the Dominion.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ellen Kelly, relict of the late Bernard Kelly, died peacefully at her residence, Edwin street, Guelph on Saturday evening. Mrs. Kelly had reached the mature age of 70 years. Although her death had been expected for some time, still it brought much grief to her many friends in Guelph, where she has lived so long and was so highly respected. She leaves behind to mourn her loss two sons (John and Albert) and four daughters. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning to the Church of Our Lady and was largely attended.

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