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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

A Promising Movement—Countess Explains.

The Countess of Denbigh presided, on Monday afternoon, at a meeting of the recently formed Birmingham branch of the Catholic Women's League, held at Bishop's House, Bath street, Birmingham. Those present included Miss Streeter (general secretary of the league), Mrs. Arkwright (hon. treasurer of the Central Union), Mrs. Arnold Parris, Mrs. Hopwood, and Mrs. G. Feeny (hon. secretary, pro tem. of the Birmingham branch).

The Countess of Denbigh explained the nature of some of the work done by the league, to which she had belonged for many years. Its great object, she pointed out, was organization and co-operation. Hitherto there had been no Catholic union which was in a position to count among its members, women who were either experts or willing to work with experts on practical lines primarily for the general good and incidentally for particular objects, but always as a part of a great whole. The league in no way sought to clash with or overlap any existing charitable, social, or educational work, but sought only to prevent waste of energy and secure co-operation on practical lines. An address on the aims and objects of the league was given by Miss Streeter (general secretary). She explained that each branch did the kind of work which the Bishop of the diocese might ask the members to undertake, or which was authorized, whether it was the holding of mothers' meetings, conducting schools for mothers, girls' clubs, servants' registries, libraries or other social work. Lectures and debates were held, though some people might object to debates as tending to put women unduly forward. She agreed that home duties should come first, but she urged that when it became a positive duty for a Catholic woman to speak she ought to be able to speak, as well as her non-Catholic sisters argued. The Catholic Women's League was non-political; nothing on earth would ever make it political, nothing would ever make it demand the vote for women, and nothing would ever make it go against the vote. As long as it remained the Catholic Women's League it would be absolutely neutral upon a matter on which its own members were not agreed.

The Countess of Denbigh was unanimously elected president of the Birmingham branch of the league, and the under-mentioned ladies were appointed the Executive Committee: The Countess of Denbigh, Mrs. Arnold Parris, Miss Bacchus, Miss Maude Barker, Mrs. Hopwood, Mrs. Mackey, Madame David, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. John Hardman, Mrs. H. David Jr., Miss Earp, Mrs. Wynn, and Mrs. Gerard Feeny.

Mrs. Hopwood, (president of Catholic Girls' Society) gave an account of the work of that society in Birmingham, and welcomed the formation of the league as coming at a moment when it was required to supplement by organization the excellent work already being done in various directions in Birmingham by Catholic women.

COMMENTS FROM LONDON TRUTH

We take the following extracts from last week's Truth:—

The ultra-Protestant party at Liverpool must be looking upon Mr. Commissioner Ashton as a Daniel come to judgment. The Royal Commission was appointed in response to their outcry for an inquiry into the conduct of the police in connection with the sectarian disturbances, and into the cause of the disturbances, and now those who caused the trouble and that the charges against them have been proved, they are looking upon Mr. Ashton as a Daniel come to judgment. The ultra-Protestant party at Liverpool must be looking upon Mr. Commissioner Ashton as a Daniel come to judgment. The Royal Commission was appointed in response to their outcry for an inquiry into the conduct of the police in connection with the sectarian disturbances, and into the cause of the disturbances, and now those who caused the trouble and that the charges against them have been proved, they are looking upon Mr. Ashton as a Daniel come to judgment.

sible, owing to the manner in which he has in the past conducted his propaganda against Roman Catholicism. This will strengthen the hands of the authorities in dealing with Wise in the future, if that scoundrel has not yet learned wisdom.

WEDDING BELLS.

In the Cathedral at 9 o'clock, on Wednesday morning, April 27th, Miss Annie Gertrude Beamish, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beamish, was united in marriage to Leo McLaughlin, of the west side. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Meahan. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Beamish. The groom was supported by John McIntyre. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin will reside on the West side.

The Church of the Assumption, West Side, was the scene of an interesting wedding on Monday morning, when Rev. J. J. O'Donovan united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Bertha Phillips of West St. John, to Mr. Daniel J. Gillespie of Boston. The bride looked charming in a dress of cream wool taffeta with cream hat trimmed with large osprey and pale pink moss roses, and carried a white prayer book. She was attended by Miss Mary Campbell, who wore a dress of mauve silk, with large cream picture hat. The groom was supported by Mr. James Campbell. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial cheque, to the bridesmaid a monogram bracelet, and a pearl stickpin to the bridesmaid. A wedding supper was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. John Campbell, after which the happy couple left for their future home in Montreal. The bride's going away dress is grey with large black hat. The many presents received show the high esteem in which both bride and groom are held.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

Moncton, N. B., May 3.—At the May sitting of the circuit court in Dorchester this afternoon, Judge Barry presiding, there was an entire absence of a criminal docket. He was presented with a pair of white gloves by Sheriff Willett.

This being His Honor's first visit to the Westmorland court, A. B. Copp, on behalf of the barristers, delivered a brief address of welcome and congratulation on behalf of the land bar.

Judge Barry replied to the remarks of the sheriff and the court was adjourned to tomorrow for the trial of the non-jury case of Len Wood Working Co. vs. E. A. Wallberg, who built the new L. C. R. Co. building at St. John, and of Moncton for the League of M. G. Teed and E. A. Wallberg. The plaintiff is the defendant supplied Wallberg.

PROMOTION

Mr. F. B. Francis, manager of the St. John branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed inspector for the bank in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, with headquarters at Winnipeg. He will be succeeded in St. John by Mr. C. W. Hallamore, now stationed at Kamloops, B. C. While the many friends Mr. Francis has made during the several years of his residence in St. John will be glad to hear of his promotion, evidencing as it does the regard in which he is held by the management, they will be sorry that he is about to leave the city. Both as a successful bank manager and a citizen Mr. Francis has been deservedly popular. He leaves St. John about the middle of May.

ELEGANT PICTURES.

C. W. Kelly, photographer, Sydney, took, and is now for sale, very realistic and elegant pictures of his Lordship, Bishop Cameron, as he laid in state at the Cathedral, from the 16th of April to the 19th. The decorations are very well reproduced in the photograph.

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MGR. SBARETTI.

Presents the Decrees of the Plenary Council.

Rome, April 28.—Archbishop Sbaretti Delegate Apostolic to Canada, was received in private audience by the Sovereign Pontiff today.

His Excellency presented the decrees of the First Plenary Council of Quebec.

CHATHAM, N. B.

Peter McDonald, formerly favorably and widely known as clerk of the Touraine Hotel and, previous to that, of the Adams House, took charge of the Riverview Hotel yesterday according to the terms of his lease with the McCarthy estate. A number of improvements will be made in the Riverview, including the erection of a new and roomy barn for the accommodation of the horses of guests from out of town. A quantity of new furniture will be secured, many of the rooms will be papered and painted and the house will be renovated in order that it may be as homelike and comfortable as possible, says the Commercial.

DIED IN LEWISTON, MAINE.

The Catholic Opinion, of April 29th, announces the death of Mrs. Mary Roche, who was the first Irish woman settler of the district.

The St. John Exhibition Association has issued the Prize List for the approaching Dominion Exhibition, which will unquestionably be the grandest event of its kind yet held in the East of Canada. This list of monies to be awarded in the Agricultural, Stock Breeding, Horticultural, Industrial, Dairying, Home Work, etc. etc., is complete and highly interesting. As before stated, the awards are generously increased from 50 per cent. to 125 per cent. over former appropriations. These lists can be had of the Exhibition Association for the asking if the sender is really interested. There are not enough of the lists to go around among those who are merely curious and do not intend exhibiting.

Mayor was occupied his office at City Hall for the first time, on Wednesday. He will observe the same office hours which ex-Mayor Bullock made famous.