Dominion C. M. B. A. Directory.

Bro. T. J. Finn, of Montreal, has in course of preparation a Complete Directory of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in the Dominion of Canada. It will contain the names of all the members and such other information as will be of interest. It will form a very valuable and interesting volume, and, it is hoped, will be the means of still further extending the membership as well as bringing those who are already enrolled into closer relations of business and friendly intercourse. Ten thousand copies will be published for free distribution. The size of page will be 8x4½ inches. Catholics generally will find this work an excellent advertising medium. The rates of advertising are: For full page, $12; half page, $7; quarter page, $5. Those of our members who are engaged in business will find this an excellent advertising medium. Address the publisher, T. J. Finn, *Gazette* office, Montreal.

Branch No. 4, London,

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, at 8 o'clock, at their hall, Albion Block, Richmond street. P. F. Boyle, President; Wm. Corcoran, Rec. Sec.

C. M. B. A.

The Supreme President has published the list of Supreme Deputies for the different Grand Councils. Francis Cleary, of Windsor, and F. R. E. Cameron, of Ottawa, are the Supreme Deputies for Canada.

Branch 150 was organized on January 16, in Farnham, Que., by District Deputy Dr. Phelan, of Waterloo, Qué. List of officers will appear in next issue.

Branch officers should see that the per capita tax is paid before February 1, as time for payment of said tax expires on that date.

A Comparative Statement.

The last number of the *C. M. B. A. Weekly* publishes the following statement as to the financial standing of the C. M. B. A. It will be found interesting in many respects, but more particularly as to the desirability of establishing separate beneficiaries. A glance at the table will demonstrate the cause of New York's energetic and constant opposition to the principle. She has sold financial reasons for looking upon it with disfavor, and her opposition has resulted in the movement to abolish the permissive clause altogether. It is, indeed, quite certain that the next Supreme convention will give her this much-desired change—a change that will for all time to come compel other Grand Councils to furnish funds to make up for her yearly shortages. That there is either gross carelessness in the admission of members or that New York is a very hazardous district is quite apparent. That it is an undesirable annex to the society, from a financial point, is quite apparent, let the cause be what it may. In the two years preceding the last convention that Grand Council took from the funds $57,000 more than it paid into the treasury. In the appended statement it will be seen that New York with a membership of 12,500, had 130 deaths, while all the other Grand Councils, with a combined membership of 14,396, had 131 deaths. In 1888, at Cleveland, the Pennsylvania delegation used every effort to obtain a separate beneficiary for their Grand Council. The reason why a renewal of the agitation did not take place at Niagara Falls now becomes apparent from the table appended. It will be seen that with a membership of 4,200 Pennsylvania had 49 deaths, while Canada, with a membership of 6,100, had only 47. Were Canada granted separate beneficiary a considerable saving would result to its members

The Councils	Branches Jan. 1, 1890.	Branches Jan. 1, 1891.	Increase in 1 year.	Members Jan. 1, 1890.	Members Jan. 1, 1891.	Increase in 1 year.
Supreme	18	22	4	900	800	200
New York	140	155	10	10700	12500	2200
Pennsylvania	74	97	23	4200	5300	1100
Michigan	53	55	2	3000	4000	200
Canada	114	149	35	4600	6100	1500
Ohio	31	35	4	1300	1600	300
Totals	435	514	78	25000	30500	5500

NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED TO DECEMBER 21, 1890.

Supreme Council Jurisdiction	3
New York Grand Council Jurisdiction	130
Pennsylvia Grand Council Jurisdiction	49
Michigan Grand Council Jurisdiction	26
Canada Grand Council Jurisdiction	47
Ohio Grand Council Jurisdiction	6
Total	261

Resolutions of Condolence.

At the regular meeting of Branch 57, Orillia, held in their hall on Wednesday, January 7th, 1891, it was moved by Brother A. R. McDonell and seconded by Brother R. D. Gunn,

That this Branch learns with much sorrow of the death of Brother Rev. W. J. McGinley, P. P. of Uptergrove, and member of this Branch; be it therefore resolved, that the Branch tender its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved friends of our late Brother, and to his spiritual children of Uptergrove, who now bemoan his loss.

That as a mark of respect the members attend the funeral in a body, at Uptergrove, next Friday, and that the chart be draped in morning for thirty days.

That copies of these resolutions be sent to his sister, Rev. S. Mildred, of Thorold; to his brother, Daniel McGinley, of Appleton; to his parishioners at Uptergrove, and to the journals of this society. Carried.

JOS. THOMSON, Rec. Sec.

January 10, 1891.

At the regular meeting of Branch 49, Toronto, held in their hall on Friday, 9th inst., it was moved by Chancellor Quinn, seconded by First Vice-President Stafford, and carried unanimously:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst the beloved wife of Brother John Herbert, and mother of Brother C. J. Herbert, be it

Resolved, That, whilst bowing to the Divine will, the members of this Branch tender their sincere sympathy to our afflicted Brothers in this their hour of sorrow, and pray that God may strengthen them to bear the irreparable loss of a loving wife and kind mother. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our beloved Brothers, and also to the official organs of the C. M. B. A., for insertion. W. M. VALE, Rec. Sec.

At a regular meeting of the members of Branch 65, St. Mary's, Ont., held in their hall on January 12, 1891, the following resolutions of condolence were offered and adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God by His divine and infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved Brother, John Fleming, Second Vice-President and charter member of this Branch,

Resolved, That we, the members of this Branch, tender his widow and relatives our sincere sympathy in the sad bereavement which it has pleased the will of divine Providence to inflict on them;

Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be given to his widow and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and the *C. M. B. A. Journal*. JAS. KENNEDY, Rec. Sec.

Sympathy of Branch 26.

Montreal, 16th January, 1891.

To Miss Mary Kane:

Wheress, God's divine message of death has been conveyed to another member of our Branch, calling home to Himself from our midst our late Brother, Chancellor Kane, be it heartily

Resolved, That after an adjournment of three weeks, we, the members of Branch 26, at this our first meeting since the death of our late Brother, do now tender our sincere sympathy to his sadly afflicted sister in her great loss by the almost sudden death of her kind and loving brother, and let us pray that God in His mercy may comfort and protect her. And further be it

Resolved, That in the death of our late comrade we also acknowledge the loss of a zealous and painstaking officer, and especially he having been a charter member of our Branch. Still again, be it

Resolved, That the charter of our Branch and also the prie dieu at which he knelt to open and close our meetings with prayer, be draped in mourning for the space of sixty days in respect to the memory of our late Brother and charter member of our Branch, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his afflicted sister and also to the London CATHOLIC RECORD and Montreal *C. M. B. A. Journal*. *Requiescat in pace.*

On behalf of Branch 26,

F. C. LAWLOR, Sec.

Election of Officers.

Branch 146, Drummondville, P. Q.

President, F H Ed. Demers
First Vice-President, J U Richard
Second Vice-President, J E Bergeron, M D
Recording Secretary J P Roberge
Assistant Sec., L Poirier
Treasurer, C Champagne
Financial Secretary, A A Ouellette
Marshal, J Bedard
Guard, A J Dubue
Trustees, for one year, O J Bergeron, G A Demers and J T Hebert; for two years, L Poirier and J C Turcott.

Branch 107, Cobourg

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Ed. H Murray
President, Jas Bulger
First Vice-President, John Butler
Second Vice-President, Michael Quinn
Recording Secretary, John Flesh
Assistant Rec. Sec., P D Cunningham
Financial Secretary, Dr. E C McNicholl
Treasurer, Andrew McGwan
Marshal, John Kasler
Guard, Wm. Gurny
Trustees, J Connelly, Frank F Meehan, Michael Mulhal, Wm. H Maher and John M Butler.

Branch 101, Three Rivers.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. F X Cloutier
President, Chas. Dupont Hebert
First Vice President, Dr. Aime Lantier
Second Vice-Pres., Poilippe E Panneton
Recording Sec., John O Deslile's
Assistant Rec. Sec., L Ernest Trottier
Financial Sec., Napoleon Dagneau
Treasurer Oscar Bailey
Marshal, George Leprohon
Guard, Louis Dussault
Trustees, Telesphore Lymburner, Odelard Gauthier, J A Sauvageau, Eusebe Morrissette and A D Bondy.

Branch 129, N. D. de Granby.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M Gill
President, J L Dozois
First Vice-President, A O Ledoux
Second Vice-President, Nap Brais
Recording Secretary, P A L'Ecuyer
Assistant Rec. Secretary, F J Hebert
Financial Sec., Nap. Prefontaine
Treasurer, D L Tining
Marshal, S Page
Guard, Jas. E Lynch
Trustees, A E Masse, D Beauvais Oct. Hubert, Jas. Caroline and Michael Gannon.

Branch 71, Trenton.

President, L W Dion
First Vice-President, W Summers
Second Vice-President, Fred. Stortz
Recording Secretary, M P Kinsella
Assistant Secretary, J P Connolly
Financial Secretary, J F Toner
Treasurer, T H Coyne
Marshal, L Carmia
Guard, E Alor
Trustees, John McCready, M P Kinsella and T H Coyne.

Branch 95, Lachine.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. N Piche
President, J E Michaud
First Vice-President, P Gauthier
Second Vice-President, J A Descarries
Recording Secretary, J A Thessereault
Assistant Rec. Sec., J A Martin
Financial Secretary, A Gauthier
Treasurer, N P Martin
Marshal, A Thessereault
Guard, P Mecles
Trustees, J E Michaud, J A Descarries, J A Martin, P A Valois and L Forest.

Branch 78 Oshawa.

President, Rev. J L Hand
First Vice-Pres., Michael Foley
Second Vice-Pres., James Dwyer
Recording Secretary, M J O'Driscoll
Financial Sec., Thos. McKitterick
Marshal, Wm. Cushing
Guard, Richard Troy
Treasurer, Geo. O Roberts
Trustees, Jas. Milbrick, Wm. Cushing and R Troy.

Branch 124, Biddulph.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev John Connolly
President, P J Dewan
First Vice-President, John F Cain
Second Vice-Pres., Edward Bowers
Recording Sec., Wm. Tooby, Lucan P O
Assistant Rec. Sec., Wm Dewan
Financial Sec., Patrick J Quigley
Treasurer, John Darcy
Marshal, Henry Stewart
Guard, John McLoughlin
Trustees, Daniel Collison, Ed. McLoughlin, John Morkin, John Whelan and James Kelly, sr.

Brantford, January 6, 1891.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record:

In sending you the officers-elect it might not be out of place to make a few remarks concerning Branch 5. The Branch is now in a flourishing condition, numerically as well as financially. During the year just ended we initiated twenty-two members—an increase from fifty to seventy-two. The total receipts for the year ending December 31, 1890, were $325 15 over and above the previous years, which is, in my opinion, a good showing for the officers then in office. They work hard, and especially President Klinkhammer. It is our intention to work this year and if possible to increase our membership to 100, which, there is no doubt, will be done. All the Canadian Brothers should work to increase the membership throughout Canadian, even more so than they have done in the past, so that Canada will stand at the head of all Grand Councils. I do not desire to take up any more of your space at present.

Thanking you for inserting this in the official organ of Canada,

I am, yours fraternally,
WENDLIN SCHUELER, Rec Sec.

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Peter Lennon
Chancellor, W Harrington
President, M Klinkhammer
First Vice-President, F J Quinn
Second Vice-President, P Kearney
Recording Secretary, W Schuler
Assistant Sec., Jas Hanlon
Financial Secretary, Jas. Feeney
Treasurer, Jas. McGregor
Marshal, John Daly
Guard, B Dunn
Trustees, for one year, Jos. Quinn, P Hafey and M Quinlivan; for two years, Jas. T Doyle and M Shannahan.

Branch 92, Teeswater.

President, Wm. Zinger
First Vice-President, Henry Kroetsh
Second Vice-President, Hugh Campbell
Recording Secretary, John Sommerville
Assistant Secretary, Louis Baltie
Financial Secretary, John A Zinger
Marshal, Patrick Donovue
Guard, Joseph Ohmeiser
Trustees, Wm. Zinger, John Sommerville, Hugh Campbell, Wm. Hazs and Joseph Schall.

Branch 41, Montreal.

President, P McDermott
First Vice-President, P A Marneil
Second Vice-President, D Baxter
Recording Sec., H J Thompson
Assistant Sec., M J Ryan
Financial Sec., P R Curran
Treasurer, J J Gethings
Marshal, J McGinn
Guard, J O'Reilly
Trustees, W Davis and J Mahoney
Chancellor, P O'Reilly

Branch 111, Toronto.

Spiritual Adviser, Very Rev. Dean McCann
President, Very Rev. Dean McCann
First Vice-Pres., Jas. Pegg
Second Vice Pres., P Maudigan
Recording Sec., P J Dolan, 303 Dundas St.
Assistant Sec., P Corcoran
Financial Sec., V P Savie
Treasurer, John Mulooney
Marshal, Patrick Kelly
Guard, M Cullin
Trustees, for two years, B Mulholland, Hugh Finn and Patrick Walsh.

After the installation it was moved by Brother Hulholland, and seconded by Brother Reilly, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Rev. Father McPhillipps the retiring President. Carried unanimously.

P. J. DOLAN, Rec. Sec.

Branch 135, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q.

Spiritual Adv'r Rev. Canon A X Bernard
President, H A Beauregard
First Vice-President, T Piamondon
Second Vice-President, D S N Trudeau
Secretary, R Deschenes
Assistant Sec., John Horin
Financial Sec., C A Boivin
Treasurer, L A Lepalure
Marshal, D Lussier
Guard, J Mathieu
Trustees, H A Beauregard, L A Lapalme, C Lapierre, P Chenette and S Palardy.

Wallaceburg, Ont., January 8, 1891.

S. R. Brown, Esq., London, Ont.—Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby notified of election of all officers of Branch 22, Wallaceberg, being the same as last year with exception of Marshal and Recording Secretary, which offices were filled by A J O'Flynne as Recording Secretary, who held the office for latter part of year 1890, and Wm. Lockert as Marshal. Wishing you compliments of season,

I remain, yours fraternally
A. J. O'FLYNN.

Branch 54, Montreal

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J J Salmon, P P
Chancellor, R Byrne
President, L Purcell
First Vice-President, T Butler
Second Vice-President, W Egan
Treasurer, J Sheehan
Recording Secretary, J McDavitt, 372 St. Ignace
Assistant Rec. Sec., P Brennan
Financial Sec., H Murphy
Marshal, F McDonnell
Guard, P Kennedy
Trustees, Brothers Chamberlain and Flood.

Branch 24, Thorold.

Chancellor, Jones Williams
President, Rev. T J Sullivan
First Vice-President, William Gearin
Second Vice-President, Patrick J O'Neil
Recording Secretary, Edward P Foley
Assistant Secretary, John Urlocker
Financial Secretary, Arch. McKeague
Treasurer, Jas. P Coan
Marshal, Jas. Battle
Guard, Francis Poulin
Trustees for two years, Matthew Battle, Thos Foley and Jas. Battle.

E. B. A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ST. MARY'S BRANCH, NO 21, ALMONTE.

President, J McGrath
Vice-President, T S Laclaire
Recording Secretary, C E Leaney
Financial Secretary, J O Heare
Treasurer, B M Bolton
Stewards, A Rogers, M Frawley and A Gallipeau
Marshal, M O Leary
Assistant Marshal, Jas. A Akley
Messenger, J Malone.

ST. PATRICK'S BRANCH, NO. 12, TORONTO.

The membership of this Branch has been very low for some time, owing to their being obliged to expel several unworthy ones, but those remaining on the books are good and true Emeralds. And as the Rev. A J McInerney, C. SS. R., has appointed the Rev. J S Grogan, C. SS. R., Chaplain for the Branch, there is no doubt but many desirable candidates will be obtained in the parish. The Rev. Father paid his first visit to the Branch at its last meeting, when the officers were installed by H A Carey, Grand President. The Grand President delivered a short address previous to the installation, congratulating the President upon his re-election for the third term, and pointed out the duties of the officers, asking them faithfully to carry out the obligations they were about to take. After the installation he expressed great hopes of the future success of the Branch, in consequence of the appointment of Father Grogan. And as the Rev. Father was a stranger to the E. B. A., he gave a short account of the rising progress and aim of the association. The Rev. Chaplain then addressed the Branch, and expressed himself much pleased with the explanation given and the manner in which the work of the Branch was conducted. He urged upon the members to make renewed efforts to increase their membership, and pointed out the great advantages to be derived by Catholics being united. He promised to study the constitution, and to use every effort in his power to promote the interest of the Branch. It was the first society he had ever been connected with and as his first Mass in Toronto was offered for the deceased members of the Branch, it would cause him to take more interest in it. He would attend at least one of their meetings each month. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Chaplain and Grand President, and duly acknowledged. After the officers had made short addresses promising to make renewed efforts on behalf of the Branch, the Branch adjourned.

ILLUSTRATED MONTREAL.

We have received a copy of this charming work. It is especially interesting to any one who has lived in Montreal, and will, we are sure, be highly prized by its citizens. Very useful, too, will it be found as a neat volume for transmission to friends at a distance. We take pleasure in reproducing the following extended description of the work from the Montreal *Gazette*:

The natural and artificial beauties of Montreal have been set before the public by artists, poets and historians, in forms as varied as their subject, and many of their descriptions have admirably fulfilled their mission, but still, for all this, a want was felt to exist of some brief, interesting descriptive account of Montreal, past and present, which would prove not only of value to the citizen, but also to the tourist and those who have yet the pleasure of witnessing the grandeur of our island in store for them. Descriptive views and many other sources are annually sent by residents to friends in foreign lands, but hitherto nothing combining art and literature, and still within the reach of all, has so admirably answered the purpose as that little artistic gem *Illustrated Montreal*. This little work owes its origin to the enterprise displayed by Mr. J. McConiff, and estimably he has succeeded in his task. Carefully culling, with the aid of several volumes of letters, such portions from historical records that were calculated to create the deepest interest, and arranging them in the form of a continuous narrative, relieved by many local touches, has produced the most concise illustrated descriptive account of Montreal ever placed before the public. It treats of the history of our city at a period when quite unrecognizable by the citizen of to-day, giving a glimpse of Montreal as far back as the days of Jacques Cartier, and leading on, step by step, through many startling and romantic periods, down to our own time. Nay, it does not leave us here. It sets before us the glorious future our city is destined to enjoy in the rank of the foremost cities of the world. Montreal, ancient and modern, is to be found side by side within the compass of this little volume. The ancient landmarks are pointed out standing amid the glorious monuments of the present, and many interesting anecdotes relating to them are narrated. The work is calculated to be of the highest value, for in no other book of the same compass is the internal history of our city depicted in such an interesting manner. To those at a distance who follow the progress that the Dominion of Canada has made and, therefore, the city of Montreal, its great commercial centre, in the records of the nations, the views, engravings from actual photographs of the places described, will enable them to form an accurate idea of the magnitude and strength of this onward march of progress in our midst.

The residences of many of our prominent citizens, who have done so much towards building up the social, intellectual and commercial strength of our city and Dominion, are not without universal interest, inasmuch as they portray for those who are opposed to anything like the rapid development which has taken place in our midst, that, side by side with the great commercial spirit which flourishes so strongly among us, the more gentle spirit of art and culture has kept pace. Foremost among these truly palatial dwellings are those of Sir George Stephen, Bart., Sir Donald A. Smith, K. C. M. G., Mr. A. F. Gault, Mr. R. B. Angus, Mr. H. Montagu Allan, and the Hon. G. A. Drummond, which running through the work are exquisite views of those delightful little bits of landscape, so frequent in Montreal, the admiration of artist and tourist. The great public buildings and magnificent churches, and schools, our picturesque squares, our gigantic hotel, railway stations, banks and other notable places which adorn the city are faithfully presented to the eye. A view of habitant life may be also gained from the familiar sketch of Jacques Cartier square on market day. Our mighty engineering enterprizes may be seen by views of our great bridges which already hold a place in any important history, as also a glimpse of the winter sports for which Canada is justly famous. In fact, all the most interesting features relating to the city and its immediate suburbs are to be found within these pages, quite sufficient to render it a complete guide, and one which, for reliability, cannot be surpassed. As a literary production it also takes a foremost place, for not only has the greatest historical accuracy been preserved, but the connecting links which make the book so interesting are from the pens of well-known writers, and stamp it as a standard work.

The execution of the work, carried out under the direction of Messrs. Desbarats & Co., is faultless, engravings and printing being of a very high order. It is handsomely bound in stiff, bevelled boards, and can be obtained of all booksellers or at the Windsor book stall. One particular feature not previously mentioned, which commends it to the public, is that it is free from advertisements of any kind, no undue prominence being given to any place, building, or individual.

SEPARATE SCHOOL WORK.

LONDON SEPARATE SCHOOL.

We are pleased to be able to note that at the last entrance examination one of the pupils of the London Separate school carried off the honors—Miss Maude Brougham, from Sister Cleophas' room, heading the list, having obtained 527 marks. She will, therefore, receive the diploma promised to the pupil who stood at the head. Of the eight who entered six passed: namely Maude Brougham, 527; Nellie O'Meara, 486; Ida Smith, 433; Edith O'Byrne, 421; Jennie McNeil and Grattan Hanavan.

PARKHILL SEPARATE SCHOOL.

At the examination in Parkhill R. McCormack headed the list, having obtained 527 marks. He is a young lad, and received his early training from the Sisters of St. Joseph, in this city, who will no doubt be gratified to hear of his success, which is all the more remarkable when we consider that he had to compete against pupils of one of the ablest Public schools of the Province.

ST. MARY'S.

At the late entrance examination, held in the town of St. Mary's, we are pleased to note that two pupils from the Separate school passed very creditably, Maggie Quirk taking 486 marks and Ada Whelihan taking 451.

PORT ARTHUR.

At the recent entrance examination in Port Arthur the pupils who entered were equally divided between the Public and Separate schools, notwithstanding the fact that the Catholics form only one-sixth of the population of the town.

DELORO.

Anna McCallum, aged fourteen years, a pupil of Separate school, Section No. 1, Deloro, taught by Miss Toner, of Renfrew, was the only pupil in the township of Marmora who succeeded in passing the entrance examination, which took place in Madoc Dec. 22, 23 and 24.

PETERBOROUGH.

The boys division of the Separate school in Peterborough, under the principalship of Mr. Brick, did remarkably well last year, fifteen boys having passed the entrance examination. At the midsummer entrance examination one of the boys from the Separate school headed the list in marks. The Peterborough *Examiner* of January 12th contains the following reference to the schools:

This morning the prizes offered to the successful pupils of the Murray street Separate school at the entrance examinations were distributed to the winners. The awarding of these prizes excites some interest among the pupils and kindles in the minds of the junior pupils a desire to excel and have the honor of being one of the honored winners of prizes in the future. The showing made by the Separate school at the entrance examination was very creditable this year and reflects most favorably upon the head master, Mr. Brick. Out of eleven candidates who wrote at Christmas eight were successful, while at midsummer seven candidates were passed. The names of the successful pupils were as follows:

	Marks obtained
Joseph Butler	450
Fred Sullivan	447
Willie Casey	446
Eugene Flaherty	446
James Kelly	419
Thos. Mahony	414
Bruce Weatherhead	397
Geo. Halpin	383

The boy who headed the list of successful candidates received a ten dollar gold piece, presented by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, while the second boy received five dollars in gold, presented by Rev. Father Rudkins. The third highest pupil was to receive five dollars, offered by the School Board, but as there were two equal for third prize it was divided, the third and fourth boys receiving $2.50 each. The remainder of the successful candidates received a book prize.

The presentation of the first prize was made by Bishop O'Connor, and Father Rudkins presented the second, while Mr. J. Corkery, Secretary of the Board, presented the prize of the School Board. His Lordship, in making the presentation, made a few remarks encouraging the pupils to studious and industrious habits and complimenting the successful candidates upon their success.

From all parts of the country we have equally gratifying intelligence regarding the success of Catholic schools.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital wish to return sincere thanks to the kind friends who aided them in making the festival of Christmas pleasant for their inmates. The following is a list of the offerings: Mr. Stephen Collins, a quarter of beef, two turkeys, and two geese; Mr. Toohey, a turkey; Mr. Bowers, a turkey; Mr. John Daly, a turkey and a quantity of fruit; Mrs. Collins, a quarter of lamb and six bags of potatoes; Miss Mary Collins, ten lbs. of candy, a large fruit cake, two beautiful palms and other plants; Mr. McCaffrey, a cup and saucer and half a dozen of goblets; a friends, $2, a fruit cake and two rolls of butter; Mr. P. J. Watt, seven lbs of candy, a box of table raisins and a half gallon of the best wine; Rev. N. Gahan, three quarters of lamb; Mr. J. P. Cook, $5; a friend, $10; Miss Gleeson, $5; Mr. Tobin, one piece of factory cotton.

THE IRISH SITUATION.

O'BRIEN AND PARNELL.

Mr. O'Brien declares all reports representing the conference between himself and Messrs. McCarthy and Sexton as of a violent character are pure fabrications. He says not a single word of reproach was uttered from the beginning to the end of the consultation, which throughout was of the friendliest and most hopeful character.

THE ANTI PARNELLITES

At a meeting of the National Committee at Cork on the 14th, Maurice Healy condemned the prorogation of the Boulogne Conference. He said it was absurd to suppose O'Brien had consented to another change in the leadership of the Irish party. Mr. Deasy and others protested against the idea that Mr. O'Brien could undo a decision made by the majority.

JOHN MORLEY AT NEWCASTLE

John Morley in a speech at Newcastle ridiculed the idea that Home Rule was dead, and declared it was the duty of the Liberals to forward the movement by every legitimate means in their power.

THE IRISH FAMINE

Cork, Jan. 14.—The Government officials, in order to realize the distress, have opened works at Mizzenhead. Thousands of men and women of all ages are already employed there and steps are being taken to give work to many more. It is stated than unless the Government takes prompt action at Achill Island the fearful scenes of 1846 and 1847 are likely to be repeated.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—At a meeting of prominent citizens of Liverpool £2 000 was raised to swell the Zetland-Balfour fund for the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland. This action on the part of the gentlemen referred to has caused considerable indignation among the almost-starving and entirely fundless workmen of this city. Mr Gladstone has subscribed $250 to the Zetland-Balfour fund.

Dublin, January 16.—It is stated that the poor people of the Provinces of Ulster, Connaught and Munster have reached the extreme limit of destitution. A despatch from Mitchelstown states that a crowd of poverty stricken people called upon the Board of Guardians there, asking for relief. The board refused to do anything for the applicants, even refusing them assistance from the Zetland-Balfour fund.

A despatch from Castlebar, county Mayo, says the Government is as a measure of relief, has employed a thousand men about Westport in the construction of a railroad. The board of guardians of the same locality have given tenants in need of assistance 1 200 tons of seed potatoes. It is stated that Mr. Balfour's prompt action in relieving the poor in the west of Ireland has averted many deaths from starvation.

SIR WM HARCOURT'S LETTER.

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt writes:—"If the Irish people and the Irish members of Parliament continue to maintain toward the English Liberals the attitude of friendly co operation, consultation, mutual good-will and honorable confidence which existed before Mr. Parnell fell there is no reason why they should not, with entire respect for each other's independence, work together as heretofore for the same objects and with a spirit of equal assurance of ultimate success. If their position toward us remains the same our position toward them is unchanged. Then, confident as ever that the future of Home Rule is secure, nothing will happen. There are worse prospects if Mr. Parnell succeeds in inflaming Irish passion and sentiment against English sympathizers, and persists in poisoning the Irish mind, vilifying Mr. Gladstone and exciting race hatred, rejecting constitutional action and appealing to the hill side men and the American dynamiters, thus convincing the British people that no reliance can be placed in Irish honor, that confidence is violated under cover of personal delinquencies, and that in settling the Home Rule question the English Liberals cannot participate in the safe guard which surrounds it, but that the matter must be determined simply by the Irish leaders. The demands for separation mean hostility to England and not an honorable alliance. If the Irish people ratify such a policy Home Rule has no chance, and ought to have no chance."

THE IRISH POTATO CROP.

The Irish Registrar-General in his report on the potato crop in Ireland announces that 780 901 acres of potatoes were planted in 1890 as against 787 234 acres in the preceding year, and that the yield had decreased 1 037 193 tons. Of the entire acreage 78.6 per cent had been given up to the potatos known as "Champions," and the report adds that the farmers placed too much reliance on this variety.

A NEW ISSUE.

Mr. Gladstone, without at all retiring home rule, has shrewdly consented to put suffrage reform alongside of it as a foremost Liberal issue. This reform will have two objects in view—to wipe out the 500 000 of votes which are cast now by the duplication of the property franchise and to create 4 000 000 of new votes by the establishment of universal suffrage. The adoption of this plank is a triumph for Mr. Labouchere, who all along has been insisting that it will be necessary for the Liberal House of Commons to pass such a measure before passing any Home Rule bill, and its promulgation now will, moreover, do much to inspire the Liberal rank and file with new confidence.

DILLON ARRIVES AT HAVRE.

John Dillon arrived at Havre on the 18th, on the steamer La Gascogne from New York. He was met at the pier by Mr. O'Brien, and after an exchange of cordial greetings the two drove to a hotel, where they at once retired for a private conference. Mr. Dillon was asked his opinion of the political situation, but he declined to make any statement until he had conversed fully with Messrs. O'Brien and Gill and other prominent men of the Irish Parliamentary party.

At a private meeting of the National Committee on the 17th, Mr. Healy in the chair, it was decided to form a National Federation, and to invite branches of the National League opposing Parnell to affiliate themselves and be controlled by one council of 61 members. Of these members, 17 are to be nominated by the McCarthyite Parliamentary party, 12 by the central body and 32 by the county organizations. A sub committee was appointed to give the project definite shape.

CHANGES IN TORONTO ARCHDIOCESE.

The following changes have been made in the Archdiocese of Toronto, consequent upon the decease of Vicar General Laurent: Very Rev. Dean McCann enters this week upon the rectorship of St Michael's Cathedral. His assistants will be Father Fred. Rohleder, formerly parish priest of Brock, and Father Williams. Rev Dean Cassidy of Barrie is transferred to St. Helen's Church, Toronto, as parish priest. Father Berrigan of Newmarket goes to Barrie as Dean; Father McBride of Dixie goes to Newmarket as parish priest; Dr. Cassidy, assistant priest of Barrie, goes to Dixie as parish priest; Father Duffy of Dixie goes to St. Helen's Church, Toronto, as assistant priest; Father Minehan of St Michael's Cathedral goes to St Mary's as assistant priest; Father McPhillips of St. Helen's Church, Toronto, goes to Pickering; Father Sheehan of the House of Providence, Toronto, goes to Barrie as assistant priest.

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A Montreal letter.

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