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

HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS.—The regular monthly meeting of the Hibernian Knights on Friday evening was largely attended and considerable business was transacted. Captain Kane presided. In opening the meeting he congratulated his command for the creditable display made by them at the annual of the Manchester Martyrs. It was decided to suspend the regular weekly drills during the missions in the various parishes. Private Birmingham spoke for considerable length on the proposed visit to Boston next May. He read several communications from leading Irishmen of the neighboring Republic, expressing a hope of meeting them in the fine old language of the Gael. A Cazoathia will be held during the month of April, to help to defray the expenses of the trip, and every Irishman and Irishwoman will be asked to contribute to the same, as Mr. Birmingham pointed out it is not the Ancient Order of Hibernians the Knights will represent in Boston Common, but the Irish race in the Dominion of Canada.

The committee which has the direction of the annual entertainment, on the 15th of January, reported that the Windsor Hall was secured for the occasion, and that they had also secured the services of one of Ireland's most distinguished sons to deliver an address. It is therefore to be hoped that a bumper house will be the result, and that the self-sacrificing efforts of the members to maintain their present efficient standing will be thoroughly appreciated by the Irish people of this city.

PARNELL MEMORIAL.—Mr. P. E. McCaffrey, Secretary of the Parnell Memorial Committee of this city, forwarded during last week the first instalment amounting to \$500 contributed by the admirers in Montreal of Ireland's dear chief, to help to perpetuate his memory as well as save the old homestead from going into the hands of the stranger. Mr. McCaffrey has received a letter of acknowledgment from Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., in which that gentleman states that his visit to America has been very successful and regretting their inability to meet the Irishmen of this city. There is yet a few hundred dollars wanting to complete the amount promised by the executive of the local committee and those who have been furnished with books for that purpose should at least exert themselves a little in the matter. Erin and her scattered children owe something to Parnell. I have as much right as any one in Montreal to speak on this matter, and probably more than many who cry for union amongst Irishmen.

DIVISION NO. 9. the youngest Branch of the Ancient Order in this city, and claiming to have the youngest president in the Dominion

of Canada is making rapid strides to outnumber the senior branches. President Hummel and his cabinet are indefatigable workers, and the York Chambers are crowded to their utmost capacity at every meeting. At their last regular meeting nine new candidates were initiated and seven proposed. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a concert in February. County President Rawley was present and delivered an appropriate and instructive lecture to the new members.

THE BAND PROJECT.—I am informed that steps will be immediately taken to organize the A. O. H. Band. I believe such a project ought to be a success notwithstanding the cold water theories advocated by some members. There were many such "dampers" thrown on the dramatic section when it was first spoken of. But inside of three months the promoters proved themselves to be gentlemen fully qualified for such an undertaking and a credit to the A. O. H. Let us have the band and less criticism.

GAELIC CLASSES.—The attendance at the Gaelic classes on Thursday evening and the enthusiasm manifested by the members demonstrate in a most emphatic manner that the good work is progressing well.

A PERSONAL NOTE.—I regret to announce that Mr. Charles Doonan, a member of the Hibernian Knights, has been ordered to go to Ste. Agathe, on account of his health. I sincerely hope Mr. Doonan's recovery will be speedy.

DIVISION NO. 8. A. O. H., held a lively and interesting meeting on Wednesday evening in their hall on McGill Street, President Lavelle in the chair. Two new members were initiated, and nine applications received and referred to the committee on investigation. Several visiting members were present, including President Hummel and Secretary Clarke of No. 9.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A. Grand Council of Quebec, on Wednesday evening was very numerously attended, and the greatest interest manifested in the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing term. The following officers were elected:

President, J. L. Gervais; Vice President, Jas. Low; 2nd Vice President, M. O'Sullivan; Rec. Sec., C. Curran; Asst. Rec. Sec., J. Groome; Fin. Sec., J. Curran; Marshal, J. Hughes; Guard, D. Young; Board of Trustees, J. H. Howard, Jas. Dooley, and G. Pugas. Representative to Grand Council Jas. Dunlop.

ST. ANN'S T. A. B. SOCIETY.—At the last regular meeting of St. Ann's T. A. B. Society, a resolution of condolence was tendered to the family of the late Mr. O'Rourke, who was for a long time an energetic member of the Society and was an able worker in the cause of temperance.

BRANCH NO. 10. C. M. B. A. Grand Council of Quebec, held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening for the reception of reports and election of officers for ensuing term. Almost every member of the Branch was present, and the keenest interest manifested in the election of officers. The following being the result:

President, A. Duggan; 1st Vice President, J. Morgan; Rec. Sec., Jas. McIver; Asst. Rec. Sec., J. J. Holland; Fin. Sec., Wm. Ryan; Treasurer, C. J. Flanagan; Guard, John Dwyer; Marshal, J. Corbett.

Trustees, J. J. Holland, Thomas F. Mace, and D. P. Flannery. Delegate to Grand Council, Thomas F. Mace, alternate A. Duggan.

I have been obliged owing to a lack of space to hold over until next issue, a number of important matters.

CONNAUGHT RANGER.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

Every person likes to recall earlier times, for the memories of happy events and of faces long vanished arise, they live over, in pleasant retrospect the hours that have gone down to comparative oblivion.

Its clouds and its tears are worth evening's best light. Since it has become a fashion for newspapers to record, from time to time, the events of twenty and thirty years ago, it flashed upon us that many of our old subscribers would be glad were we to present them each week with a pleasant retrospect. We have, therefore, resolved to commence this week a column in which extracts of interest will be given from the pages of the old "True Witness." We will not go back to the earlier years—the "True Witness," will celebrate its golden jubilee next summer—because there are few survivors whose memories can reach so far back—but we will commence with our twenty-fifth volume, and it will be interesting to note the incidents of those days and contrast as well as compare them with current events. We do not bind ourselves to any special line of subjects; but will simply take, at hazard, that which we consider to be of the greatest interest to our present readers.

[From the Files of the "True Witness," Year 1876.]

We have been requested to state that the entire cost of the extensive decorations and embellishments now going on in the French Church was raised by voluntary subscriptions from the congregation, and that not

one cent of the revenues of the Fabrique were applied to that purpose.

In those days of sanitary reform, when papers, aldermen, physicians, and the whole city are anxiously discussing the ravages of small-pox and other epidemics arising from impure air, want of ventilation and improper drainage, it is astonishing to see the city authorities issuing a mandate for collection of arrears, which if carried out logically would create all the evils we dread so much, we mean the cutting off of the water from delinquent tax-payers. If there be any remedy and preventative for disease, it is cleanliness, and how can we have it, if the poor be deprived of water?

We regret to have to announce the death of Brother Sevilan, of the Christian Brothers. His spirit departed on Saturday night, November 10, at the Mother House of the Order, Cote Street. Deceased became a member of the Order about 14 years ago, and he has ever since devoted his youth of this city, endeavoring himself to all by his kindness and genial disposition. His funeral was attended by thousands of Irishmen who deplore his loss.—R.I.P.

A committee has been appointed at a public meeting of the citizens of Montreal, with a view to look into school matters and lessen if possible the city taxation.

A meeting of St. Patrick's Society was held on Monday, December 16,

in their rooms, corner of St. Alexander and Craig Streets, the President, Mr. H. Devlin, M.P., in the chair. The meeting was for the purpose of seeing what steps could be taken to increase the funds of the Society, so as to meet the wants of the poor during the winter. It was finally resolved to send a deputation to the Revs. Fathers Dowd and Hogan, to ascertain the best means of carrying out the idea.

A concert was given on Wednesday, December 9, by the members of St. Patrick's choir, in the Mechanic's Hall, in aid of St. Patrick's Orphans' Asylum. It was under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler.

The ladies who conducted the St. Patrick's Bazaar for the benefit of St. Patrick's Orphans' Asylum, and the St. Bridget's Refuge, are happy to announce that the net sum of \$5,120.45 has been realized by the bazaar.

THE LATE JACK STINSON

The Shamrock Lacrosse Club has lost one of its shining lights by the death of Jack Stinson, which sad event occurred a few days ago after a brief illness. Stinson was one of the cleverest exponents of the national game in Canada. His genial manner and manly bearing towards his opponents during his long association with the Senior Shamrock team had won for him a host of friends, in all the leading cities of Canada, who will receive the news of his premature death with feelings of sorrow.

The funeral which took place on Thursday morning was attended by the patriotic boys of St. Ann's Cadets' Band, Captain O'Donnell and the members of the Senior Shamrock lacrosse team, the officers and members of the S. A. A. A. and a large concourse of citizens. A solemn Requiem Mass was chanted by the Rev. Father Scanlan, C.S.S.R., and the choir under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, rendered the funeral portion of the services in a most impressive manner. Captain O'Donnell, on behalf of the S. A. A. A., took charge of the funeral arrangements. Deceased was a great favorite of the warm-hearted captain of the seniors, and the manner in which Mr. O'Donnell and the "boys" from St. Ann's Parish honored their dead comrade has won all hearts. To the grief-stricken widow and Mr. Jean Stinson, the "True Witness" offers its profound sympathy.—R.I.P.

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—Gazette, Feb. 27th.

Dreaded Diphtheria.

ITS AFTER EFFECTS FREQUENTLY SMATTER STRONG NERVES.

Mr. S. McDougall Suffered for Years and His Doctor Told Him Recovery Was Impossible—Again Strong and Healthy.

Farmer and "jack of all trades" is what Mr. Salter McDougall styled himself when interviewed by the News recently. Mr. McDougall resides at Alton, about ten miles from Truro, N.S., and according to his own statement has been made a new man by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When interviewed by the News man, Mr. McDougall said: "I am only too glad to give you any information you may want. Anything I can say will not be too good a recommendation for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Up to the year 1888," continued Mr. McDougall, "I had always enjoyed good health. At that time I had a severe attack of diphtheria, the after effects of which left me in a deplorable condition. I was troubled with a constant pain in my left side, just below the heart, and at times, dizziness would cause me to throw up my hands and fall on my back, or side. My face, hands and feet would swell and turn cold. In this condition I could not move hands or feet and had to be moved like a child. My appetite all but left me, and I got very little sleep. I was under the care of a doctor, but got nothing more than occasional temporary relief. Finally I got so low that my friends wrote for my father to come and see me for the last time. This was in January, 1895. That night the doctor told my friends he could do nothing for me, and he doubted if I would live through the night. That night I took a severe fit of vomiting, and raised three pieces of matter, tough and leathery in appearance, and each about three inches long. The vomiting almost choked me, and it required two people to hold me in bed, but I felt easier after it. I was in this deplorable condition when I was urged by a neighbor to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a hopeless case, but I decided to try them. When I told the doctor I was taking the pills he said they would do me no good; that I would never be able to work again. But he was mistaken, for the effect was marvellous. By March I was able to go out of doors, and could walk quite a distance. I continued using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until I had taken seventeen boxes, and they have made a new man of me. My health is better than it has been for twenty years, and notwithstanding the doctor's prediction, I am able to stand any amount of hard work. I attribute my new manhood and regained health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and gratefully recommend them to others in poor health.

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