

Received from the Supreme Council of Catholic Mutual Benefit Association

ough the Recording Secretary of Branch
. 6, Strathroy, Ont., one thousand dollars
due me on the death of my father, William
Henderson, late a member of said Branch.
HENRIETTA HENDERSON GEORGIA HENDERSON, mother.
Jno. S. Henderson, guardian.
H. B. Koppelberger, P. O'Dwyer, wit-

on September 18th, D. J. O'Connor, C. M. B. A. Deputy, organized a Branch of the Association at Hamilton, Ont. This Branch organizes with 31 charter members, the best start yet made in Canada. All the members are quite enthusiastic about the C. M. B. A. and no doubt before the end of this year their number will be doubled. This makes 37 Branches in Canada. The following is the list of its first officers:—

first officers:—Rev. J. Keough.
President—Rev. J. F. Lennon.
lst Vice-Pres.—John Ronan.
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Michael Dunbar, Robert Clohecy.
Two years—Patrick McGovern, Thos.
Chancelles.

Chancellor pro-tem.—Rev. J. J. Craven

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SUPREME COUNCIL CONVENTION NOTES.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
On motion of Eugene Bertrand, jr.,
seconded by J. C. Todenbier, of Mich.,
Rt. Rev. S. V. Ryan, D. D., Bishop of
Buffalo, was unanimously elected Supreme
Suistreal Unicator.

Buffalo, was unanimously elected Supreme Spiritual Director.

Bro. Coffey, of Canada, nominated W. C. Shields, of Pennsylvania, for Supreme President. The nomination was seconded by Keena, Mich., McGeary. Pennsylvania, and Franklin, New York. On motion of Mr. J. Hickey, of Michigan, the Secretary was authorized to cast a ballot for Supreme President. He did so and for Supreme President. He did so and Mr. Shields was declared unanimously

wm. Look, of Michigan, nominated Capper J. Drescher, of New York, for first vice-President, seconded by Bro. Bourke,

of Canada.

Daniel J. O'Connor, of Canada, put in nomination Bro. Thos. Coffey. On a ballot, Bro. Drescher received 15 and Bro. Coffey 14 votes. On motion the nomination was made unanimous. Mr. O'Dontion was made unanimous. Mr. O'Don-nell, of New York, nominated Bro. Bourke, of Canada, and Mr. Thos. O'Neill, of Canada Bro. Coffey as candidates for second Vice-President. On a ballot, the vote stood, Bro. Coffey 18 and Bourke 10. On motion the nomination of the former

was made unanimous.

Moved by Bro. Hickey, of Michigan

Moved by Bro. Hickey, of Michigan, that the salary of Recorder for the ensuing year be fixed at \$800. Carried.
Chancellor J. T. Keena, of Detroit, nominated for Recorder C. J. Hickey, of New York, seconded by D. J. O'Connor, Canada; Wm. Franklin, of New York, nominated Eugene Bertrand, ot New York; J. S. McGeary, of Pennsylvania, nominated John A. Lambing, of Penn. On a third ballot C. J. Hickey received a majority. Bro. Bertrand moved that the nomination be made dunanimous. C. J. Hickey, of New York, nominated James M. Walsh, of New York, for Treasurer. The nomination was seconded by O'Connor, of Canada, Todenbier, of Mich. and Geary, of Penn. Mr.

But the position coming to me as it did by a unanimous vote of this council is an assurance of the confidence and support of its members. To my Brothers of Canada who first presented my name as a candidate before this Council and set forth in eloquent words their reasons for such; to my Michigan Brothers, who though personally, comparative strangers, and who have known me only through our noble organization, yet who so heartily endorsed my candidacy; to my New York friends, many of whom have labored with me in the Supreme Council of the C. M. B. A. from its very first inception till the pres-ent time—and last but not least to my ent time—and last but not least to my Pennsylvania co-workers, many of whom I meet in the daily intercourse of life and I meet in the daily intercourse of life and who are well acquainted with my private character as well as my record in this council—to all I tender my heartfelt thanks and fraternal gratitude, not so much for the honor they have conferred upon me as for the kindly and generous anner in which it was bestowed. And in conclusion I can only say that I will en-deavor to merit a continuance of their support by following in the footsteps of

honored predecessors. In motion of John J. Hynes, seconded by Eugene Bertrand, the following was unanimously adopted:

in regard to official organs. The Grand Council of Canada at its last convention designated its official organs, and the Supreme Council, according to our con-stitution, has not power to otherwise

direct.

Also, regarding Supreme Council officiel notices, we consider a mistake was made, and an injustice done to our Canadian brothers, in not naming the CATHOLIC RECORD, as well as the Union and Times, as an official organ of Supreme Council. The Union and Times is all right for the members in the United States, but it has little or no circulation among C. M. B. A. members in Canada, therefore notices appearing therein would not be seen by one out of every hundred of our Canadian members.

The President appointed the following committees.

Laws and Supervision—Eugene Bertrand, jr., New York; W. V. Woods,
Pennsylvanis.

Finance and Mileage—C. B. Freidman,

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Credentials and Returns—M. Geary, John Clifford, James Moore.
Printing and Supplies—James Martin, E. Bertrand, Thos. O'Neill.
Appeals and Grievances—D. J. O'Connor, John Heffron, W. P. Rattigan.
In Supreme President Riester's address we find the following in regard to Canada:—

ada:"The Grand Council of Canada has
"The Grand Council request-"Ine Grand Council of Canada has sent a petition to this Council, requesting us to amend section eleven (11) of the beneficiary article, so as to allow them to have a separate beneficiary, regardless of their numerical strength. And to authorize them to pass the necessary laws for the collection and disbursement of said fund, in conformity with the laws of Canada. in conformity with the laws of Canada. I can see no objection to granting said peti-tion, under proper restrictions and guar-

antees.

Canada has gone beyond all our expectations. It is our duty to encourage them by granting their reasonable demands. Some provision should also be made in regard to the printing for said Council. At present the duty and Customhouse is a source of much annoyance to their officers. As differences exist between the laws of the United States and Canada, it is our duty to arrange ours, so as to it is our duty to arrange ours, so as to allow the C. M. B. A. to extend into

allow the C. M. B. A. to extend into both countries."

We have been informed by several members of the Supreme Council, that the great majority of the members were in favor of granting the petition of the Grand Council of Canada, but that as one member, who happened to have a vote, stated that he would vote against granting the petition, and that in order to have the petition granted, the vote should be unanimous, therefore, it was arranged to not have a vote taken, in order that the Supreme Council could hereafter call a special session and grant said petition.

said petition.

If one vote were sufficient to hinder the granting of the petition, the Supreme Council adopted the best plan; but we cannot see how such a conclusion can be arrived at with our present constitution as our only guide. Section 1, Article xix, upon which the Supreme Council members seem to have based said arguement, and from which they arrived at said constitution which they arrived at said constitution. clusion, does not apply to the case at all.

### RIGHT REV. DR. O'MAHONY AT SMITHVILLE. On Sunday the 14th inst. the Rt. Rev

On Sunday the 14th inst. the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Mahony visited Smithville to give Confirmation to the sixty children who were carefully prepared by their pastor to receive that Sacrament. His Lordship examined the children carefully and found them well instructed in Christian doctrine. The church was crowded to the doors. There was a large number of Protestants in attendance. The Catholics from Bimbrook and Grimsby came in their numbers, these places being attached to the mission of Smithville. His Lordship administered the rite of confirmation to about 160 children in St. Patrick's seconded by O'Connor, of Canada, Todenbier, of Mich. and Geary, of Penn. Mr.
Walsh was unanimously elected. J. A.
Hickey, of Michigan, was unanimously elected Marshal. Chas. Fornecorn, of Penn., Guard; J. B. Todenbier, of Mich., Wm. Franklin, of New York, and R.
Mulholland, of New York, were elected Trustees for ensuing four years.

Dr. J. T. Kinsler, of Bradford, Pa., was chosen Supreme Medical Inspector.

President Elect Shields on taking the Dr. J. T. Kinsler, of Bradford, Pa., was chosen Supreme Medical Inspector.

President Elect Shields on taking the chair spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS—In assuming the duties as chief executive of this Supreme Council I am fully sensible of my incompetency to discharge the duties it imposes, and were it not for the well known partiality of the members of the council in overlooking the short comings of its officers, I would shrink from assuming the responsibilities of the office. lieving these truths and observing His Commandments. In the evening there was Commandments. In the evening there was benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament at 7 o'clock, when his Lordship preached another eloquent sermon on the "gospel of the day" in which is described the death of the widow's son at Naim, and the miracle which our Lord wrought in raising the dead man to life. His Lordship proved that the Church of God could also raise a dead man to life in the sense that she raises a sinner who is dead in sin to a life of grace. The words our Lord address life of grace. The words our Lord addressed to the young man were "arise young man," and the young man came to life as the gospel says. So does the Church of God say to the sinner who humbles himself at the feet of the priest, "arise young man" and come to life, and as there was joy in the heart of the widow on seeing her son who was dead now alive. as there was joy in the heart of the widow on seeing her son who was dead now alive, so is there joy in heaven and on earth when the sinner comes to life. His Lordship proved conclusively that the Catholic Church has the power of forgiving sin, and that the greatest blessing and mercy that God could confer on us was to enable us to make an act of perfect contrition, that is to say to love God with our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, and to be sorry for our sins because they and to be sorry for our sins because they have offended Him. This is almost im-

BLESSING THE BELL.

CHURCH.

Napanee Standard.

On Saturday evening the Right Rev. Bishop Cleary, accompanied by his Secretary, Rev. Father Kelly, and Rev. Father Shea, of Waterford, Ireland, arrived in town for the purpose of performing certain interesting episcopal duties at the St. Patrick's church on Sunday. The principal of these was the blessing of the new bell recently purchased for the church by a number of members and friends of the congregation. The event had been looked forward to with interest for some time past, the ceremonies connected therewith being usually among the most imposing ones of the Roman Catholic Church. There was, therefore, a very large congregation assembled in the sacred edifice on Sunday morning to take part in or witness the ceremonies.

Grand High Mass was celebrated by

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Grand High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Vicar-General Farrelly, of Belleville, at 10.30 o'clock.

Before the last gospel Bishop Cleary ascended his throne and gave the congregation his blessing.

Immediately after mass the new bell was blessed by the Bishop, assisted by Monsignor Farrelly and Fathers Kelly and McDonagh.

The bell was tastily decorated with

The bell was tastily decorated with palm and natural flowers. To the top of the bell were attached sixteen ribbons, eight green and eight white, about two yards long, each of which was held by one of the sixteen sponsers during the long and imposing ceremony. The following are the names of the spon-

Mr. and Mrs. A. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. P. Slaven, Mr. and Mrs. J. Phelan, Mr. and

After the bell had been blessed His Lordship preached a lengthy and eloquent sermon taking for his subject the ceremony just performed, which was fully completed. explained.

explained.

The bell is a very handsome one, weighing 1,600 lb., and was made by the Jones Troy Bell Foundry Co., of Troy, N. Y. Moulded on it is the following inscription:

—"James John, St. Patrick's, Napanee, Ont. Most Rev. J. V. Cleary, S. T. D., Bp. of Kingston. Rev. J. H. McDonagh, pastor. Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

The bell was placed in position on Monday, and will hereafter be rung three times a day—at 6 o'clock a. m., 12 o'clock noon, and 6 o'clock p.m.

Besides the blessing of the bell a beautiful new baptismal font was placed in pos-

ful new baptismal font was placed in nos-ition. It is of carved granite, about four feet high, with a handsome walnut top which is surmounted by a carved walnut

The church was beautifully decorated with natural flowers and colored holy oil lamps, and presented a very handsome appearance, reflecting great credit on the ladies who had charge of this part of the arrangements—Mesdames A. McNeil and J. P. Hanley and Misses Walsh and Pheles.

In the evening Grand High Vespers was sung by the choir in a very impressive manner, noticeable features being the solos, soprano and tenor, in Quid Retributant by Miss Shannon and Mr. T. Trimble, jr., respectively. Mr. Jette's rendering of Tantum Ergo was very fine. Miss Walsh presided at the organ with marked skill, which added much to the impressiveness of the several ceremonies.

On Monday morning the Bishop with the clergymen named above left for Descent of the purpose of consecrat.

about 160 children in St. Patrick's Church, Napanee. Included in the above number were about 50 from Deseronto and 25 from Richmond.

His Lordship left for Tyendinaga on

Wednesday morning to hold confirmation. He was accompanied by Father

McDonagh. It may not be uninteresting to note some of the improvements that have some of the improvements that have been made during the past year at St. Patrick's church, through the exertions of the popular pastor, Father McDonagh. The roof has been newly shingled, the interior of the church has been handsomely frescoed, new gasaliers have been placed in the building, which has also been enlarged by an alteration of the interior arrangements, handsome chairs for the priests have been provided, besides a property of the property of the provided by the pro for the pressure have been provided, be-sides numerous altar decorations, a new fence has been erected around the grounds, and lastly a new bell in the tower and a new baptismal font make about as complete a church as is to be found anywhere in a mission of the size and strength of Napanee. To accomplish so much in so short a time indicates that there must exist the most cordial rela-tions (with resulting co-operation) between pastor and people—relations that are creditable to both, and that all concerned, with numbers outside the church, hope may be prolonged for many years.
BISHOP CLEARY DEDICATES THE NEW R. C.

BISHOP CLEARY DEDICATES THE NEW R. C. CHURCH AT DESERONTO.

The handsome new church recently erected by the Roman Catholic residents of Deseronto and vicinity was dedicated with the usual ceremonies on Monday last by Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston. His Lordship left Napanee about 9 o'clock, accompanied by several of his clergy and a number of friends, to drive to Deseronto. About three miles out he was met by a large number of residents in carriages, and later on by the Deseronto Cornet Band who joined the procession and played a number of selections. At and played a number of selections. At the church a large congregation, repre-senting all denominations, had assembled unanimeusly adopted:

Resolved, That the Catholic Union and fimes is hereby designated the official organ of this Council and the Buffalo Volksfriend be the official organ for the benefit of our German speaking members.

Resolved, That all official notices of the Supreme and Grand Councils with any information of benefit or interest to the members of the C. M. B. A. are hereby directed to be published in the same.

The Supreme Council exceeded its power in adopting the second resolution

Walsh, Twomey, O'Shea, Brennan and Kelly. The church looked very pretty and had among other decorations a large number of boquets of rare flowers. The clergy having entered the church, the Bishop advanced to the altar rail and in-Bishop advanced to the altar rail and informed the congregation that it was necessary for all, both cteryy and people, to vacate the edifice. This done, a procession headed by the clergy was formed at the front of the church, which proceeded around the sacred edifice, repeating the prayers of such occasions, and having completed the circuit again entered the church, which was soon filled by the congregation. The usual services were then said and sung and high mass was subsequently celebrated by Father Brennan, of Picton. The walls of the sacred edifice were afterwards sprinkled by the Bishop with holy water. This done, the Bishop delivered an excellent address to the congregation.

gregation.

All the services were impressive. Several ladies and gentlemen of the Napanee choir assisted in the musical part of the service, the singing being led by Miss Shannon. Miss Walsh, of Napanee, presided at the organ. The day will long be remembered by the Roman Catholics of Deseronto, who must feel no ordinary gratification at such a happy consummation of their ardent hopes and self-denying labors.

### OBITUARY.

With feelings of deep regret we chronicle the death of Miss Jane Wright Dawson, daughter of R. J. C. Dawson, Esq., our respected Postmaster. The young lady had been ailing for a couple of years, and passed peacefully away on the 17th instant, in the 23rd year of her age. By her friends and companions she was greatly and deservedly admired. Her amiability, her nobleness of character, her stirling worth, all combined to make her society much coveted, and her loss will be keenly felt by hosts of friends as well as by her fond parents and relatives, to whom we offer our sincere condolend

PERSONAL.—We were very much pleases with a visit this week from Mr. Richard Brown, brother of Messrs, S. R. and James Brown, of this city. In company with his amiable wife he is spending a few with his amiable wife he is spending a few weeks vacation amongst his London rela-tives. It is most gratifying to us to note that his success in the American republic is commensurate with his rare ability and



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