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Spiritual Adviser—Rev. J. D. O'Gorman
President—Patrick J. Shannon
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Second Vice-President—Jno. Coughlin
Recording Secretary—Stephen O'Brien
Assistant Rec. Sec.—Patrick L. Hughes
Financial Secretary—Francis P. Carney
Treasurer—William Williamson
Marshal—Francis Flynn
Guard—Alexander Tisdale

Trustees for two years, Michael Coughlin, Joseph Foltz; trustees for one year, Frank Dolan, Thomas Hanley, Sylvester Sydney.

Representative to the Grand Council, Patrick J. Shannon.

Assessments Nos. 4 and 5 were issued from the Supreme Recorder's office on April 3rd, and from the Grand Secretary's office on April 5th. They call for the payment of the beneficiaries of seventeen deceased brothers—twelve in New York State, three in Michigan and two in Canada.

Ingersoll, Ont., March 19th, 1888.

Received of Jno. P. Henderson, Recording Secretary of Branch No. 19, of Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, two thousand dollars in full, for beneficiary due us by said association on the death of our son, James T. Lappin, late a member of said branch.

JAMES LAPPIN,
SARAH LAPPIN.

Witness, D. H. Henderson.

Harriston, April 3rd, 1888.

Received of Joseph Tischnor, Recording Secretary of Branch No. 40 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, two thousand dollars in full, for beneficiary due me by said association on the death of Edward Hall, late a member of said Branch 2, St. Thomas, Ont.

MARY HALL

Witnesses—Mrs. P. Norton and Rev. J. S. Crowley, Spiritual Adviser.

Montreal, April 13th, 1888.

Received of F. C. Lawlor, Recording Secretary of Branch No. 26 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, two thousand dollars, in full for beneficiary due Mary A. Quinn, by said association, on the death of my husband, Thos. Quinn, late a member of said Branch.

MARY ANNE QUINN,
Guardian.

Witnesses—James Meek and Patrick Mullarky.

Resolution of Condolence.

Stratford, April 12th, 1888.

At the regular meeting of Branch 13, held on April 11th, it was moved by Thos. J. Douglass, seconded by Edward Fitzgerald, and resolved, Whereas our worthy Pres. Edward O'Flaharty and Bro. T. O'Flaharty sustained a great loss in the death of a dear sister.

Be it resolved, that Branch 13 tender them our heartfelt sympathy. Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread on our minutes, a copy sent our Pres. and Bro., also published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and *C. M. B. A. Monthly*.

THOS. J. DOUGLASS,
Rec. Sec

Windsor, April 6th, 1888.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The following resolution of condolence was adopted at regular meeting of Windsor Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A., March 29th, 1888:

Moved by D. Cronin, seconded by M. A. McHugh,

That, whereas, since our last meeting it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove, by the hand of death, the loving wife and oldest child of our brother, Timothy Burke.

We, members of this Branch, tender to our brother our sincere sympathy in this sad and double bereavement, and we pray that divine Providence will enable our afflicted brother to bear with Christian resignation this manifestation of the divine will.

Resolved, that a copy of above be forwarded to Brother Burke and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and *C. M. B. A. Monthly*.

Yours fraternally,
J. M. MELOCHE,
Rec. Sec. Branch 1.

Brantford, April 10, 1888.

DEAR SIR.—At the regular meeting of Branch No. 5, C. M. B. A., held on 2nd inst., the following resolution of condolence was unanimously adopted:

That whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by the hand of death the beloved brother of our much esteemed Brother D. Donohue. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That whilst humbly bowing in submission to the Divine decree, we desire to express our sincere sympathy with our worthy brother and his family in their affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Donohue, spread on the minutes, and sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD, our official organ, for publication.

JOS. QUINN
J. P. QUINLAN } Committee.
JAS. MCGREGOR

THOUGHTS OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:—From the celebrated publishing house of Messrs. Benziger Bros., New York, we have received a very neat little volume bearing the above title. It will prove a real treasure in the family circle. The price is only fifty cents.

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

Sir Edward Guiness has declined to contest the vacant seat of St. Stephen's Green Division of Dublin.

Mr. Parnell's Arrears bill is not finally disposed of by the adverse vote of 29th of March. The decision then arrived at was that it be not then read a second time. The mover may still ask the house to restore it to the Order Book. After the division Mr. T. W. Russel and Mr. Parnell had a conversation in the lobby.

Lord Guillamore who owns 1000 acres in Limerick County has offered to his tenants at Abeyfeale the interest in their holdings at 12 years purchase on Griffith's valuation. This is equal to 8 years' purchase at the old rents.

It is announced that Captain Vandaleur's Clare estate will be this month the scene of wholesale evictions.

The County Court Judge of Limerick was presented with white gloves at the quarter sessions at Rathkeale, there being no crime.

Forty members of two local bands in Carrick-on-Suir have been summoned for playing through the streets on the release of Mr. W. S. Blunt from prison. Ireland seems to be the only country in the world where it is unlawful to exhibit pleasure when the government does an act of justice.

The Home Ruler's of Tyrone burned bonfires to celebrate the conversion of T. W. Russell, M.P., to Home Rule principles, and the Orangemen burned his effigy. The permanency of the conversion, however, is doubted.

Mr. Morley will move, in the House of Commons, the rejection of the King-Harman salary bill, and a day will be asked for an exhaustive discussion on the matter.

During the trial of Messrs. Patrick O'Brien, M. P., Hayden, and Byrne, an incident occurred which illustrates the absurdity and tyranny of the crime-creating Coercion Act. Mr. Carson, the prosecuting counsel, proposed to show the criminality of the prisoners by bringing forward proof that *United Ireland* is circulated where the speeches were made. Mr. O'Conner Morris, the judge, said, "there is no harm in that: I buy it myself." Surely if it be a crime to sell, it is a crime to buy. Mr. O'Connor Morris may be called upon to condemn the news vendor, or to confirm a three months' sentence on him for the "crime" which he tempted him to commit for a penny.

Birmingham has subscribed over £100 for the relief of the distress in the Arran Islands.

Owing to the complete defeat of the Liberal-Unionists in the election of the Birmingham Liberal Association, Mr. Chamberlain will preside at a meeting of the National Radical Union to consider what course is to be pursued.

Mr. T. W. Russel has declared to a reporter of the *Pall Mall Gazette* that if he finds support of the union incompatible with maintaining the interests of the tenant farmers, he will retire from Parliament and will disappear from Irish politics.

Sir George Trevelyan, speaking at Cirencester protested against the barbarous persecution to which Irishmen were subjected in and outside Parliament. He commented on the increasing harshness and cruelty of the Irish executive, and said they would have to confess themselves beaten or would have to fill every gaol in Ireland with Irishmen who ought not to be in gaol.

From London, under date of Wednesday, April 4th, the Bennett special cablegram says: The Duke of Norfolk arrived from Rome to-day, and called on Cardinal Manning. It is confidently said by the knowing ones in Catholic circles that the so-called Norfolk mission may be regarded as terminated, and as having failed. The Pope is seemingly willing to advise Irish leaders and people to exercise moderation, but has refused to give any positive undertaking to oppose the Nationalist movement.

Mr. T. M. Healy, presiding at a league meeting in Dublin on the 10th inst., said: "That last Sunday's meetings sufficed to disprove the boast of Mr. Balfour that the league was a thing of the past. The meetings also proved, he said, that the people were willing adherents of the league, anxious to get rid of the thraldom of British government, and that if they once got an opportunity they would rise in their strength and shake off the yoke. The agitation of which the league was the mouthpiece embraced every man, woman and child in three Provinces, and a great majority of those in the fourth Province. The league appealed directly to the people themselves, and the meetings on Sunday were their conclusive response."

Mr. O'Rourke of Tralee, the news-agent who was imprisoned for selling *United Ireland* and other Nationalist papers, was the recipient of an address accompanied with one hundred and fifty sovereigns. Mr. O'Rourke had suffered heavily both in mind and in pocket by his incarceration, especially as one of his children died while he was in jail. The sympathy thus manifested for him was felt by him the more touchingly on this account.

Father Kennedy of Meelin has had sixteen summonses served upon him for Coercion-created crimes. Fifteen prominent men of the locality have also been served with summonses for similar "crimes." All this is not likely either to terrorize the people into submission to arbitrary measures, or to make them more ready to pay exorbitant rents.

The Irish Nationalists are evidently not discouraged even by the arbitrary manner in which the law is at present administered. Justin McCarthy wrote as follows to the San Francisco Knights of St. Patrick from London: "I only wish I could accept your kind invitation and be with you in San Francisco on St. Patrick's Day. But it is impossible. I must abide here. Have no fears about Home Rule. We have the Democracy. The ruling names of Ireland, Scotland and Wales are with us. This is but the darkest hour just before the dawn."

Arrangements have been made to evict two hundred tenants on the Vandaleur estate in Clare.

Prefer the will of another to thy own, provided the other's be good, even though thine would seem to thee more perfect.—St. Vincent Ferrer.

A GALA DAY AT BELLEVUE, QUEBEC.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR ANGERS VISITS THE INSTITUTION.

Quebec Chronicle, April 9th.

Friday last was a red-letter day in the history of Bellevue Convent—the occasion being the first visit paid by our new Lieutenant-Governor in his official capacity to an institution as noted for the picturesque charm of its surroundings as it is deservedly famed for the healthfulness and comfort of its appointments and the admirable educational training it gives to young ladies. It is needless to say that the event caused no little stir in the usually quiet community and that no pains were spared both by the good nuns and their devoted pupils to invest it with *eclat* and to make His Honor's reception alike worthy of Her Majesty's representative and creditable to the institution. The result was most successful in both respects. Accompanied by his A. D. C., Capt. Shepherd, and his private secretary, Mr. J. de L. Tache, His Honor arrived at the Convent at 2:40 p. m., and was received in the chief parlor by the Lady Superior and the Rev. Eustace Maguire, chaplain of the community—the reception being further enhanced by the presence of the Vicar-General, Mgr. Legare, Mgr. Marquis and the Abbe Gagnon, of the Archeveche, the Redemptorist Fathers, Rev. Cures Plamondon, of St. John's Church, and Dugal, of St. Basile de Madawaska, and the Abbes Rheaume, Mathieu, L. A. Paquet, Roy, Bernier, Paradis, Genest, Bouffard and other clergy from the Seminary. We also noticed Mr. Ernest Gagnon, Secretary of Public Works Department, Dr. L. LaRue, Mr. T. Caiphais, Editor of *Le Courrier du Canada* and others. After shaking hands with those present, the distinguished visitor was then conducted to the reception hall, which was superbly decorated with festoons and inscriptions of welcome and enlivened by the presence of the pupils in costume and grouped in a charming body that presented a most striking and graceful *coup d'œil*. At the same time, a splendidly trained choir delighted the ear with the delicious rendering of a cantata, with piano, harp and violin accompaniment. Of course this was not surprising, as the music at Bellevue is always delightful. This was followed by a pleasing incident in the shape of the presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor of a beautiful bouquet of flowers by one of the pupils, Miss Jeanne Langelier, while another, Miss Ida Gauthier repeated in admirable style a little *chef d'œuvre* in the form of an appropriate piece of poetry composed for the occasion and which deeply affected all present by its tender and delicate sympathy. After another musical interlude, there was a second presentation of flowers to His Honor by Miss Edith Maguire, after which two charming addresses of welcome to the representative of the Crown in French and English were read by Miss Lemoine and Miss Murphy respectively, to which His Honor returned one of his characteristically happy replies. As our space is limited we will but append the reply of His Honor:

To the Pupils of the Convent of Bellevue,—

LADIES,—"A door behind which children await us is a pleasant picture to contemplate."

Such was the thought which entered my mind as I ascended the steps of the Bellevue Convent. It was the prelude to the emotion which I now feel at the inspirating view of youth, innocence and virtue.

The silvery sounds of children's voices are pleasing to the ear, but they gladden the heart still more by the tone of sincerity which is peculiar to them.

I therefore find it difficult to subdue the feelings of pride with which your kind words inspire me. They thrill me like the songs of birds and delight me as do flowers.

But how is it that these figures of speech came to me unless it be because, on my entrance here from an outer world, I find myself as in an exotic Eden.

Dear children, in this garden you are the growing plants; here, under the vigilant care of those who cultivate the mind and heart, of those upon whom the mantle of zeal and self-sacrifice of the Reverend Sister Bourgeois has fallen, you are taught to love all that is good and beautiful.

We watch your progress in literature and in arts with the greatest interest and we fondly hope to see continued in you those fireside virtues and those social qualities which religion assigns to the Christian woman. Our generosity is free from anxiety for we know that we can bequeath to our descendants the qualities and virtues of your mothers perpetuated in yourselves.

I do not ignore the fact that this inheritance is charged with a certain duty. Blessed are the families which are called upon to pay such a tithe, to offer such a contribution, by and through which is reviewed the work of the Reverend Sister Bourgeois a work as beneficial to the country as it is pleasing to God, a perpetual succession of virtue crowned with ever renewed devotion.

Reverend Ladies, I publicly stated on another occasion, that, as teachers educating and bringing up our daughters, you have made your home a portion of ours. Notwithstanding its conciseness, this praise has been loudly re-echoed, so profound is the gratitude which our hearts feel for the signal services you render to society. To-day, in your presence, believe me that the respect due to your modesty scarcely restrains me from openly expressing my reverential regard for a career so meritorious as yours.

I thank you for the loyalty which you and your pupils, in your own manner, profess, in praying that Divine Providence will enlighten those who govern and bless those who are governed.

A. R. ANGERS.

This 6th April, 1888.

The whole programme of the reception was interspersed with music and song. The solos by Miss de Zeng, Miss N. Chateauvert, Miss V. Laberge, and Miss B. Kirouck were very sweetly sung, while the performances of Miss de Zeng and Miss Emma Marr, and of Miss M. Labrecque and Miss P. Murphy on the harp were most creditable. In fact every one was charmed with the entertainment and none more so than our sympathetic Lieut.-Governor who brought his visit to a close with a thorough inspection of the whole institution, which, it is needless to say, was found in admirable order, the distinguished visitor and all others present being especially charmed with the cleanliness and neatness everywhere prevailing, the elegance and beauty of the chapel, and the wholesomeness of the lightsome and well ventilated class rooms and dormitories. In fact, no one can visit Bellevue and not be impressed with the scrupulous attention that has been paid to all that can conduce to the best hygienic conditions, and the health and comfort of the pupils. About four o'clock, His Honor took leave of the good ladies of Bellevue and their devoted Chaplain, who are to be warmly congratulated on the brilliant success of the reception.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Austin Lavell.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mr. Austin Lavell, of the Township of Hagerty, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. The sad event took place on the 26th March last. He had been ailing for two years and bore it with great Christian fortitude. He received the last rites of the Church, and his death was most edifying. About thirty five years ago he left Ireland and was a few years in Scotland before he came to Canada. He lived a few years at Packenham in the County of Lanark, before he moved to the Township of Hagerty. The deceased gentleman was a near relative of the late Rev. Father Lavell, parish priest of Cong, County Mayo, Ireland, and was a real type of a whole-souled, innocent Irishman. He was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. His long residence of twenty five years in the above named township has so much endeared him to the people, that his death has cast a gloom over the entire community. He leaves a widow and a most exemplary family of four sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. Wm. Anderson.

It is with great regret we announce this week the demise of one of Westminster's oldest and most highly esteemed settlers, Mr. William Anderson. He had attained his 81st year. He was but a young man when he first settled in the locality named above, and was a sharer in all the trials and hardship of the stalwart early settlers in Westminster township. He was a brother of the late Dr. Anderson. He was a noble specimen of the fervent and steadfast Scotchmen who preserved the ancient faith, despite all manner of obstacles and persecution. On the 14th instant he breathed his last at his residence in London. He was accorded the privilege of receiving all the rites of holy church before his soul went to meet its maker. His death, like his life, was truly edifying. On the 17th the funeral took place from his late residence to St.-Peter's Cathedral, where solemn requiem mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul by Rev. M. J. Tiernan. The rev. gentleman preached a touching sermon on death. We offer the relatives of deceased our most heartfelt condolence. May his soul rest in peace.

Mrs. George Golden.

In Detroit, on the 8th instant, death removed from a loving husband and family Mrs. Golden, wife of Mr. George Golden, in the 32nd year of her age. The deceased lady was a most fervent Catholic, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a sister of Miss Kate McKnight, a lady who is known to many residents of London. We offer her husband and other relatives our heartfelt condolence, and hope God will have mercy on her soul.

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Colorado Catholic.

The complaint is made that the standard of moral requirements is not so severe and exacting for men as for women. There is much truth in this, but for this undesirable state of things, women have themselves in a great measure to blame. If virtue, instead of cash, was strictly considered by many a match-making matron, young men would learn that a so-called social distinction, or a big bank account, will not excuse the want of purity. The moral code of the ten commandments is not less binding upon men than upon women; a pure life is the obligation of all, without distinction of sex, but to fulfill this duty the life of man and woman must be that of the practical Christian. It certainly must not be a life of which the sole aim is pleasure, and the acquisition of the means to gratify the passions.

Ave Maria.

Mr. W. T. Stead, the editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, is well known for his efforts in the cause of social purity. Lecturing on this subject recently at Edinburgh, he let fall some remarks which, we think, must have surprised many of his hearers. "He himself," he said, "was a Protestant, and he presumed most of those present were Protestants; but there was no blinking the fact that if they took a Protestant family and a Catholic family, and put them in a London slum, they would find that three or four years afterward half of the Protestant family had gone to the bad, while every member of the Catholic family had retained his or her virtue." What a tribute this is! It makes one proud to be a Catholic. *Non soli innocentes* has always been the church's best appeal. Mr. Stead goes on to say that it is the same with Catholics in Ireland; no matter what their circumstances are, they are virtuous. On this point, and perhaps this point only, does the testimony of Protestant travelers agree. "He had," Mr. Stead said, "been astonished to see in Ireland people living in miserable hovels, who, whatever else they might be, were most virtuous. This he attributed to the teaching by the priests, in the confessional and in the family, of the duties of parents to children, and parents towards one another. The result was a moral miracle, at which they, as Protestants, Presbyterians, or whatever they might be, had no reason to bow their heads in shame."

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