more especially when it being one of the objects of the U.M. B. A. to guard and advance the interests and claims of the members in the pursuits of his when such can be accomplished without unfairly discriminating against others. Though your departure from our midst is so sudden and unexpected as not to enable us to manifest our feelings in a more belitting way, yet se cannot allow the opportunity offered us to pass without at least conveying to you our appreciation of the services you rendered to our branch during the time of your membership and as a small token of our esteem and friendship we ask you to accept this cane which we now hand you with the name of the presenter "Branch 189, C.M. B. A., Sydney, C. B." engraves thereon, as an as surance that you may always rely in having its support and assistance at your side.

It is our sincere hips that you may long be spared to your estimable wife and children and that your modest temesanor and faithful discharge of your estimable wife and children and that your modest temesanor and faithful discharge of your estimable wife and children as in the past the appreciated and recognised by your employers.

Signed on behalt of Branch 189, C. M. B. A., Sydney, C. B., Marche, 1897.

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

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Dear Sirs and Brothers, There are recasions 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 resitent of the town ix years age, 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 is 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. As a brother I have mingled with you at the regular meetings of your branch, and at many of the enjyable reunions and sociables which have taken place since its organization and on all these occasions your frazernal association has been to me a source of enjyment that light ened and brightened my walk through life. Although now the call of duty necessitates my being absent from these in the future as a brother. I shall still be with you in spirit and nothing shall give me greater pleasure than to hear of the success of Branch 180 and the spiritual and ten poral welfare of its members and their families.

For your kind references to my wite and family on their behalf I thank you mose sin cere by and assure you they will always look back with pleasure on the years speat in Sydney, made so agreeable by the acquaint ance of the members of the C. M. B. A., and their families.

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Thanking you then most sincerely for your kind offices and your very handsome gut. I remain dear sire 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 Picton county. After the candidates were initiated, the officers were installed and escorted to their different places. Addresses were made by the Grand Daputy, the Spiritual Adviser, Ray W B McDonald, and several members from the neighboring branch 218. New Glasgow. The Island puty was the first to take the floor, and in an elequent discourse pointed our the aims and objects of the association, cautioning the branch against admit ting unworthy members, and above all not to tolerate any wrangling, hairsplitting or fault finding in general and to be particular not to canvas for officers or any business in that direc tion outside the meetings, dwelling with great strength upon the all important fact of being Catholic first and Mutual Brnevolent afterwards.

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

following in the lead of the Deputy. He brought to notice the brotherly feel ing that animated the members of the neighboring branch, a 1 hoped that this would be a stepping stone to bind the parishes still closer together, and show the significance of the Heaven -inspired ir junction, that, "We love cue another

Congratulations were then extended the new branch by the neighboring one, after which a vote of thatiks was tendered Bro James Savage for the In terest taken by him in the establishment of the branchat Lourdes Three rousing cheers were then given in the open air, as the hulding 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, Efficor 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 deligently 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 seck employment elsewhere, some of them being idte 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, Oat , April 26, 1897. S R Brown, London, Oat.

Dear S.r and Bother. - Herewith enclosed find fist of the branches which have so generously responded to our appeal on behalf of our afflicted prother, Exruest Stcotte. 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. WHALES, Fm. Sec. Br. 227.

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THE O'DWYER APPEAL.

Biddulph, May 3, 1547

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 :

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Yours truly, P O'SHIA, Rec Sec Branch 1-1, C. M. B. A.

THE LATE BROTHER DONNELLY

Priend after friend departs. Who hath not lost a friend 29

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 en joyed fairly good health up to November last when in loading freight one day on to a car be 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 east his vote in the mayoralty contest. Many friends congratulated him on being able to be out and expressed the succre hope that he would regain his wented strength. This, however, was not to be, for Mr. Donnelly by some means contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia La gripps and heart trouble were the more immediate causes of Mr. Don nelly's death, and after weeks of suffering, now getting better and then growing worse, the struggle, pro-tracted as it was, had at last come to an end and the uncomplaining victim MAS POLITO SASA

The late Michael Donnelly was tifty nine years and six months old. He was born in Ennis, County of Clare, Iroland, 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

Mr Done lly's tirs' appointment was as station agent at Caledonia or the Buffaio, Brantford and Goderich road, or more community known as Buffalo and Lake Buren. This was an important station at that time, considerable teaming being done from liamilton and other points. Here be remained for a numb r of vea-a The deceased on leaving Caledonia went to the United States but did not remain in that country long. Returning to Cauada he was employed in Terouto in the permanent way department for some time. In the year Isil he was at joined station agent at Buron, but remained there only live months. It was to D cember of the same year 1571, hat the late Mr. Dennelly was appointed section agent at Mount Forest Ever obligting, gental and accommodating was the late station He was attentive and punctuni in the discharge of his duties; honest and conscientions 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. Daniely. His word was as good as his bood, his intercourse with ad pleasant and profitable and after a quarter century of service in a public capacity, he erroyed general respect and confidence he never was remiss in his duty in any sphere in life

The deceased was a charter member. Branch ... He was also a member. of Branch ... He was also a member of the High School Board since June in the year 1577 He was chairman of the Board in 1825 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 mourus the departure of one of her most preminent supporters

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

father

The funeral was largely attended. a number from a distance being pres ent to pay their last token of respect to the deceased. The cortege 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 selemn procession. The pall bearers were Brothers P Noonan and D stel Murphy of the local C M B A branch, Brothers McIntosh and John McNab, Warden of Wellington County presenting the Arthur branch, and Mr. Thos. Martin, Mr. Lorest, and Mr. John O'Hara, Arthur village. The floral tokens were beautiful and appropriate Among them were: from the C. M. B. A.; auchor from the H. S. B and pillow with the word "rest" and wreath from the district agents of the C. P. R., Mrs. L. H. Yeomans, cross, besides numerous bou-At St. Mary's church an imquets pressive funeral service was conducted Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Coty, of Dundaik, who also delivered a touching funeral sermon from the words taken from the Apocolyps "Bessed are the dead that die in the Land for their works do follow them Father Coty spoke of the ancertainty of life and the certainty of death. They were as-