

more especially when it being one of the objects of the C. M. B. A. to guard and advance the interests and claims of the members in the pursuits of life when such can be accomplished without unfairly discriminating against others.

It is our sincere hope that you may long be spared to your estimable wife and children and that your modest demeanor and faithful discharge of your official duties will in the future as in the past be appreciated and recognized by your employers.

Signed on behalf of Branch 189, C. M. B. A., Sydney, C. B.

The following is Bro Frazer's reply :-

To the officers and members of Branch 189, C. M. B. A., Sydney, C. B.

Dear Sirs and Brothers, There are occasions when words fall far short of being adequate to express the feelings of the heart and this is certainly such an occasion with me. Ever since I became a resident of this town six years ago, the good people of Sydney and more particularly the members of the C. M. B. A., have bestowed upon myself and family acts of very great kindness and now on the eve of my departure from your midst by your very acceptable presentation and in the choice words of my accompanying address, you have manifested yourselves true friends and sincere brothers in a manner the recollection of which shall never be effaced from my memory.

For your kind references to my wife and family on their behalf I thank you most sincerely and assure you they will always look back with pleasure on the years spent in Sydney, made so agreeable by the acquaintance of the members of the C. M. B. A., and their families.

Thanking you then most sincerely for your kind offices and your very handsome gift, I remain dear sir and brothers Yours fraternally, Simon Frazer.

Sydney, March 9, 1897.

ORGANIZATION OF BRANCH 279.

Saturday night, 28th of March last was the scene of a grand event at Lourdes, N. S., in the organization of a branch of the C. M. B. A. by the Rev. R. McDonald, of New Glasgow, Grand Deputy for Pictou county. After the candidates were initiated, the officers were installed and escorted to their different places. Addresses were made by the Grand Deputy, the Spiritual Adviser, Rev. W. B. McDonald, and several members from the neighboring branch, 218, New Glasgow. The Deputy was the first to take the floor, and in an eloquent discourse pointed out the aims and objects of the association, cautioning the branch against admitting unworthy members, and above all not to tolerate any wrangling, hair-splitting or fault finding in general and to be particular not to canvass for officers or any business in that direction outside the meetings, dwelling with great strength upon the all important fact of being Catholic first and Mutual Benevolent afterwards.

The Spiritual Adviser next addressed the meeting in his usual happy style,

following in the lead of the Deputy. He brought to notice the brotherly feeling that animated the members of the neighboring branch, and I hoped that this would be a stepping stone to bind the parishes still closer together, and show the significance of the Heaven-inspired conjunction, that, "We love one another"

Congratulations were then extended the new branch by the neighboring one, after which a vote of thanks was tendered Bro James Savage for the interest taken by him in the establishment of the branch at Lourdes. Three rousing cheers were then given in the open air, as the building might not stand the pressure the "Baby Branch" by the older one. We parted, hoping to yet spend some pleasant evenings in St Joseph Hall at Lourdes.

Correspondence.

Toronto, March 15, 1897.

To S. R. Brown, Editor CANADIAN:

Dear Sir and Brother—As a good means of increasing members in the different branches, I would suggest that the business committees of the branches work more diligently than they have been doing in the past. In some of the branches here they are seldom ever known to the members of their branch. Several of our brothers were obliged to leave this city and seek employment elsewhere, some of them being idle here for a long time. In soliciting candidates promises are made to the effect that every effort would be put forth to procure work for unemployed brothers.

Yours fraternally, RICHARD MURPHY, 591 Dufferin St., Branch 111.

THE SICOTTE APPEAL.

Fort William, Ont., April 20, 1897. S. R. Brown, London, Ont.

Dear S. R. and Brother.—Herewith enclosed find list of the branches which have so generously responded to our appeal on behalf of our afflicted brother, Ernest Scotte. We wish to extend to them, through your columns, our sincere thanks for their hearty assistance and good wishes.

Thanking you for publishing the accompanying list in THE CANADIAN. Fraternally yours, W. H. WHALEN, Fin. Sec. Br. 227.

Table listing various branches and their contributions to the Ernest Scotte appeal, including locations like Kintail, Somerset, Lethbridge, etc.

Table listing various branches and their contributions to the O'Dwyer appeal, including locations like Morrisburg, Portage du Fort, etc.

THE O'DWYER APPEAL.

Biddulph, May 3, 1897. S. R. Brown

Dear Sir and Brother—Enclosed find a few more numbers of branches that have subscribed to Brother O'Dwyer's appeal since last report:

Table showing amounts previously reported and new contributions for the O'Dwyer appeal, including Branch 64 Amherst, N.S., etc.

Yours truly, P. O'HARA, Rec. Sec. Branch 124, C. M. B. A.

THE LATE BROTHER DONNELLY

"Friend after friend departs Who hath not lost a friend"

Such was the sentiment of many Mount Forest citizens who learned on Saturday, the 20th March, that Michael Donnelly, for over twenty five years, C. P. R. station agent there, had died in the sixtieth year of his age.

The late Brother Donnelly had enjoyed fairly good health up to November last when in loading freight one day on to a car he fell off the platform. The accident resulted in Mr. Donnelly injuring his back and also gave rise to internal trouble. This confined him to the house until the day of the municipal elections when he came down town to cast his vote in the mayoralty contest. Many friends congratulated him on being able to be out and expressed the sincere hope that he would regain his wonted strength. This, however, was not to be, for Mr. Donnelly by some means contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia. La grippe and heart trouble were the more immediate causes of Mr. Donnelly's death, and after weeks of suffering, now getting better and then growing worse, the struggle, protracted as it was, had at last come to an end and the uncomplaining victim was borne away.

The late Michael Donnelly was fifty nine years and six months old. He was born in Ennis, County of Clare, Ireland, and came to Canada at the early age of sixteen years. His life was a busy one, and he was one of the most widely known railway men in

Ontario. Mr. Donnelly's first appointment was as station agent at Caledonia on the Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich road, or more commonly known as Buffalo and Lake Huron. This was an important station at that time, considerable training being done from Hamilton and other points. Here he remained for a number of years. The deceased on leaving Caledonia went to the United States but did not remain in that country long. Returning to Canada he was employed in Toronto in the permanent way department for some time. In the year 1871 he was appointed station agent at Burton, but remained there only five months. It was in December of the same year 1871, that the late Mr. Donnelly was appointed station agent at Mount Forest. Ever obliging, genial and accommodating was the late station master. He was attentive and punctual in the discharge of his duties; honest and conscientious in all his dealings; upright and respected in his walk through life. There was not a more generally liked official in any department of the C. P. R. service than Mr. Donnelly. His word was as good as his bond, his intercourse with all pleasant and profitable and after a quarter century of service in a public capacity, he enjoyed general respect and confidence. He never was remiss in his duty in any sphere in life.

The deceased was a charter member of Branch 111. He was also a member of the High School Board since June in the year 1870. He was chairman of the Board in 1895 and one of its most active and energetic members, being the representative appointed by the county council. He occupied the position of church trustee for a number of years and his walk and conversation were those of an upright Christian. He was an ornament to his religion, and in his death the church incurs the departure of one of her most prominent supporters.

Sane twenty eight years ago Mr. Donnelly was married to Mrs. Maria Fury, in the city of Hamilton. Seven daughters and two sons are left, along with the wife and mother to mourn the taking away of an affectionate father.

The funeral was largely attended, a number from a distance being present to pay their last token of respect to the deceased. The cortege was headed by the members of the Mount Forest and Arthur branches of the C. M. B. A. The members of the High School Board, the Public School Board and the staff and students of the High School marched in the solemn procession. The pall bearers were Brothers P. Noonan and Daniel Murphy of the local C. M. B. A. branch, Brothers McIntosh and John McNab, Warden of Wellington County representing the Arthur branch, and Mr. Thos. Martin, Mr. Forest, and Mr. John O'Hara, Arthur village. The floral tokens were beautiful and appropriate. Among them were: Cross from the C. M. B. A.; anchor from the H. S. Board; pillow with the word "rest" and wreath from the district agents of the C. P. R.; Mrs. L. H. Yeomans, cross, besides numerous bouquets. At St. Mary's church an impressive funeral service was conducted. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Coty, of Dundalk, who also delivered a touching funeral sermon from the words taken from the Apocryphs "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for their works do follow them." Father Coty spoke of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. They were as-