

spending three years here in our midst in the faithful discharge of his every duty he was called upon to take charge of the missions of Priceville, Glenora and Melancthon, then comprising, in part, no less than eight townships. So well did he labor in this extensive field that the late Bishop Carby called him to assume charge of Mount Forest in Jan. 1891. Here he remained until October, 1892, when he was sent to take charge of the newly-formed parish of Dun dalk, Melancthon and P. J. O'Neil, where he remained in the faithful discharge of his duties until the time of his death. When, like the Good Shepherd, he gave his life for his flock. Besides being mourned by his people, his death is also lamented by a sister, Mrs. M. Sherry, of Arthur Tp.; his brother, Wm. H., of Buffalo; both of whom were with him at the time of his death. His cousins, Mother Mary Alphonse, of Owen Sound; Sister Gertrude; Mrs. Haley and Mrs. Michael L. Arland of Hamilton were also in attendance at the funeral. The funeral in Mount Forest was attended by the large number who turned out to meet the funeral procession at Conn and accompanied it to the cemetery during his residence in our midst the rev. gentleman made many strong friends among our business men and citizens of all denominations. By his integrity and good citizenship. General sympathy is expressed for his relatives and flock in their loss. *Requiescat in pace.*

### Branch 26 C. M. B. A. of Canada.

#### Address and Presentation to the New Judge.

MR CURRAN'S REPLY—HE WILL ENTER ON HIS DUTIES IN A FEW DAYS—BISHOP EMARD, REV FATHERS M. CALLAGHAN, MARRE AND O'MEARA ALSO DELIVERED ADDRESSES IN PRAISE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Glenora Hall, the place of meeting of Branch 26 of the C. M. B. A., was filled to overflowing on Monday evening, Oct. 23, the occasion being the annual open meeting of the Branch. The gathering was large and representative. One hundred extra chairs had been provided for the occasion but they did not suffice to accommodate all who attended. Standing room only was in effect shortly after the doors were thrown open, not alone was the hall filled but also were the ante room and passage ways.

President A. D. McGillis presided and made a most happy address of welcome, in course of which he gave a brief resume of the affairs of the Branch and Association and alluded in fitting terms to the presence of His Lordship Bishop Emard who had specially come from Valleyfield to attend this meeting. Mr. McGillis also referred to the recent honor conferred upon Bro. Curran.

Hon. J. J. Curran, His Lordship Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, Rev. Father Marre, Notre Dame, Rev. Father M. Callaghan, St. Patrick's, Rev. J. O'Meara, St. Gabriels, Dr. G. H. Merrill, Chancellors T. J. Finn, P. Reynolds, Joseph E. Morru, J. H. Feeley, A. H. Spedding, C. A. Poltvin, C. Dandelin, Patrick Doyle, D. J. McGillis, M. Murphy, M. A. Campeau, and others were seated on the platform. After the President's address Bro. F. N. Payette Vice-President of Branch 26 gave a well rendered piano solo, which was followed by songs from Bro. Wm. Palmer and Mr. Cahill and musical selections by Professor Lachance's Orchestra.

At this stage of the meeting a most interesting event took place. President McGillis again alluded to Bro. Curran's appointment as a judge of the Superior Court. The Branch was indebted to Bro. Curran for many favors and services; and they had decided to take advantage of this meeting to formally congratulate him and also tender him a token of their warmest esteem and best wishes; he then called on the Secretary Bro. Costigan to read the address which had been prepared.

The address reads as follows:—

To the Hon. J. J. Curran, LL. D., on the occasion of his elevation to the bench of the Superior court of the Province of Quebec.

Hon. Judge and Brother. The officers and members of Branch 26, C. M. B. A., desire to express their pleasure and satisfaction in learning that in your person a distinguished member of the association has been honored in being raised to the important position of Judge of the Superior Court.

Almost since the inception of this branch you have been actively associated with us, and each one feels that he participates in the honor which the Federal Government has seen fit to confer upon you.

As a slight token of the esteem and the respect in which you have ever been held by the officers and members of Branch 26, C. M. B. A., we beg on this occasion that you accept the portrait of yourself which we now present, and which we trust will long hang upon the walls of your happy home as a reminder of the brotherly spirit in which it has been offered to you.

We also trust and pray that in years to come Divine Providence may grant you health and strength to perform the duties of the exalted office to which you have been raised, and that to you may apply the words of Ireland's poet:

When you have knelt in the temple of duty,  
Whispering honor and valor and beauty,  
When like a brave man in fearless resistance  
You have fought the good fight on the field of existence.

When at home you have won in the conflict of labor

With truth for your armor and thought for a sabre—

Be that home a calm home where your old age may rally

And where peace shall attend as you walk down life's valley.

In closing, we beg to express the hope that in the future, as in the past, the officers and members of Branch 26, C. M. B. A., may enjoy the benefits of your advice and the pleasure of your presence and the aid of your active co-operation.

Subscribed to on behalf of the branch by the president, secretary, and other officers of the branch.

The portrait, which accompanied the above, is a splendid likeness of the judge, finely executed in oil colors, 18 by 21 in size. It is a bust and presents his face in profile.

Hon. Judge Curran on rising to reply was the recipient of a most enthusiastic and prolonged ovation.

#### THIS JUDGE MAKES REPLY.

Mr. Justice Curran, in responding, said that the address that had just been presented to him made him feel that in leaving public life he was quitting something after all in which there was a great deal of pleasure. It was with more than ordinary pleasure that he received such presentation at their hands, because he found himself surrounded not merely by the brethren of that association, of which he was a member, but the occasion which had brought them together was honored by His Lordship Bishop Emard, who had travelled from his home to be present with them, not merely in honor of the occasion in which he was particularly interested, but to show them the deep, abiding sympathy he felt for the Association to which he belonged, and in which he had always taken such an intense interest. They had also another gratification in the presence of representative clergymen of the different parishes of the city of Montreal, all joining together to give eclat to their little ceremony, and to testify how earnestly they wished for the progress and prosperity of the Association.

Judge Curran then spoke at considerable length of

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with which he had so long been associated, its early struggles and final triumphs, and showed the Association to be one worthy of the esteem and confidence of the entire Catholic community. He spoke of the many Bishops and priests throughout the Dominion who have shown their interest and parental affection for and confidence in the Association by joining its ranks. He dwelt upon the standing of the As-

sociation on its showing in the Blue Books of the Dominion which it had proved to be one and the leading, and best managed Association of its kind. He also paid a tribute to the efforts and faithful, efficient services rendered by the Grand Officers of the Association and then alluding again to the address said that they had said some beautiful things about himself, for which he thanked them from the very bottom of his heart. He was now about to enter within a very few days on the arduous duties of his new sphere. No one more than himself felt the responsibility which would weigh upon his shoulders. Certainly, for his own sake, and for the sake of those who had confidence in him, of those who entrusted him with those duties, and for every reason that could actuate a good citizen, all that he could say was that it would be his endeavor to justify the good wishes and promises made on his behalf in the discharge of his duties to the best of his ability, and in the most conscientious manner. Loud applause.

He concluded by saying that he would never cease to take the deepest interest in the Association, which he conceived to be one of the best and noblest organizations in our country.

#### BISHOP EMARD SPEAKS

The president then called upon his Lordship Bishop Emard, who on rising was the recipient of a most enthusiastic reception, the applause lasting for some time, which showed the warm affection in which His Lordship is held by his lay Brothers of branch 26. His Lordship pleasantly remarked that he had been invited to attend the meeting, but the invitation had not mentioned that he was to speak. He was only too pleased to be present on such an occasion to join with them in the tribute of brotherly love and honor offered to his Honor Justice Curran. Speaking of the association it had done a great deal of good and would continue to be an influence for good.

His Lordship said he was proud to proclaim himself a member of the Association and especially a member of branch 26. When he was a resident of Montreal he never tired attending the meetings of the Branch as they always proved a source of pleasure and profit to all concerned. He only regretted that he could not now attend the meetings as regularly but the Branch could always rely upon his affection and at all times depend upon his co-operation in its efforts to promote the good work of advancement.

The Association was one of which they had occasion to be proud and one which every Catholic in the community should seek connection with. Before resuming his seat Bishop Emard complimented the Branch on the success of the meeting, which he said exceeded his anticipations.

Father Martin Callaghan of St. Patrick's, Spiritual Adviser of the Branch, on being called upon, said he was in full sympathy with the purposes of that entertainment. He thought they could do better than give public testimony of their appreciation of the honor conferred upon one of their members being elevated to the judgeship of the Superior Court. He was delighted to see the Church of Canada represented in the hall by the distinguished Bishop of Valleyfield. In holding such meetings the Branch had also another and great object, namely, the extension of its usefulness. The members of the Branch could always rely on his co-operation and assistance in all things that would tend to that

end. Father Callaghan's address was a most eloquent effort and was most heartily and deservedly appreciated.

Rev. Father Marre, P. S. S., of Notre Dame, who spoke in French, paid a high compliment to the Association and its work, and congratulated the Branch upon the great attendance and upon the great number of young men which they had drawn to.

Chancellor Finn spoke briefly of the history of the Association and gave the amounts which had been paid out in Beneficiaries since the Association began its work and also the amounts received by Montreal in Beneficiaries. Brother the Rev. Father O'Meara, pastor of St. Gabriel's, also made a brief address after which the musical programme was proceeded, and consisted of songs from Mr. J. J. Rowan, Mr. J. Cahill, Bro. Palmer; recitation, Bro. W. P. Doyle; piano selections, Mr. John I. McCaffrey; violin solo, Master Shea; mandolin quartette, Prof. Lachance's orchestra.

During the evening a telegram was read from Grand Secretary Brown, congratulating the branch and Judge Curran, and also intimating that he had forwarded that evening a check for \$2,000 for the family of a late deceased member.

Letters of regret for non attendance were received from Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand Vice-president, who, owing to the opening of the Quebec Legislature, could not attend, Mr. Thos. J. O'Neil and others.

Brother Costigan on behalf of the Committee made a short address of thanks to all who had assisted, and after the singing of the "Marseillaise," "Auld Lang Syne," and other national airs, the gathering dispersed.

Refreshments and Cigars were served during the evening.

The success of the meeting is due to the untiring efforts of the following committee: Chancellor P. Reynolds, Chairman; Brothers A. D. McGillis, T. J. Finn, J. H. Feeley, M. Sharkey, J. L. Shortall, Joseph Gould, S. J. Callan, A. Brogan, N. P., D. J. McGillis, C. Coughlan, H. J. Ward, M. Eagan, T. J. Kavanagh, Jas. Milloy, L. E. Simoneau, John Walsh, B. Tansley and T. R. Stevens.

On the 17th of November a service for members of the C. M. B. A. will be held in St. Bridget's, his Grace the Archbishop of Montreal and the Bishop of Valleyfield will be present.

On November 10th there will be a service in St. Patrick's church, in honor of the Anniversary of Branch 26. The Branch will also celebrate the event socially by an At Home on or about the 25th November.

#### NEW BRANCH.

Branch No. 27 was organized on September 14, 1897, at Richibucto, N. B., by District Deputy D. L. N. Bourque. The following is the list of officers:

Spiritual Advisor, Rev. E. J. Bannan.  
President, Thos. J. Bourque.  
First Vice President, A. E. O'Leary.  
Second Vice Pres., B. E. Johnson.  
Rec. Sec., Edw. McInerney.  
Asst. Rec. Sec., Jean D. Daigle.  
Fin. Sec., Richard O'Leary.  
Treasurer, Aug. T. Leger.  
Marshal, Fred O'Brien.  
Guard, James S. Legooof.  
Trustees, B. J. Johnson, Joseph Allaire, George V. McInerney, Wm. J. O'Leary and Thos. C. Burns.