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ORGANIZATION OF RT. MARY'S BRANCH NO 59.

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St. Mary's parish branch of the above association was organized in Montreal on the 10th, by the district deputy, Mr. C. O'Brien, salisted by Mr. T. J. Finn, first vice president of the Grand council of Canada; Mr. T. W. Nicholson, president of St. Patrick's branch, No. 26; Mr. T. P. Tansey, president of St. Anthony's branch No 41; Mr. John D. Quinn, president of St, Ann's branch No, 42; Mr. Jas. Meek; Mr. F. C. Lawlor, Mr. J. A. Egginton, Mr. P. Mullarky, Mr. M. Grogan, and a large number of other members of the association was present. St. Mary's branch starts out with a good membership, and there is no doubt, judging from the excellence of its material and the judicious selection of their efficers, that it will be one of the largest branches in the city in the near future. The following is the list of efficers: President, C. J. Flanagan; first vice president, L. Purcell; recording segratary. The is the list of efficers: President, C. J. Flanagan; first vice-president, J. P. O'. Hars; second vice-president, L. Purcell; recording secretary, Thos. A. Cahill; assistant recording-secretary, J. Ford; financial secretary, R. Luny; treasurer, R. Byrnes; marshall, Geo. D. Roche; guard, Francis McEntee; trustees for one year, R. Byrne, T. Phalen, J. P. O'Hara; trustees for two years, W. Eagan, L. Purcell.

From Winnipeg.

The following address was delivered by Special Deputy P. J. O'Doherty on the occasion of organizing branch No. 52, C. M. B. A., in the city of Winnipeg:
BROTHERS—As I now call you, I wish from the bottom of my heart, that I were gifted with the necessary talent requisite to express the gratification I feel to-night in having the proud privilege of organizing the first branch of our grand old C. M. B. A. in this Northwest's capital, the city of Winnipeg. I assure you it is an honor I prize most highly, and a privilege I would not have surrendered under any consideration.

To some of you it may appear strange that I should attach such importance to this organization; but when you have been identified with this association as long as I have; when you get fully acquainted with its workings, and when you are more familiar with its constitu-tion, rules and the many good works it has accomplished in so short a period of ten years; then, I have no doubt, you will be even more enthusiastic than me for the welfare and prosperity of the

In opening this branch here in this big city, I see before it a bright and brilliant future, because we are so situated here in this city that other branches formed in other towns will naturally look to us

as the parent branch of the province.

We have the satisfaction already of knowing that applications are coming in from towns in other parts of the province and even outside of the province, because now we have two gentlemen from Rat Portage who will join as soon as this branch is properly started.

Allow me to thank you heartily for the confidence you have plead in what I

confidence you have placed in what I told you some four or five months ago when first trying to organize a branch

and yet not diminishing its own. I think this comparison applies exactly to all members of the C. M. B. A. They possess a bright light and by spreading that light among their fellow men, are only carrying out the obligations due by them to the Association.

In order to do this you must first the county through the property of the county of the county

become thoroughly versed in all the rules, regulations and laws which govern the society, because no man can speak on a subject unless he is intimately acquainted with it. You should be able to give solid, plain reasons why you joined and why you want others to follow your course.

This can can be done by reading carefully, and studying well our constitution

On no particular member does this oligation fall. The humblest member

## IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

MR. PARNELL'S AMENDMENT.

Mr. Parnell moved his amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech. The amendment is as follows:—

"The relations between the owners and the occupiers of land in Ireland have not been seriously disturbed in cases of those who granted to their tenants such abatements as were demanded by the prices of agricultural produce. A remedy for the orisis in Irish agrarian affairs will be found not in an increased stringency of criminal procedure or in the pursuit of such novel, doubtful and unconstitutional measures as those recently taken by Her Majesty's Government, but in such novel, doubtful and unconstitutional measures as those recently taken by Her Msjesty's Government, but in such reform of the law and system of government as will satisfy the needs and secure the confidence of the Irish people." Mr. Parnell maintained that if the Bill for the stopping of evictions which he introduced last session had been passed the condition of Ireland would have been greatly improved. The operations of the measure would have effectually prevented the present disturbed relations between the landlords and the tenants in Ireland. The blame for the present serious position of the Irish domestic affairs rested with the Government. The Government, despite this, second debut the convention of the present serious position of the Irish domestic affairs rested with the Government.

present serious position of the Irish domestic affairs rested with the Government. The Government, despite this, seemed about to renew the mistake of attempting coercion in Ireland. The speaker solemnly warned the Government that if they again tried coercion they would again fail, as they always had failed when trying that policy. Coercion would never bring about a better state of affairs in Ireland, or assist in establishing peaceful relations between the two countries (cries of "Oh!" "Oh!" and cheers from the Irish members). If the Government's proposed alteration of the Criminal Procedure Acts meant an attack on the rights of Irishmen, the immediate result would be that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Marquis of Londonderry, the Viceroy, would find themselves rapidly descending an inclined plane, and they would soon come asking Parliament for more coercion. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach wished to attack the authors of the "plan of campaign." He thought to crush the "plan" by muzzling his opponents and putting them into jail. All past experiences had shown that the work of suppression would only begin when such things were done, for the secret societies would spring up and agrarian and political crimes would revive in their worst forms. The Government had already been guilty of unprecedented action in the manner in which they had conducted the prosecution of Mr. John of unprecedented action in the manner in which they had conducted

manner in which they had conducted the prosecution of Mr. John Dillon. They had been equally arbitary in the method employed to suppress the Sligo meetings and in the adoption of a method of striking off juries in such a way as to exclude Catholics. The speaker asked that if any Government speaker asked that if any Government could expect that a nation, three fourths

could expect that a nation, three fourths of whose population were Catholics, would be content to have no representation of their taith in the jury trials of their country? Referring to the Glenbeigh evictions, Mr. Parnell declared that landlords gave their tenants a month only in which to pay five years' rent arrears and costs. The ultimate offer made by landlords to take a half years' rent looked generous, but the costs involved amounted to over two years' rent. The National League, Mr. Parnell continued, never interfered until the work of eviction was in full swing. Also, they had no responsibility in the bringing forward of the "plan of campaign." He could speak freely upon it. Many tenants who now had a roof over their heads would have been cast out upon bare bill sides but for the follow."

ants who now had a roof over their heads would have been cast out upon bare hill-sides but for the "plan." The reduction in the number of evictions for the last quarter was mainly due to the "plan." The Government had waited two months before declaring the "plan" illegal. Was it illegal? That remained

SADLIER'S DIRECTORY.

On no particular member does this obligation fall. The humblest member and the substitutions are shorted by Messra. D. & J. Sadlier, down the laws that govern us as the president. I hope it will be the earnest endeavor of you all to use every honest means in your power to make this a successful branch. In conclusion, I would remind you of another important fact. No society can live on the wind, and no society depends more on a strong monetary basis than our C. M. B. A.

Its object being to provide at a small cost, a comfortable sum for those we hold dear to us, it becomes an imperative duty on each member to pay promptly all dues and assessments to the branch he belongs to. By paying attention to this you may rest assured that our branch will grow and prosper and such is the fervent wish of your special deputy this night.

SADLIER'S DIRECTORY.

The Catholic Directory for 1887 (just published by Messra, D. & J. Sadlier), contains reports of all the dioceses, vicariates and prefectures in the United States, Canada, British West Indies, Ireland, England, Scotland and Australia, and the hierarchy in Germany and Austro-Hungary. In the United States there are 12 Archbishops, 61 Bishops, 7,648 priests, 1,630 ecclesiastical students, 6,190 churches, 3,281 chapels and stations, 36 theological seminaries, 8,85 colleges, 393 academies, 2,697 parochial schools, with an attendance of 587,725 pupils; and there are 455 charitable institutions. Compared with the figures of the year 1886, those statistics show that there is an addition of 36 charitable institutions.

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Correspondence of the Catholic Record. FROM SARNIA.

DEAR SIR:—At a public meeting held in this town on the 26th ult. it was resolved to form a branch of the Irish National Legue of America. The officers selected were, President, John Donnelly; Vice President, P. T. Walsh; Secretary, P. J. Murphy; Treasurer, M. O'Gorman.

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The president, vice president and scoretary addressed the meeting at considerable length, clearly explaining the objects of the League, the good results which have come from its formation and the duty imposed upon Irishmen and lovers of liberty in Canada to come to the practical assistance of the evicted poor in Ireland and to maintain the most gallant band of patriots that has ever advocated the claim of a misgoverned nation till Home Rule is granted. This branch is the 784th formed throughout Canada and the United States. The membership fee to any branch is one dollar, payable annually, but generally during the year many members donate larger sums. The following is the list of members taken in, together with their fees and donations:

Thomas Byrne, \$11.00; Daniel McCart, \$10.00; M. O'Gorman, \$6.00; H. Gorman, editor Observer, \$5.00; Henry Clark, \$5.00; Thoa. Kendry, \$5.00; John Kavanagh, 5.00; P. J. Murphy, \$2.00; John Finnigan, \$2.00; James Skefington, \$1.00; Wm. Traher, \$1.00; Martin Lysight, \$1.00; Peter Darcy, \$1.00; John Mahony, \$1.00; John Mahony, \$1.00; John Boyle, \$1.00; John Phelan, \$1.00; John Boyle, \$1.00; Terence Donnelly, \$1.00; John Boyle, \$1.00; Terence Donnelly, \$1.00; Terence Donnelly, \$1.00; The Cortes of the subscriptions, \$2.35. Total amount \$76.85.

Those who find it inconvenient to become actual members of this branch, but who feel in sympathy with Ireland's cause and wish to contribute to the fund may send their donations to the secretary, P. J. Murphy, who will turn the amount over to the treasurer to be forwarded to Rev. Chas. O'Reilly, Detroit. The receipt of such sums will be acknowledged through the Catholic papers as well as the local papers of this town.

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LEFTER FROM ALMONTE.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The members of the Father Mathew Temperance Association, with their usual energy and enterprise, are making preparations to celebrate the approaching anniversary of St. Patrick in a manner befitting the importance of the occasion. For the past lifteen years the society has celebrated the day by the holding of a grand concert in the evening, and year after year their entertainments seem to have increased in merit until last year it was truly said by both Mayor Greig and Mr. James Rosamond, jr., who occupied seats on the platform, that the standard of excellence could not be raised much higher. Then we had the assistance of the celebrated Telgmann Septette club, of Kingston, The members of the Father Mathew Telgmann Septette club, of Kingston, whose members alone furnished an excellent entertainment, and an effort is excellent entertainment, and an effort is being made to again secure their services this year. But even failing in that quarter, the members of the Committee are determined that the reputation which the association enjoys for giving the best concerts of the year shall not suffer at when first trying to organize a branch here. Personally I was unknown to you all. Yet you listened to what I then told you and must have believed it too, for to-night I have the satisfaction of receiving you as members of the C. M. B. A. Is it any wonder that I should feel gratified at the result of my labors?

Now, my brethren, I have a few words of advice to tender you. You must not imagine that now as you have become members that your work is done—that now you can rest and let no more calls or troubles bother you. This is a wrong idea, for instead of your work being done it is only properly begun. A well-known author writing on "inowledge" has compared it to a person holding a a lighted lamp diffusing its rays far and wide, lighting thousands of other lamps, and yet not diminishing its own. I think this comparison applies exactly to all almost every title to Irish land was founded upon wholesale robbery and confiscation. The bulk of the improve the ments made by tenants had been seized by the landlords, who had been long robbing the tenants of the produce of their labor and embezzeling their rights (Irish cheers). Mr. Parnell went on to conspiracy. He taunted the Tories with the declaration that if they ago to powers of oppression equalling those of the Czar they would never be able to administer them under a constitution of the Czar they would never be able to administer them under a constitution for expression which had done more to demoralize Irish tenants than all the femian agitators from New York to San Francisco—if they would give Ireland power to do for herself what England seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed to have neither a wish nor power to do—Ireland would show by her trandal seemed

The Mute Confession

"Even though an innocent man may suffer death," says a priest in reply to the query of a noted French literateur, "a confessor cannot reveal the sin told him under the seal of confession. Never since the institution of the Sacrament of Penance has a priest been known to disclose that which was made known to him in the confessional. Scoffers of religion have made priests drunk for the purpose of loosening their tongues. Priests have become apostates. Others have become insane. But never has it been known that the priesthood has been disgraced by the revelation of the sins told by the penitent. Should the innocent suffer, that would be the business of God. The priest cannot communicate the sins confessed to him.

cannot communicate the sins confessed to him.

"About eighty years sgo a young priest in Ireland, who was connected with a respectable family, heard the confession of a man who had committed a murder. The brother of the priest, who was a military officer, was tried and convicted of the crime. He was executed. His aged mother died of grief. The priest shortly after became insane. But not one word escaped his lips to disclose the secret of the confessional. The murderer himself eventually openly confessed his crime.

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"In Russian Poland an organist and parish teacher killed a government officer. He used the gun of the priest, and secreted it beneath the altar in the church, where it beneath the altar in the church, where it was found. There were circumstantial incidents that seemed to point to the priest as the guilty man. He was arrested and was sentenced to Siberia. Twenty years later the organist, when on his death-bed, publicly acknowledged that he had committed the murder. A pardon was forwarded to the exiled priest, but death had carried him off two years before. It was to that priest the murderer had gone to confession after the commission of the crime. But a living death in sion of the crime. But a living death in Siberia was preferable to breaking the eternal seal of the sacred tribunal of the

eternal seal of the sacred tribunal of the confessional.

"Millions of years may yet endure ere the earth is destroyed, and still no priest of the Church of God will ever break that seal. This is the work, not of man, but of God Himself, for only the Omnipotent could so preserve its integrity."

THE EVENING CLOUD.

A cloud lay cradled near the setting sun.
A gleam of sunshine tinged its braided snow.
Long had I watched its glory moving on
O'er the still raidance of the lake below;
Tranquil its spirit seemed; it floated slow;
E'en in its very motion there was rest;
While every breath of eve that chanced to
blow
Wasted the traveler to the beauteous west,
Emblem, we thought of the departed soul
To whose bright robe the gleam of bliss is
given.

given.
And by the breath of mercy made to rofl
Right onward to the golden gates of heaven
Where to the eye of Faith it peaceful lies,
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to be followed by the Society after its organization, and pointed out some of the good works accomplished by it in other parishes. Father Foley also gave a short but interesting instruction in regard to the Society, and there is little doubt that the wishes of His Grace will soon be carried out by the parishioners of St.

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PASTORAL LETTER.

John,—By the Grace of God. and the app ment of the Holy See, Bishop of Lor To the Clergy, Religious Communities Laity of our Diocese, Health and I diction in the Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—
Holy Mother, the Church, ever animilize her Divine Spouse, with love souls, ever solicitous for the spiritual fare and salvation of her children, ha aside the holy season of Lent, which approaches, as a time which should approache to season the same of the same appearance of the same approaches. approaches, as a time which should specially consecrated to works of pena mortification and prayer. During time, she calls upon us in a spr manner to return to God by a sin

time, she calls upon us in a sp manner to return to God by a sin repentance, to do penance for our griesins, to mortify our flesh with its and concupiscences, and to enter by narrow gate and on the straight wa Christian virtue which leads to an elesting life of happiness.

We have been created for a glor and immortal destiny. This world is use place of probation and of exile; it valley ever moistened with tears, edarkened with sorrows, "a place of weers;" it is but a passage to an eter world, and time is but the threshold our real existence. "We have not he says St. Paul, "a leasting city, but we leave says St. Paul, "a leasting city, but we leave says St. Paul, "a leasting city, but we leave world, and time is to come."—(Hebre chap, 13, v. 14.) "We are but strang and pilgrims on the earth," and should such desire a better, that is, a heave country.—(Hebrews, chap, 11, v. 16). If great and paramount work here is to a our immortal souls. "Seek ye first Kingdom of God, and His justice," a our Divine Lord, "for what doth it pre a man to gain the whole world and his soul; or what exchange shall a make for his soul?"—(Matt., chap, 16 26) This world, with all its weslth treasures, shall perish and crumble in othingness; but the inamortal soul mile on through the everlasting ageither in the Heaven for which it created, or in the fires of Hell, prepar for the Devil and his angels.

Now to this Kingdom of God, for citizenship of which we have been created.

Now to this Kingdom of God, for citizenship of which we have been crea and redeemed, their lie but two pathrough this world, viz.:—The path innocence and the path of penance. All how few there are who, with baptis robes unstained, reach Heaven by path of innocence and the path of innocence. robes unstained, reach Heaven by path of innocence, never lost; and ever the innocent should do penance, as the innocent should do penance, as the innocent should do penance, as the innocent should be preserving that pe best means of preserving that per of great price. But for us, do brethren, who have sinned; for us who, actual transgressions, have lost our bap mol innocence; for us poor prodig there is no return to "our Father's hou save by the thorny road of penance. We bleeding feet and tearful eyes we must be used to the happiness of Heaven.

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Penance, then, which is here employ
to mean not only internal repentan
but also external works of satisfaction

but also external works of satisfaction necessary for salvation, and is a matter Divine precept. It is a fixed rule Divine precept. It is a fixed rule Divine justice that sin must be puntshed. "All iniquity, whether it be small great," says St. Augustin, "must necessity be punished, either by the m penitent or an avenging God; for he w repents truly will chastuse himself. Ab lutely either you punish yourself or G punishes. Would you that he should r punish? then punish yourself." Her the necessity of doing penance is enfort by God Himself in the most emphalanguage in various parts of Holy Wr. "Be converted, and do penance for your iniquities, and iniquity shall not your ruin."—(Ezechiel, c. 18, v. 3 "Now, therefore," saith the Lord, converted to me with all your heart, fasting, in weeping, and in mourning." ting, in weeping, and in mourning (Joel, c. 2, v. 12.) When St. Jo the Baptist came forth from desert, and appeared on the bar of the Jordan to fulfil his m sion as precursor to our Lord, preached the baptism of penance for t remission of sins, and, in the burni remission of sins, and, in the ourni words of a prophet, proclaimed the ac-lute necessity of doing penance:—" offspring of vipers, who hath shown y to flee from the wrath to come? bri to flee from the wrath to come? bri forth, therefore, fruits worthy of penance—(Luke, c. 3, v. 7) Our Blessed Log our Teacher, our Guide, commenced I public life by preaching and saying:—"(penance, for the Kingdom of Heaven is hand."—(Matt., c. 4, v. 17). He open declares that for all who have sinn penance is the only plank that can set penance is the only plank that can set them from an eternal shipwreek:—"II to you, unless you do penance, you shall perish."—(Luke, c. 13. v. 5) St. Pa

in his immortal discourse to the Athenia proclaims aloud:—"God now declareth men that all should everywhere do pance."—(Acts, c. 17, v. 30) The law of penance, then, has God