CEBRIDGE, Feb. 12.—A numbe friends tendered the Rev. Fathe of the friends tendered the Rev. Father McGuica a complimentary banquet at the Queen's Hotel last Tucaday evening. The bill of fare was perhaps the finest ever put up in Bracebridge. There were about 60 gentlemen present. After the disposal of the loyal toasts, and the "Governor-General and the Parliaments of Canada" had been responded to by Mr. A. A. Mahaffy, and "Canada" had been responded to by Mr. H. J. Bird, His Honor, Judge Mahaffy, affored the toast of the evening, and in doing so spoke at considerable length. He spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to preside as chairman and take pertundent of the evening and in doing so spoke at considerable length. He spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to preside as chairman and take pertundent of the second of the pleasure of the evening and in doing so poke at considerable length. He spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to preside as chairman and take pertundent of the second of the pleasure of the second of

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We, some of your many friends as Bracobridge, feel that we cannot allow your removal from our town to take place without some expression of kindness toward you. During your residence here you have ever shown warm interest in the welfare of the whole community. As a public spirited citizen your influence has invariably been for town, while private and individual friendship for you is universal.

We are sorry to lose iyou, and take this opportunity of stating that your many admirable qualities of head and heart have won for you a lasting place in our memory.

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JOIN TROSSON, W. W. KINSEY, F. COCHRANS.

Bracebridge, Feb. Sth, 1898.

In response, the Rev. Father spoke feelingly of the honor conferred upon him. He was visibly affected. He said the eleven years he had spent here in the two districts were the happiest years of his life, and he felt that he would never again have such pleasant associations. His health was falling owing to the heavy work he had to perform, and the Bishop, out of kindness, had asked him to take Hastings, which is a more compast parish. He declared he had done nothing worthy of the honor which had been done him this evening but he had a system of the growth of the Councillies and praised our public school management.

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Mr. Thomas repiled to "Our Mercantile Interests;" Mesers. McNiel, Kent and Willmott to "Our Visitors," E./F. Stephenson to the "Press," and Mr. H. S. May to the "Ladies."

***TATHER MCGUIRES** CONGREGATION.

TO THE REVEREND P. J. McGUIRE:

find them entirely readequate to give expression to the feelings of deep regret with which our hearts are filled to-day. From the moment we heard that you would likely be called to take oharge of the important parish of Hastings, we were sellish oncogh to hope that it might fall to another's lot to embrace the call. Our preduct of the control of the

Sigood on behalf of the congregation of which we ask you to accept it is a tangible memento of the esteem or all canded the provided of which with you are hold and to value it for the hindly foolings which you could be again transferred to now ithin it we wish you Good speed in the considered this the most membrane with it shat you may there be "caned" with a hearty good will as to sight.

John Thousson, P. S. Comman.

Bracebridge, Feb. 8th, 1898.

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successor in charge here present, the Rev. Father Collins, would be happy in their midst, and the acknowledged qualifications of his body and mind were sufficient to ensure them that their interests would be well looked after. He assured them that he would take with him many fond recollections of the years he spent on the missions of Muskoka, and sekod a remembrance in their pravers for success in his new in their prayers for success in his new field of labor.

Blessing An Altar.

The Rev. Father Macarius and his Syran congregation have had a great dithoulty in finding a suitable place of worehip. Thanks, however, to Mr. J. J. Murphy and the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society that difficulty his been overcome. The Society has placed their large and speacious hall at the disposal of Rev. Father Macarius and his brethren. The Society has also purchased a beautiful altar for them, while Miss Foy and the ladies of St. Michael's Altar Society have kindly furnished all the necessary articles for divine service.

His Grace the Archbishop solemnly blessed the altar on Sunday last. On entering the chapel His Grace was received by the Rev. Father Macarius clothed in the beautiful vestments of the Oriental rite and swinging the censer. He was accompanied by four chanters, who sang the beautiful Syrian service for the reception of a Bishop. After the blessing the Archishop addressed a few impressive words to the assembled congregation on the necessity of obeying their good, holy priest and of living up to the Catholic faith, which they had received from their Christian forefathers. Mr. J. J. Murphy and Mr. P. Hynes, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, were present.

SYRIAN CATHOLICS

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During the last faw years the Catholic population of Toronto and of several other cities and towns of the province has been increased by the immigration of a small colony of Syrian Catholics from the neighborhood of Damaseus and Mount Lebanon. There are now several hundred scattered through the province, who have left homes and country to seek freedom and security of life, which they were never certain of under their Turkish rulers. They are industrious and simple-minded people, speak little English, and are unaccustomed to our Latin ritual, which differs so much from the Eastern. It is not surprising, therefore, that they longed for the ministration of a priest of their own tongue and rite. In answer to earnest appeals from these exiled countrymen, who had not in some cases been to the sacraments for years, Father Macarius—a venerable-looking Syrian priest from Yahleh, on Mount Lebanon—although advanced in years esame—out some months ago to minister to their spiritual wants. He has the whole province for his mission field, but as there are more of them settled in and around Toronto than any other point he has decided to have his fixed residence here. This has been approved by His Grace Archbishop Walsh, who has given the good priest a kindly welcome and every encouragement and assistance in his power. Since his arrival in Toronto he has been asying Mass wherever he could gate to make the surprise of the Archbishop the Society of St. Vincent de Paul placed St. Vincent's Hall at his disposal, and, as Father Macarius was without means to meet the expense of adapting it for church purpose, they undertook to collect sufficient fund from the generous Catholics of the city for the purpose. This has happily been accomplished, and a suitable altar with furniture and other requisites have been purchased.

away. Now the motion is intended to symbolize the flitting about of the blessed spirits before the throne of God. A description of the different parts of alter ritual with the symbolic meanings attached to them is most interesting.

The vestments differ also from those in use in this country, the stole is joined down the centre, a belt with buckle is worn instead of a girdle, and the chasuble is circular in form with a hole in the centre to let the wearer's head through. When on it falls in graceful folds around the person, and when celebrating the front part is gathered up over the hands. The pricest wears all his vestment while administering the sacrament of Baptier, which is done by immersing the infant in the water three times, and he gives the infant Confirmation immediately after. They use painted, not graven images, and instrumental music has no place in their rivroes. After reading the gospel of the day Father Marcarius preached to his people in a very earnest and impressive manner. He informed them that he had offered up his first Mass in the Hall for the benefactor who had so generously assisted bira in getting the place in order for Divine Service and asked the congregation to pray for them also.

He desires now to make public acknowledgments to the following: His Grace the Archbushop, the Rev. pastors of St. Michael's, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, St. Basil's, St. Helen's and Lourder.

C. O. F.

St. Joseph Court, No. 870, frequently gives open meetings, which always bring good results.

The Court held their open meeting immediately following their regular one on Thursday evening the 28th ult.

The formalities of the regular meeting having opened, the important business only being transacted, several applications received and two initiations. The reports of officers were most satisfactory, showing the treasury well secured to meet emergencies, understanding the severe strain during 1897 in sick bonefits paid out.

The regular meeting then terminated, when the Chief Ranger, J. W. Mogan, requested the members to adjourn to the concert hall, where the visiting brothers and their friends from sister Courts were assembled in large numbers. Chief Ranger Mogan took the chair and presided in a most creditable manner.

The following programme was provided for the coasion; Recitation Master Duffy; piano solo, Master Power; harmonics, T. Harris; vocal solo, O. Hall; vocal duet, C. Tomney and M. Mogan; solo, M. Parker; song (selected), Mr. Dennis; song (comne), Mr. Finigan; solo, Mr. Carley; "Origin and Growth of the O.O.F.," Provincial Chief Ranger Lee's song (selected), Mr. Dennis; song (comne), Mr. Finigan; solo, Mr. Carley; "Origin and Growth of the O.O.F.," Provincial Chief Ranger Lee's song (selected), Mr. Dennis; song comne), Mr. Finigan; solo, Mr. Carley; "Origin and Growth of the O.O.F.," Provincial Chief Ranger Lee's song (selected), Mr. Dennis; song conditional provided for the origin and Growth of the O.O.F. is composed of in and brought joud applause and several encores. Provincial Chief Ranger Lee's discourse on the growth and benefits of the O. O. F. is composed of in Oanada. Rev Fathers McEntee and Trieb, composed of in Oanada. Rev Fathers McEntee and Finegan gave short addresses of encouragement. Mr. Geo. Duffy, Dr. Brown, J. J. Nightingale and other also responded. An oyster supper followed.

After the inner wants were favored the committee supplied some choice brands of cigars. A unanimous voto o

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