ever, thinks that Gibson is sinking under King Dodd's heavy blows, and the *Spectator* seems to hold the opinion that the Scott Act is not of much account, anyhow. Both parties seem confident of success, but like shrewd generals they depend more upon energetic actions than delusive expectations.

FATHER MATHEW PICNIC.

The Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society is arranging for a picnic to be held at Oakville on Monday, the 19th inst. It is preparing an excellent programme of games, &c.; will have music of every kind, and intends altogether to have a very enjoyable time. The trip will be made on board the commodious steamer Southern Belle. A trip to Oakville by water is a treat in itself, and well worth the very small fee which the Society has fixed for the whole day's amusement. The picnic has every prospect of being successful.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES.

Much comment is excited in this city, as no doubt everywhere else, among Catholic circles, by the strange conduct of rulers of France. That a body of men claiming to be intelligent should almost in the same motion declare themselves for two actions in their spirit as far asunder as the Poles—the expulsion of the Jesuits, and the pardoning of the Communists—is at any time astonishing, but coming from the leaders of a great Catholic nation, is simply incomprehensible. It cannot be that France is still so much afraid of "the man of blood and iron," that she seeks to conciliate him by aping his tyrannical measures! Perhaps a sound castigation more severe than the last would bring "the grand nation" to a sense of her duty, and remove her from the anomalous position of being a persecutor of Catholic institutions, and the abettor of a criminal horde that once threatened the destruction of the nation. Rome is an evidence, however, that this state of affairs cannot last long. The great heart of the French nation is surely too Catholic to bear it. Even the red-shirted hero was ingloriously beaten in Rome, and it is not likely that half-crazy infidel Gambetta will long hold sway over the destinies of *la belle France*.

The strange action of the French ministry has not escaped the notice even of Protestant writers. The *Spectator* of Friday last, in a most liberal article, comments on the injustice and tyranny exhibited in the banishment of the Jesuits, and foretells a well-deserved punishment to the authors.

TWELFTH OF JULY.

As your correspondent goes to post the demonstration commemorative of "Boyne's ill-fated river" has made considerable progress. As far as heard from, everything has passed off in exterior peace, everybody looking on with the greatest equanimity, and the Hamilton brethren being particularly careful to guard against accidents. Statisticians might be pleased to know that there is said to be some 20,000 Orangemen, women and boys in the streets to-day, assembled from all parts of Central Ontario, accompanied by 40 bands of music. Dundurn Park will be the scene of the picnic, where music, games and speeches by prominent Orangemen and members of Parliament will be the order of the day. Hotel keepers are doing a large trade, as creature comforts are in great demand. It is claimed to be the largest demonstration of the kind ever seen in Hamilton. Orangemen say that they are *bound* to assemble annually on the 12th of July at their respective lodges, but that processions are optional. It would be better perhaps if processions were dispensed with altogether. However, if Orangemen can parade mile after mile through dusty roads, and exercise their vital forces on drums and bugles, under a sweltering July sun, surely *others* will not find it a hard job to watch them from a comfortable position under a cool shady tree.

BEACH NOTES.

There are a good many objectionable things down at the beach. First of all, the south pier is in a highly "demoralized" condition. A little practice moving up and down this structure would very soon make one an expert walker of tight ropes. Planks are scarce, stones and nail-heads plenty, and when you meet a beam it is very often a delusion, for when you put your foot on it, down you go. Any person sailing through the canal for the first time, coming from Hamilton, would think he had reached the end of civilization, or, if going to Hamilton, would form a very poor opinion of the city's condition if he took for his criterion that admirable figure-head, the Burlington south pier. There is no use enquiring whose fault it is, you might as well ask "who struck Billy Patterson."

The beach is a nice place; but it would be just as well if parents would not allow their children to go there unless under proper guardianship. There are some good things down at the beach plainly beneficial and amusing, but there are some more whose benefits would require to be explained to inexperienced boys and girls.

GREEDY TORONTO.

This year it is Hamilton's turn to have the Provincial Fair. Toronto knows this as well as anyboby else, but with the greed that has exhibited itself in all her actions, she is getting up an exhibition on her own account with the plain intention of undermining the one at Hamilton, for not satisfied with making it a local exhibition, she scatters flaming posters in all directions, and calls it "Canada's Great Fair." There are occasions when even greed overreaches itself, and Toronto, exhibiting *her* greed to the world, has proved herself greediest of the greedy. That city has no idea of, fair play or if it has, it is embodied in the proposition: Everything for Toronto, nothing for anywhere else."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. A. Doyle, of Ottawa, formerly well known in Hamilton as a teacher in our Separate Schools, has published a pamphlet demonstrating his great mathematical discovery, the "Tri-section of a Rectilineal Angle." Mr. Doyle's reputation as a mathematician stands unexcelled in this country, and anything in that line coming from his pen is well worthy of consideration. Allusion will be made to this again.

Those peculiar expressions called "bulls" it seems are not confined to any particular nation. Here is one by a local of this city: "Stricken Down."—Yesterday a valuable mare belonging to a lady (engaged in drawing brick) was prostrated by the heat, and a veterinary surgeon pronounced it a case of sunstroke." People don't bother themselves as to whether the brick or the mare was the "cause of sunstroke," but the question to be solved is, who was drawing the brick?

The lawyers of Hamilton have decided to fete Miles O'Reilly, Esq., Q. C., sometime in September next, by way of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his call to the bar. There is no more popular or esteemed member of the profession in this city than Judge O'Reilly, and it is to be hoped that he will be handsomely feted on the occasion of the celebration of his Golden Wedding to Dame Justice. It may be remarked that the veteran barrister looks as hale and hearty to-day as if fifty years were the full extent of his life.

The fire that occurred on Catherine st. the other morning made quite a thrilling scene. Half-past three o'clock—the dawn of a calm summer's morning—is just the time to cause the crackling of flames, shouts of firemen and the whistling of engines to be sensational, and a mountain side lit up with noon-day brightness imparts a little of the romantic to the more matter of fact destruction of solid timbers. Hundreds of people turned out—but whether to observe the beauties of the scene, or just to look at the fire, has not been precisely ascertained.

It is amusing to notice how the secular press will copy the most ridiculous reports about Church matters. It is not long since we were gravely informed that the Pope was about to annul the celibacy of the clergy, and that he had compromised with Bismarck on Falk Laws, with other yarns of a like description, all of which were as gravely contradicted in subsequent issues. In Irish matters they are almost as absurd. A paragraph is now going the rounds referring to a meeting of Irishmen in Philadelphia, the particulars of which could only originate in the brain of a sensational reporter. Every second word is "fire" "blood," "tooth for tooth," "death-dealing dynamite" &c., besides making the members call themselves a "most desperate set of devils," winding up with "Erin go Bragh" and *sic semper tyrannis*. The reporter, in his hurry, no doubt, omitted *E pluribus unum*, *skynogatchee*, and *sine qua non*. CLANCAHILL.

FROM PERTH.

FATHER O'CONNOR'S ENTERPRISE.

As an indication that our good old town of Perth-upon-Tay is still holding its own, we note with pleasure the much-needed improvements which the Rev. J. S. O'Connor, parish priest, generously seconded by his appreciative congregation, has been enabled to effect in and around St. John's Church, vestry and parsonage, during the comparatively short term of thirteen months that he has been stationed in Perth, and which have cost, we are informed, the snug amount of nearly twenty-one hundred dollars. We certainly think that Father O'Connor has every reason to feel satisfied with the result, so far, of his praiseworthy efforts to ameliorate the social status of his present charge, and that we are justified in arriving at this conclusion in the premises, we point to the significant fact which has lately come to our knowledge upon the best authority, namely, that the rev. gentleman has already set the ball moving again among the ladies of his congregation here, with the view of getting up a grand bazaar, to be held during the third week in January next, the proceeds whereof, we understand, he proposes to devote to the erection of a spire and pinnacles upon the tower and minarets of St. John's Church. We can only say that we sincerely wish his reverence the fullest measure of success in his laudable undertaking.—*Perth Courier.*

TEMPERANCE.

On Sunday afternoon, the members of the Father Mathew Temperance Society assembled at St. Mary's Church, when an appropriate discourse was delivered by the chaplain, Father O'Mahony. We are pleased to see that this excellent society has of late received quite an impetus, and earnestly hope the good work will go on in the same manner for all time to come.

BLYTH AND WINGHAM.

Rev. Father O'Mahony, of the Cathedral, will deliver a lecture on "The Popular Objections to the Catholic Church," in Blyth, on the morning of Sunday, 25th instant. The lecture will also be given in the church in Wingham, on the evening of the same day. We hope the churches in these places will be crowded on each occasion. The subject is a timely one, and will be treated in a masterly manner.

COMPLIMENTARY.

Perth, Ont., July 6th, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—I have found the RECORD during the twelve months that I have been on the list of its subscribers, so entirely deserving of the flattering endorsation given it by the Venerable Bishop of London, that I cannot now part its company; and therefore I here enclose you my subscription for another year from the 1st instant.

JOHN S. O'CONNOR, P. P.

GODERICH.

A pic-nic will be held on 28th inst., at Goderich, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Peters, whose magnanmious spirit on such occasions is well known, which praiseworthy cordiality and energy will ensure for Father Watters a most successful issue to his endeavors to liquidate the debt on the Separate School building.

Mrs. McGinnis, who was instantaneously killed during the thunder storm on the 9th inst., by the express running over her, was a very much respected member of St. Peters. May she rest in peace.

You will have seen in the dailies a report of the fire which originated in the chemical department of the "Tecumseh" salt well. It has proved very destructive, involving the loss of two salt wells, 1,400 cords of wood belonging to the G. W. R., and a portion of the track. Insurance covers all loses.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE TERM.

The Separate Schools have now closed for the summer vacation. Below will be found the honor roll in the different departments. The schools will re-open on the 1st of September:

SENIOR DEPARTMENT—BOYS—S. R. Brown, Teacher.

Highest Prize-marks—1st Division.

Christian Doctrine—J. Conroy, F. McNiff, John Burns, C. Fitzgibbon, I. Durkin, J. State, J. McNiff, M. Fitzgibbon, F. Weston, G. J. Aust, J. Simple, T. Denahy.

Reading.—J. O'Meara, C. Fitzgibbon, F. McNiff, J. Conroy, A. Tillman, J. McNiff, T. Denahy, M. Fitzgibbon, W. McDonald, J. Kelly, J. Simple, E. Finnegan.

Spelling and Dictation.—J. O'Meara, J. Conroy, M. Fitzgibbon, F. McNiff, G. J. Aust, J. McNiff, W. McDonald, J. Simple, W. Coles, J. Kelley, T. O'Meara, T. Denahy,

Grammar.—F. McNiff, M. Fitzgibbon, J. Conroy, W. Coles, G. J. Aust, I. Durkin, J. McNiff, J. Kelly, J. State, J. O'Meara, A. Tillman, W. McDonald, T. Denahy.

Geography—C. Fitzgibbon, J. Conroy, M. Fitzgibbon, J. O'Meara, F. McNiff, G. J. Aust, I. Durkin, J. McNiff, A. Tillman, J. Burns, J. State.

History.—C. Fitzgibbon, J. Conroy, F. McNiff, G. J. Aust, M. Fitzgibbon, J. O'Meara, J. Kelly, W. Coles, J. State, J. McNiff.

Writing.—G. J. Aust, J. O'Meara, F. McNiff, T. Lewis, M. Fitzgibbon, F. Watson, J. McNiff, J. Simple, W. McDonald, A. Tillman, W. Coles.

Bookkeeping.—C. Fitzgibbon, M. Fitzgibbon, G. J. Aust, T. Lewis, F. McNiff, J. O'Meara, I. Durkin.

Arithmetic.—J. Conroy, M. Fitzgibbon, J. O'Meara, T. Lewis, F. McNiff, G. J. Aust, J. Kelly, J. McNiff, C. Fitzgibbon, I. Durkin, W. Coles, T. Denahy.

Mensuration.—J. Conroy, G. J. Aust, M. Fitzgibbon, F. McNiff, J. O'Meara, I. Durkit, W. Coles.

Geometry.—J. Conroy, G. J. Aust, C. Fitzgibbon, M. Fitzgibbon

SECOND DIVISION.

Christian Doctrine.—L. Orndorff, C. Curran, J. O'Flaherty, F. Lewis, E. Burns, J. Moisse, H. Coppinger, John Morkin.

Reading—Alex. Williams, J. Palladino, L. Orndorff, F. Lewis, G. Thompson, Jas. Morkin, J. Croney, J. O'Flaherty.

Spelling and Dictation—Jno. Morkin, G. Thompson, J. Palladino, L. Palladino, L. Orndorff, C. Curran, J. O'Flaherty, Jas. Morkin.

Grammar—J. Moisse, G. Thompson, E. Burns, J. Palladino, C. Curran, Jno. Morkin, J. O'Flaherty, L. Orndorff.

Geography—J. Moisse, G. Thompson, J. Palladino, Jno. Morkin, L. Palladino, Jas. Morkin, C. Curran.

Writing—J. Palladino, T. H. Maloney, L. Orndorff, L. Palladino, F. Lewis, H. Coppinger, Jno. Morkin, J. O'Flaherty, Jas. Morkin.

Arithmetic—J. Moisse, Jno. Morkin, G. Thompson, L. Orndorff, J. Palladino, E. Kickman, E. Burns, J. O'Flaherty, Jas. Morkin.

Good Conduct—Joseph Conroy, James McNiff, Joseph State, pupils 1st division. Joseph Palladino made most progress in all branches in 2nd division.

Examiners, Mons. Bruyere, Rev. M. J. Tierman, teachers and others. The pupils acquitted themselves well, and the classes showed great progress since last examination. Mons. Bruyere addressed the pupils and teachers present. All expressed themselves well pleased with the state of the school.

JUNIOR BOYS' DEPARTMENT—Sister M. Alphonsus, Teacher.

Christian Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by G. Delisle, L. Hodgkinson, Patrick Hurson and William Shea.

Reading—First prize, equally merited by T. Gleeson, J Delisle, and J. Loughnane, second; equally merited by J. Burke, P. Crotty and Wm. Morkin.

Grammar—First prize, equally merited by T. Ellis, J. Burns and T. Ranahan, second, equally merited by J. Tierney, H. Ryan and J. Delisle.

Geography—First prize, equally merited by F. Spearman, T. Gleeson and F. Cole, second; A. Black and Henry Tierney.

Dictation—First prize, equally merited by F. Spearman, T. Gleeson and F. Cole.

Arithmetic—First prize, equally merited by M. Ward, T. Gleeson and Wm. Fitzpatrick; second, equally merited by H. Ryan, F. Cole, P. Lewis and E. Morkin.

Writing—First prize, equally merited by H. Ryan, F. Kelly, D. Walsh and T. Ellis.

Personal neatness—First prize, equally merited by T. Ellis and F. Cole.

Regular Attendance—Henry Ryan.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT—GIRLS—Sister M. Teresa, teacher.

Christian Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by Annie Griffin, Maggie Daly, Jane Paladine, Annie O'Meara, Katie Daly; second prize, Ellie O'Meara, Katie Goldsberry.

Reading—First prize, equally merited by Lizzie Corcoran, Joanna Breen, Jane Paladine, Ellie O'Meara; second prize equally merited by Annie Cooney and M. Daly

Spelling and Dictation—First prize, equally merited by Annie Griffin, Mary Bright, Katie O'Gorman, Eva McCarthy; second prize, equally merited by Mary Quinn and A. Quirk.

Writing—First prize, equally merited by Annie Cooney, Maggie Daly, Katie Daly, Katie Goldsberry; second prize, equally merited by Eva McCarthy, Jane Paladine.

Arithmetic—First prize, equally merited by Jane Paladine, Ellie O'Meara, Joanna Breen, L. Corcoran; second prize, equally merited by Nellie Quirk, M. Daly.

Grammar—First prize, equally merited by Nellie Quirk, Joanna Breen, Annie Cooney, Katie Daly; second, equally merited by Annie O'Meara, A. Griffin.

Geography—First prize, equally merited by Annie Griffin, K. O'Gorman, Jane Paladine, Katie Goldsberry; second, equally merited by Ellie Quirk, K. Daly.

Good Conduct and Application—First prize, equally merited by Annie Tillman, E. Hough, J. Paladine, Eva McCarthy.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT—SISTER M. SEBASTIAN TEACHER—SENIOR DIVISION.

Christian Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by John Whitbred, R. Skellington and J. Wiley; second, equally merited by John Durkin, P. Maher, M. Durkin, John Pendergast and J. Nolan.

Reading—First prize, equally merited by R. Skellington, J. Wiley, P. Maher and J. Nolan; second, equally merited by J. Pendergast, L. Mulkern and J. Durkin; third, equally merited by F. Armitt, J. Martin, P. Nevler and M. Durkin.

Grammar—First prize, merited by R. Skellington; second, equally merited by J. Wiley, M. Durkin, L. Mulkern, J. Whitbred, J. Pendergast; third, equally merited by J. Durkin, P. Maher, J. Nolan.

Geography—First prize, equally merited by R. Skellington, J. Pendergast, J. Wiley, J. Nolan, F. Armitt; second, equally merited by J. Nevler, L. Mulkern, M. Durkin, J. Whitbred.

Dictation—First prize, equally merited by R. Skellington, J. Nevler, M. Durkin, J. Wiley; second, equally merited by J. Nolan, J. Durkin, J. Pendergast; third, equally merited by L. Mulkern, J. Martin, P. Maher, J. Durkin.

Arithmetic—First prize, equally merited by F. Armitt, R. Skellington, J. Wiley; second, equally merited by J. Pendergast, P. Maher, J. Nolan, J. Whitbred.

Writing—First prize, equally merited by J. Martin, R. Skellington, J. Nolan, J. Nevler; second, equally merited by J. Wiley, J. Whitbred, R. Carty, M. Durkin.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Christion Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by H. Simple, R. Carty, J. White, J. Larkin, M. Hurley; second prize, equally merited by J. Sullivan, A. Gilliese, G. Mansell, F. Navan.

Reading—First prize, equally merited by J. White, R. Carty, H. Simple, W. O'Brien, J. Sullivan; second prize, equally merited by G. Mansell, A. Gilliese, J. Nolan, J. Larkin, T. Naven, M. Hurley.

Arithmetic—First prize, equally merited by R. Pevler. T. Naven, J. White, A. Gilliese, G. Mansell; second, equally merited by J. Nolan, W. Gleeson, H. Simple, J. Naven.

Writing—First prize, equally merited by J. Nolan, T. Naven, J. White, R. Pevler; second prize, equally merited by J. Mansell, J. Naven, E. Grant.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT—SENIOR DIVISION, THIRD CLASS.

Christian Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by L. Fitzhenry, T. Maher, K. Simple, M. McInnis and J. Mahony.

Reading—1st prize, equally merited by K. Simple, T. Maher, M. McInnis, A. Primrose, L. Fitzhenry, A. Gleeson and T. Ryan.

Arithmetic—First prize, merited by M. McInnis, T. Maher, L. Fitzhenry, R. Simple, J. Mahoney, M. Hannafin.

Grammar—First prize, equally merited by A. Murphy, K. Simple, M. McInnis, T. Maher; second, T. Ryan, M. Hannafin, L. Fitzhenry.

Geography—First prize, merited by M. McInnis, K. Simple, L. Fitzhenry, J. Mahoney, T. Maher; second, A. Primrose, M. McGeary.

Canadian History—First prize, merited by T. Maher, M. McInnis, J. Mahoney, K. Simple, T. Fitzhenry.

Spelling and Dictation—First prize, merited by M. McInnis, J. Mahoney, T. Maher, T. Ryan; second, A. Gleeson, A. Primrose, A. Murphy.

JUNIOR DIVISION—SECOND CLASS.

Christian Doctrine—First prize, equally merited by K. O'Donnell, M. O'Brien, N. Coomey, L. Roche, L. Primrose, C. Carty. T. McInnis, M. Pendergast.

Reading—1st prize, equally merited by N. Coomey, M. O'Brien, K. O'Donnell, T. McInnis, L. Roche, C. Hassett and N. Moohan.

Arithmetic—1st prize, merited by M. O'Brien, L. Roche, L. Primrose and N. Coomey.

Writing—1st prize, merited by M. O'Brien, K. O'Donnell and M. Pendergast.

COMMENCEMENTS.

On the afternoon of June 25th, the ladies of Loretto, Guelph, held their annual distribution, under the patronage of the Right Rev. Bishop Crinnon, and other clergy of the diocese. The invitations extended to parents, friends and acquaintances were readily accepted. The productions in painting, needle work, etc., as well as the excellent musical programme, did justice to the teaching of those cultured ladies so justly noted for their skill in imparting a thorough education to the pupils entrusted to their care. During an intermission of the musical programme, Miss Cummins presented His Lordship with an address, to which he made an appropriate and gratifying reply. Miss Millar, daughter of Joaquin Millar, "The poet of the Sierras," then advanced and read the prize list, which we would like to give did space permit us—but we cannot overlook the claims of the fair girl graduates who received their justly earned honors, viz., the gold medals of the year to Miss Agnes O'Neil, Miss Lizzie Carter, Miss Sara Coffey and Miss Rosie McElderry, all *Enfants de Marie*.

The closing exercises of Loretto Convent, Niagara Falls, at which Miss Symnos, of Savannah, graduated with all honors, took place on Monday, June 21st. Owing to the usual invitations not having been issued this year the audience was limited to His Grace Archbishop Lynch, the Carmelite Fathers and other clergy whose names we have not ascertained. The beautiful and unrivalled situation of this Convent must always make it a favored spot for parents who give their daughters a true lady's education, and nowhere perhaps do the Ladies of Loretto maintain a higher standard than in this highly favored institution.

On Wednesday, June 23, the academic year of St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto, was brought to a close. On that occasion His Lordship Bishop O'Mahony and a number of the clergy presided. Amongst them were the Very Rev. Fathers Vincent and Laurent; the Rev. Fathers McCann, Brennan, of Brantford, Maddigan, of Walkerton, Franchon, Braire, Conway, Egan, MacMahon, Chalandard, Murray and Teefy. A notable departure which gave general satisfaction took place this year, viz: The young ladies dispensed with all extra finery and appeared in their plain uniform dress. The programme was very select and effectively rendered. At its close the following young ladies were made the happy recipients of the gold medal by His Lordship: The Misses Lizzie P. Smith, Helen Cashman, M. Dora Kelman, and Miss Helen Ketchum, after which Miss Cashman delivered the valedictory, composed by Miss Smith, and from which we give this touching extract:

"Memory sacred, memory can never die," for as the hand of time but binds more firmly to the crumbling wall, the ever faithful ivy, so too as years roll on apace, the joy of recollection will twine around our hearts and stir our souls with the fondly cherished memories of hallowed St. Joseph's. And when distance will separate us from our loved Convent home, when new faces will brighten the happy class-room, when new voices will ring in the merry play ground, when all the old scenes will be enacted by new players, oh! then would we wish to be sometimes remembered, but more especially when the censor swings before the altar—when the fragrance of the flowers and incense ascends to heaven—when the echoes of the last sweet hymn die away into stillness—when the hushed and silent chapel betokens that the heart is in commune with God, then may a memory of us from the burden of a Sister's prayer, a Sister's petition, be wafted to the foot of God's throne for the absent children of St. Joseph's.

The proceedings were then brought to a close by His Lordship's delivering a brief congratulatory and felicitous address, and by the singing of the National Anthem.

C. M. B. A. NOTES.

To the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

GREETING:—Owing to our present numerical strength it becomes necessary to use greater precaution to presome our physical standard and furnish additional protection to present membership. Therefore, it is hereby *ordered* that all medical examiners must hereafter be appointed by the Supreme President and by the Grand Presidents within their respective jurisdictions. The present practice of appointing medical examiners by local branches is hereby discontinued, and no applicant can be accepted as a member of this association until he has received the certificate of a physician appointed as examiner in accordance with this order. In large cities the number of medical examiners should not exceed two. In smaller communities, but one, thereby greatly reducing the liability of error and rendering it easier to trace improper examinations and fix the responsibility where it belongs. Medical examiners must be selected because of their professional ability, and the officers hereby visited with the power of making such appointments will be held strictly accountable for improper and indifferent appointments. In new districts, where there are no duly appointed examiners, the deputy or person organizing a new branch therein may select a suitable, competent physician to examine charter members. This order will take effect on and after the 1st day of August, A. D. 1880.

J. T. KEENA,
Supreme Pres.

JAMES MARTIN,
SEBASTIN GEYER,
JOHN CLIFFORD,
JOSEPH MCKENNA,
JAMES MCGRAW,
} Trustees Sup. C.

Received from Branches under our jurisdiction on assessment No. 4, $185.

Assessment No. 6 has been issued. It is to pay the beneficiary of Bro. Michael Cummings of Branch 25, Dunkirk, N. Y., who died on the 15th April last.

Mr. John Daly has been elected Marshal of Branch No. 5, Brantford, in place of Mr. J. L. Byrne, who has removed to Michigan.

A few Branches under our jurisdiction have not yet forwarded their "quarterly report." A quarterly report for the quarter ending 30th June must be made by every branch *without delay*.

We are informed by Bro. O'Connor, Recording Secretary of Brantford Branch, that said branch is increasing rapidly, and that their Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Bardou, attends their meetings regularly, and works very hard for the advancement of the C. M. B. Association.

Answer to correspondent.—1st, "Beneficiary membership reports" and application for beneficiary certificates must be made as usual to the Grand Recorder. Beneficiary certificates will be sent in any quantity to Recording Secretaries, signed blank by Supreme President and Recorder. Branch Secretaries must "fill out" said certificates for members, and see that it is stated on each certificate to whom the beneficiary shall be paid, which statement must correspond with the *will* in branch will book.

One of the incidental advantages of being a member of the C. M. B. A. is the interest which brothers take in assisting each other in business, obtaining situations, and helping in similar ways. It is well known that Masons, Odd Fellows, and kindred associations give the preference, other things being equal, to brother members. C. M. B. A. men recognize the same implied obligation, and we have known of instances where men have obtained steady and remunerative employment through this influence. It is no small advantage for a young man to have this powerful help in entering and fighting the battle of life, and especially is it beneficial to be surrounded by a phalanx of friends who will influence, advise, and if necessary, reprove when there is an indication of departure from the high principles and practices of the holy faith on which the C. M. B. A. has its foundation. —*Catholic Visitor.*

DEAR SIR—We are met with the objections that the C. M. B. A. is a new venture, and that we have not that experience which justifies our claims to permanency and success, also that it is too costly; in reply to these objections we would answer that the institution of those societies is very old and wide-spread. In England they are called friendly societies, in this country Benevolent Societies; but the one principle of assured material assistance pervades all. The cause of their establishment is traceable to the dependence felt by persons in adversity, but their origin is shrouded in obscurity. Though it is attributed to the burial societies connected with religious bodies, from this naturally arose the desire to ameliorate distress of every description, until notably in England their objects are almost as numerous as the names by which distress under all its forms is known. In 1875 an act of Parliament was passed for their registration, and though we cannot with certainty place their original date, there are records as far back as 1630. The present existing societies have large memberships. The Manchester Unity and Foresters number nearly 600,000, and many others over 50,000 each. Their financial condition is good, and the government has adopted measures to ensure their stability in that respect; many of them have attained 25, 50 and some over 100 years' existence. During the past twenty-five years a large number have been organized on our own continent, and on those who have adopted the insurance plan we have based our calculations, notably amongst them the "Knights of Honor," "Knights of America," "Royal Arcanum" and ancient order of "United Workmen." Of the different societies just mentioned, we have adopted the same amount payable on the death of a member, and the amount of assessment, age, limit, &c, as the A. O. U. W. Their membership in the United States and Canada amounts to 90,000, and the average assessments, (according to their reports) during the past eleven years has been fourteen assessments each year.

To illustrate, we will say that our membership is 3,500, although it is very nearly 4,000. Now let us take 3,500 and multiply it by fourteen assessments of one dollar each, which will give a total of $49,000, sufficient to pay twenty-four claims of $2,000 each; so far, we have not had so high a rate, nor do we expect to have it in future, on account of the constitution not allowing the establishment of Branches in the South, where the other societies lost so heavily during the yellow fever epidemic. We are also more careful of the physical qualifications of candidates and have not only local examiners, but also medical examiners in chief about to be appointed, and which the A. O. U. W. had not till very lately, notwithstanding, its 90,000 members. We further claim that the religious qualifications necessary give us a higher moral standing and should keep our death rate lower than that of other societies who admit all applicants, if physically qualified. Therefore we consider our society the cheapest and safest of all the Benevolent associations, and that should be a pledge for its permanency.

Brantford, July 7. A MEMBER.

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