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ORGANIZATION OF ST. MARY'S BRANCH NO. 59.

St. Mary's parish branch of the above association was organized in Montreal on the 10th, by the district deputy, Mr. C. O'Brien, assisted 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. Toney, president of St. Anthony's branch, No. 41; Mr. John D. Quinn, president of St. Francis branch, No. 42; Mr. J. A. 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 were present.

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 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.

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 constitution, 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 C. M. B. A.

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 placed in what I told you some four or five months ago when first trying to organize a branch here. Personally I was unknown to you all. Yet you listened to what I 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.

It is 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 call or troubles bother you. This is a wrong idea, for instead of your work being done it is only properly begun.

In order to do this you must first become thoroughly versed in all the rules, regulations and laws which govern the society, because no man can speak on the 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 be done by reading carefully, and studying well our constitution book. On no particular member does this obligation fall. The humblest member should know the laws that govern us as thoroughly 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.

It is my object to provide at a small cost, a comfortable sum for those who 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.

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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 crisis in Irish agrarian affairs will be found not in an increased stringency of criminal procedure or in the pursuit of such doubtful and unconstitutional measures as those recently taken by Her Majesty'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.”

The speaker then addressed the members of the House of Commons, explaining the object 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.

Those who find it inconvenient to become actual members of the 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 receipts of such sums will be acknowledged through the Catholic papers as well as the local papers of this town.

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FROM HARRIA.

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 League of America. The officers selected were, President, John Donnelly; Vice President, P. T. Walsh; Secretary, P. J. Murphy; Treasurer, M. O'Gorman.

The president, vice president and secretary addressed the meeting at considerable length, clearly explaining the object 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.

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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. Mary's.

The Mute Confession.

“Even though an innocent man may suffer death,” says a priest in reply to the query of a noted French litterateur, “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 Rissias. 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.”

“About eighty years ago 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 confession. The man confessed himself eventually openly confessed his crime.”

“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 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 that priest the murderer had gone to confession after the commission of the crime. But a living death in Siberia was his punishment for keeping 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 awning. Long had I watched its glory moving on over the still radiance of the lake below; Tranquil its spirit seemed; it floated slow; Even in its very motion there was rest.

And there is a right side to everything. The right side to a saloon is the outside. And by the breath of mercy made to roll. Rise onward with the mated gales of heaven; Where to the eye of Faith is seen, And tells to man his glorious destinies.

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