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Board meets third Friday of each month, at 1863 Notre Dame Street, 8 p. m.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

The visit of the Hon. John T. Keating, National President of the A.O.H., to this city on Sunday evening last was anything but satisfactory to the rank and file of the membership here. It was expected that when the head of the Order would visit this city he would at least remain for one day; more unsatisfactory was it, because some three or four hundred members of the Order were watching at the several depots, the arrival of the New York train, on Friday and Saturday evenings. It was only at 12 o'clock on Sunday that a telegram was received to the effect that Mr. Keating would arrive at half-past six that afternoon. Despite the short notice, the County President, succeeded in communicating with many of the members of the County Directory. When the train arrived at the Place Viger Station, about two hundred members were present, including County President Rawley, County Vice-President Fitzpatrick, County Secretary McIver, County Treasurer Kearns, and the following members of the County Board:

Birmingham and Scullion of Division No. 1, Lynch and Halpin of Division No. 2, Kearns, Traynor, and McKean, Division No. 4, Phelan, Wickey, and McNichol, Division No. 5, Lane, Turner and O'Neill, Division No. 6, Tansley and Whelan, Division No. 7, Lavelle, Fitzpatrick, and McCamley, Division No. 8, Hummel, Stanton, Doyle and Clarke, Division No. 9, Lieutenants McCracken and Doyle of the Knights; Mrs. Alan and Miss Howlett, of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Two addresses of welcome were read to the distinguished visitor, one from the County Board by Mr. Rawley, and the other from the Ladies' Auxiliary, by Miss Howlett, County President.

Mr. Keating in rising to reply received an enthusiastic greeting. He delivered a most patriotic address, during the course of which he referred to the great strides of progress which the Order has made on this continent. He counselled Irishmen to be united, to work hand in hand to arrive at advance the cause they have so much at heart. He referred to the Irish Parliamentary party and the prospects for unity in its ranks and expressed the earnest hope that the day would not long be delayed, when Irishmen the world over, would behold Ireland's representatives united and working as one man.

The orchestra of Place Viger Hotel, which was in attendance, at the close of Mr. Keating's remarks, rendered a programme of Irish national airs. The local officer and members of the Order and their guests then proceeded to one of the large dining rooms in the hotel, where supper was served. After full justice had been done to the repast several patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to by the leading members of the executive of this district. Mr. Keating left for Chicago shortly afterwards. The National President was delighted with the reception he received.

THE BANNER BRANCH.—A very large meeting of Branch 26, C.M.H.A., Grand Council of Canada, was held at their hall, 92 St. Alexander street, Monday, Sept. 11th, at which Grand Deputy G. A. Carpenter, was present. A number of members were initiated and a number of applications for membership received. Members will please attend Holy Communion in a body Sunday, September 24th, at 8 o'clock, St. Patrick's Church.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY.—At the regular meeting of Branch 26, C.M.H.A., Grand Council of Canada, held Monday, 11th inst., the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God, to remove from our midst by death, our esteemed and late respected fellow member, brother William Selby.

Resolved, that the earnest sympathy of the Branch be tendered to the widow of our deceased brother, in the great loss which she has sustained.

Resolved, that an offering of masses be given for the happy repose of the soul of the deceased.

Resolved, that the charter of this Branch be draped in mourning for our deceased brother for the space of one month, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of deceased, also to the "True Witness," and "Catholic Record."

ST. ANN'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY

—One by one the older members of this grand old organization are passing away to their reward; members who stood in the breach on many occasions and bravely fought against the demon of intemperance. At the last regular meeting resolutions of

condolence were passed with the families of two members, William Cullen and P. Marshall, who were earnest workers in the Society for many years.

FOR THE SAILORS.—A musical entertainment of a high order is now in the course of preparation in aid of the Catholic Sailors' Club, by the members of St. Gabriel's Choir, under the direction of Miss M. O'Rourke and Mr. J. S. Shea, assisted by the best talent in the city. The entertainment will take place on Friday, 22nd inst., at Sarsfield Hall, Centre street.

Rev. Father O'Meara, P.P., who will preside bespeaks for the entertainment the hearty co-operation of all with a view of making it the most successful one held this season.

LUDWIG COMING.—A large attended meeting of the banner division of the A. O. H. was held Wednesday evening, President Hugh Mc Morrow presiding. Some new members were initiated. A communication was read from Wm. O'Brien, in connection with a matter of interest to our people, and the secretary was instructed to answer it. The annual entertainment this year, on the 23rd of November, commemorating the anniversary of the Manchester Martyrs, will surpass all previous efforts of this kind. It is expected that Mr. Wm. Ludwig, the great Irish baritone will delight a Montreal audience, on the occasion. Mr. Ludwig is without doubt one of the foremost interpreters of Irish song. His interpretation of "O'Donnell Aho," "Croppie Boy," and "The Wearing of the Green," has thrilled the hearts of thousands of Erin's scattered children, and has made his name famous.

C. O. F.—The regular meeting of Father Dowd Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, on Wednesday evening, was well attended. Two new members were initiated. This progressive branch of Catholic Forestry is increasing its membership roll monthly. Chief Ranger Michael O'Toole presided. A large amount of important business was transacted. The Court is very prosperous.

DIVISION NO. 6. held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening. Every seat in the hall was occupied. President J. B. Lane presided. Five new members were initiated. The report of the recent excursion to Cornwall was presented, and showed the affair to be very successful. The North End "hustlers" are to be congratulated on the manner in which the excursion was conducted. The progress which this division is making may be estimated from the fact that there are some sixty-two candidates awaiting initiation. Will the members of the other divisions take note of this?

BRANCH NO. 9. C. M. B. A. — One of the largest meetings of Branch No. 9, C.M.B.A., Grand Council of Quebec, held for some time, was that of Wednesday evening in the hall of St. Mary's Catholic Young Men's Society. President Henry Butler presided. Almost every member of the Branch was present, and a pleasant feature of the meeting was a visit from Chancellor John Lappin and President O'Rourke, of No. 1 Branch, and President Mace of No. 10.

The insurance on the life of the late Brother James Shaw, amounting to two thousand dollars, was paid some time ago and a letter of thanks to the members for their promptness in the matter was sent from Mrs. Shaw. Various matters of interest to the members in the district were discussed. Several congratulatory addresses were delivered by the visitors, and members of the Branch.

DIVISION NO. 9. held its regular meeting in the York Chambers, St. Catherine Street, on Wednesday evening. President H. J. Hummel in the chair. Seven new members were initiated and several applications received. Business of importance was discussed, and County President Rawley paid the "baby" a visit, and addressed a few words of encouragement to the members.

THE HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS are the proud possessors of a new and well-furnished place of meeting. One of the "boys" suggested that the new quarters should be called "The Hibernian Armory." The Knights were very much disappointed that, owing to the short stay which the National President made in Montreal, they were unable to participate in uniform at the hastily arranged reception which was tendered to him by the County Board.

N. I. L. and B. A.—An adjourned meeting of this organization was held on Wednesday evening to further consider an important proposition, the details of which I had previously hoped to have had the pleasure of publishing in this issue. As some of the details require a few finishing touches I am obliged to defer publication until next week. A committee is at work, however, and there is no doubt of the success of the undertaking. The boys are also busily engaged making preparations for the celebration of the "Silver Jubilee" of the foundation of the Association which will be held in November next.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.—A division of the Ladies' Auxiliary was organized on Wednesday evening in the "North End," St. Jean Baptiste Parish. The ceremony took place at the home of the Provincial President, Mrs. Sarah Allen. Miss Lizzie Howlett, County President, and many members from Division No. 1 were present. After the new division was organized there was singing and music. Miss M. Allen invited all to the dining-room where that estimable young member had prepared a nice lunch. The officers of the new branch are as follows:

President, Miss Mary Brown; Vice-President, Miss Mary Tierney; Rec-

Secretary, Miss Mary Byrne; Fin. Secretary, Miss Lillie McKewen; Treasurer, Miss Mary Larkin; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miss Maggie Mahoney.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. AND B. SOCIETY.—The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society was held in St. Patrick's Hall, 92 St. Alexander street, after Vespers Sunday, September 10th. Mr. John Walsh, first Vice-President presided. There was an unusual large attendance of the members present, and quite a large amount of important business was transacted. Three new members were admitted to the Benefit Branch of the Society. Arrangements were made for the members to receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock Mass on the last Sunday in this month. It was brought to the notice of the members that the anniversary of Father Matthew would occur on the 10th of October next. Quite an animated discussion took place on the matter as well as the celebrating of the Diamond Jubilee of the Society, which occurs in the month of February, 1900. After some discussion it was finally moved, seconded and carried unanimously, that, in view of the fact that the ladies of the parish would be holding a bazaar in October, for the Catholic High School, that the Society would forego its usual entertainment on that account, and that the members would direct their attention, to making the Diamond Jubilee of the Society an affair well worthy of the occasion.

Resolutions of condolence were also passed to the families of deceased members: Messrs. Thomas Quinn and W. Selby, and also to Mr. Percy Quinn, a member of the Society, whose mother died during the course of last week.

Mr. Thomas Delaney was elected a member of the Committee of Management. We trust that the good attendance of members shown at the meeting on Sunday will continue, now that the holiday season is over. Everything possible will be done to make the meetings attractive to the members. The members should feel proud of this society, which is the oldest in America, and we trust that all followers of the good cause, whether members or non-members, will join hand in hand to make the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of this pioneer Society one never to be forgotten.

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NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Friday morning the feast of the Nativity, witnessed the final solemn vows of three young men as Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Mr. William Kelly, a native of Orangeville, Ont., was one of the aspirants, and his mother and brothers had the happiness of being present.

About three hundred persons went from Hull on a pilgrimage to Rigaud, Que., on Thursday of last week.

His Grace the Archbishop made his annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Montreal road, last week. And on Sunday morning a pilgrimage to the same hallowed precinct was made by the Capuchin Friars and Brothers.

On Tuesday of last week, the branch of the Catholic Order of Foresters had a picnic at Fallow Field, in aid of the church funds. The receipts were considerable and the cash was placed in the hands of the reverend pastor, Father Sloan. The latter was disobliging enough not to place it in the safe in his house, and thereby disappointed some gentry who had staked a neighbor's horse and vehicle to carry away the plunder, and then visited the presbytery and blew open the safe where the money was not!

Rev. Father Labelle, P.P., of Aylmer, was at Rigaud, on Sunday of last week.

The choir of St. Paul's Church, Aylmer, Que., had their first practice last week, under the direction of their new choir-master, M. J. C. Bonner, formerly of St. Patrick's.

The annual Mass on the re-opening of the parish schools was celebrated at nine o'clock on the Feast of the Nativity, in St. Patrick's Church.

The monthly meeting of St. Patrick's Temperance Society was held on Sunday. Additional interest was given by the reading of carefully prepared papers by Messrs. Saunders and McGilvray. Rev. Dr. McNally moved a vote of thanks, which was carried unanimously.

Rev. Father Duffy, O.M.I., for many years attached to the University has been removed to Buffalo, N. Y.

Preparations are in progress for the due celebration of the Episcopal silver jubilee of His Grace the Archbishop. The clergy, during the recent annual retreat formulated a programme in so far as they are concerned. A meeting of the laity has been called to arrange for their part in the celebration.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered in St. Patrick's on Wednesday, 20th inst.

DEATH OF DR. J. E. A. METHOT

From our own Correspondent.

I speak from actual knowledge when—with your kind permission—I say that a great loss has recently come upon the city and district of Three Rivers, by the untimely demise—while yet in the prime of his manhood—of Doctor Joseph Edouard Alphonse Methot, which occurred there on the 4th of the current month. Yes, a loss, to many families whose kind, attentive and skillful physician he was; and also to the Faculty of which he was a distinguish-

ed member. The deceased gentleman was a member of the Provincial Board of Health, and was born at Ste. Anne de la Perade, in April, 1853, son of the late Mr. J. O. Methot, at one time Inspector of Public Works, in the Province of Quebec. He married Miss Marie Gagnon, daughter of the late Mr. Nazaire Gagnon, of Champlain, who, with their young family of three girls and two boys, survives him. He was cousin of the Hon. F. X. O. Methot, M. L.C., and Senator John J. Ross. After a brilliant course at Laval University, he proceeded to Burlington, Vt., where he practised his profession for some time, moving subsequently to St. Maurice, to St. Anne de la Perade, and finally to Three Rivers, where in a comparatively few years he established a very extensive practice, and also gained the esteem of all who came in contact with his courteous manner and kindly nature. This latter fact was fully exemplified by the immense concourse of mourners of all classes, creeds, and origin who attended his funeral on the 6th instant—one of the largest ever seen in the old city—by the numerous assurances of sympathy and condolence which came to his widow and children, and by the great number of memorial offerings of flowers and of spiritual bouquets of Masses and prayers, which came from his many friends at home and abroad. In this regard it is pleasing to be able to note as a fact that the spiritual offerings were so numerous, and thus had superseded in so many instances the pagan custom of flowers.

I thank you Mr. Editor, in anticipation for allowing me thus to give expression to my feelings towards one whom to know was to love, and this I had come to do during some years back when on occasional visits to friends in the city of Laval.

BRANNAGH.

MARY'S WOR.

September 17th.

Rare is the heart that in its utmost sorrow,

Finds not another heart to share its woe.

And presage rainbow colors for the morrow—

And God above is kind to hearts below.

Money, who is alone? The criminal dyes,

Though steeped in shameful crimes all through and through,

Will leave some heart that trusted, saye his love—

Some loving heart that, spite his sins, was true.

The mother from whose sight the cold grave closes,

Her son's fair eyes—on whose heart falls the

That strikes on him, and crushes her life's roses.

Has still her comfort, for she has her God.

But Mary, near the cross, was of all mothers,

Of all her race, in truth, the most alone.

Her grief her woe, was not the woe of others;

Nor like to others did she make her moan.

She stood, transfixedly, heart-pierced, tearless, gazing

Up through the twilight to the thorn-crowned head.

Whose sacred brow was scarred, whose eyes were glazing,

And saw her not, for He, her God, was dead.

What sorrow like to hers, I ask ye brothers?

What sorrow like to hers have our hearts known?

Our grief has sharers—half is borne by others.

But Mary bore her crushing woe alone!

—MAURICE FRANCIS EGAN.

THE STORY OF MR. COATES' CONVERSION.

In our last issue we referred briefly to the fact that Mr. Coates, son of the well known thread manufacturer, of Scotland, had joined the Church. The Scottish correspondent of the New Era, gives further particulars of the notable conversion. He says:

No "going over to Rome," within the past few years has caused such dismay among Scottish Protestants as the conversion of Mr. Stewart Coates. Although the matter was common knowledge to quite a number of Catholics for some time past, it was left to the secular press to make the fact public property. Had it been otherwise we should certainly have had the latter charging us with flaunting our triumph in their faces.

Mr. Coates, is the son of Mr. James Coates, of Auchendune, Ayrshire, and a grandson of the late Sir Peter Coates. He comes of a family world-renowned for its business acumen and capacity, and in Paisley and district deeply beloved for its unflinching charity. The convert, who is about thirty years of age, was born in the States, where he has succeeded his father as the American representative of the "greatest thread combination" that has ever existed. Most of his relatives are connected with the Baptist denomination, which they have befriended lavishly. But Mr. Stewart Coates was a member of the English Church in America, and the incidents leading up to his conversion are full of interest.

It has not been without much thought and deliberation that he has taken this serious step. It would appear that doubt arose in his mind as to the validity of Orders in the Church of England, and in his dilemma he sought the advice of his friend the Protestant Bishop of Montreal. That dignitary counselled him to write to a celebrated authority in the English Church for enlightenment on the doubtful points. This Mr.

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Coates did, and so the story goes, afterwards submitted the answer to the Rev. Sydney Smith, S.J., London, with whom followed a long correspondence. The outcome was that Mr. Coates informed his father that he had resolved to enter the Catholic Church. Mr. Coates' father replied asking him to defer his purpose until he had an opportunity of seeing him. At a meeting in London, Mr. Stewart expounded his reasons, and the father perceiving that it was no mere impulse of the moment, but purpose based on strong conviction, waived the objections he had raised. Father Sydney Smith had then the pleasure of receiving his correspondent into the One True Faith. For some months past Mr. Stewart Coates has been in residence at The Shelburne, Ayr, and in August, after some preparation from the Rev. Daniel Collins, M. R., St. Margaret's, received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Dr. Turner, Bishop of Galloway. It is said that the convert's stepmother is a Catholic.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC TONE.

Our literature, our history, our practical philosophy, what passes as "current thought," what is quoted as maxim and proverb—every language itself—have, through ages of prescriptive bigotry, become more or less impregnated with the anti-Catholic spirit.

It is a pity, upon the Catholic mind sometimes in its grosser and more flagrant forms, but it exists often in a subtle and hidden state, which the majority of us will not readily detect and which, sad to relate, some of us actually repeat.

Now what is the duty of a Catholic when he meets this intolerant spirit cropping out in authors, like "Romanist" or lurking around in sheets of dogmas, and priestly authority? Plainly to utter his decided disagreement, to meet the misrepresentation and produce right there and to have it out on that score before going any further. Stop the discussion just as if somebody had slapped you in the face, let the thread of the narrative be dropped, suspend the terms of the bargain right where you are and make your issue at once. It will not do to "let it go this time," or "wait until we are through." It must be done now, now! You cannot retain your self-respect if you keep silent; and if you speak out as you ought, you will have the genuine respect of the man whom you correct.

We must not be timid in such matters; the anti-Catholic spirit is so sublimated in our language and literature that our criticism may often seem carping and our disposition caustic. But harmony, friendship, appearances and propriety are always motives suggested by a cowardly and crafty disposition, and we must put them resolutely aside. There is no profitable timeserving; no wise discretion; no excuse for indecision. When the Catholic pupil hears his teacher use the expression "Romanist"—stop the repetition right there. I have a right to know who the word means. It is no breach of discipline for me to ask what it means. I am not to be put off with an indefinite postponement. Am I right in supposing that it is used to signify "Catholic"? Well, then, why not use the word Catholic, so that we may understand? Is not "Romanist" a vulgarism? Is not "Romanist" a vulgarism? Is not "Romanist" a vulgarism? Is not "Romanist" a vulgarism? Is not "Romanist" a vulgarism?

BEQUESTS TO THE CHURCH.

The whole estate of the late Mr. James Croty, of Melbourn, has now been realized, excepting 4,000 shares in the Mount Lyell Company and a small parcel of general mining shares. All debts and legacies, including \$50,000 to St. Patrick's Cathedral and \$16,000 to the testators of the parish church at Kew, and the probate duty, have been paid. On present values the Mount Lyell shares are worth \$185,000, and at the present rate of dividends the income on them is about \$90,000 per annum. Over and above this there is a sum of between \$100,000 available for investment, and this, together with the di-

vidend, brings the income of the estate up to about \$150,000 per annum. The sum of \$5,000 per annum will be absorbed in annuities under the terms of the will. Whatever amount is realized beyond the amount necessary to pay annuities goes to Archbishop Carr for church and charitable purposes, until the death of the last annuitant, when the residuary estate will be divided between the Little Sisters of the Poor at Northcote and St. Joseph's Home at Surrey Hills.—New Era.

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