

deacon Casey, Mr. Killackey, Mr. Thos. Cahill and Treasurer Seguin, of the Catholic Order of Foresters. The national anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.—The Daily Review, Peterborough, Ont., January 25, 1899.

THE REV. FATHER BURKE AD-DRESSED AND COATED.

After Mass on New Year's Day, the congregation of St. Mark's, Lot 7, waited upon their beloved pastor, Rev. Father Burke, when Peter Doyle, Esq., of Pleasant View Cottage, read the following address, which was accompanied by a beautiful fur-lined coat:

Rev. A. E. Burke,
Pastor of St. Mark's Church, Lot 7.
Rev. and Dear Father—We, the parishioners of St. Mark's Church, Lot 7, extend to you to-day our most affectionate greeting. For ten years have you guarded our souls with unswerving devotedness—ten long years of humble and unsparring self-sacrifice. We cannot attempt to relate the treasures of grace vouchsafed to us during that period both through the establishment of societies and by every other means conducive to the welfare of our souls. You have had many a bad road and stormy day to encounter, but like a good soldier of Christ you have been always punctually at your post, whoever else failed—ever ready to reclaim the sinner, to extend your charity to the poor and to alleviate the distress of the dying. The works for which we are indebted to you here prove that you are endowed with rare executive ability; for everything which you have undertaken for our temporal as well as for our spiritual welfare has been crowned with the most complete success.

By your wise counsels and firmness of disposition you have inculcated the purest principles of morality in the hearts and minds of all. The sacred cause of temperance you have promoted with fervor and constancy, and in regard to education, in all its varied forms, you have taken a most praiseworthy part. By your many excellent traits of character—piety, lofty example and uniform courtesy towards rich and poor alike you have gained the love and respect of all classes and creeds. As an orator and writer you are unsurpassed in the province—the strength, beauty and majesty of your voice, the gracefulness of your action, the power of your reasoning, arousing in our hearts at all times noble and patriotic sentiments.

Pardon us, Reverend Father, these feeble words of address, for we cannot suitably express our deep gratitude to you for the manifold blessings so unstintingly bestowed upon us; but we hope and pray that your reward may be great with God, Who has made an undying record of them. We only ask of you now to accept this New Year's offering—the best coat that money can buy—as a token of our esteem and gratitude; while we pray our Heavenly Father to grant you health and strength to discharge as faithfully in the future as in the past the onerous duties of your sacred calling. And may He spare you for many long years to labor as our teacher, guide and friend.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners of St. Mark's this New Year's Day, 1899.

PETER DOYLE,
MAURICE O'HALLORAN,
DAN. O'SULLIVAN,
WM. HOWARD,
JOHN GRIFFIN,
THOMAS BUTLER,
WM. P. DALTON.

The reverend gentleman was taken completely by surprise, but returned his thanks with his usual felicity. He had never encouraged those presentations, he said, feeling sufficiently rewarded when his people discharged their obligations faithfully to him, but on such a day and when they had everything cut and dried without consulting him, how could he do otherwise than be thankful to his good people and wish them, what he had just done from God's altar—a happy and prosperous New Year.

The coat is a beautiful fur-lined garment, made by Laliberte, Quebec, trimmed with Labrador otter and cost \$100. In unison with his parishioners The Watchman wishes Father Burke many long years to wear it, and knows none more worthy of so suitable and valuable a present.—The Watchman, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. WHEATON, OF BRANCH 15.

At the regular meeting of Branch 15 of Toronto, held in their hall, corner of Queen and McCaul streets, on Friday evening, January 20 a most enjoyable time was spent. It being the first meeting after the installation of officers for the year, the branch invited the members of Branches 49 and 111 to be present, and amongst those who responded from 49 were President Quinn, Chancellor Byron, Treasurer Clancy and Bros. Mahar, Cook, Landy and Mulvihill. From 111, President Dolan, Vice President Kelly, Chancellor Pegg and Bros. Pegg, Corcoran, McQuillan, Highland and Ryan. Bro. Jas. Ryan, of Branch 85 was also present. During the meeting President Wm. Ray, in a few well-chosen remarks, gave an outline of the origin of fraternal societies and the work done by the officers. He then asked Treasurer E. F. Wheaton to step forward, and, on behalf of the branch, presented him with a handsome silver candlestick, in appreciation of his valuable services rendered while in office. Bro. Wheaton, in a few words, thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him. Then, after speeches by the visiting brothers, they were escorted to the larger hall and enjoyed themselves with games of euchre and pedro, and, after doing ample justice to the refreshments served by Bro. J. McHenry, the meeting was brought to a close.

PRESENTATION.

At the regular meeting of Branch 281, Tignish, P. E. I., held on Dec. 30th, 1898, the following address was presented to the retiring president:

Tignish, December 30th, 1898.

To Joseph J. Arsenault, President Branch 281, C. M. B. A.

Dear Sir and Brother—We, the members of the above branch, upon this the occasion of your expiration of term as President, wish to express our appreciation of your most valuable services in the interest and welfare of our society, since its establishment here.

In doing so we wish to assure you that we are very sensible of the feeling of gratitude we owe you, for the deep interest you have always manifested in the welfare of our branch.

We congratulate you also on the success you achieved, in the satisfactory discharge of the duties which have devolved upon you, since you occupied the presidential chair. We are happy to state our membership steadily increases, and whatever of success has attended our branch is due greatly to your unremitting interest in its welfare. In thanking you for all you have done in the past, we hope and trust that Branch 281 may for many long years to come continue to enjoy the benefits of your practical assistance and valued advice, in making an honorable record as a worthy branch of our noble association.

Signed on behalf of the branch,

T. JOHN HACKETT,
P. L. CHAISSON,
JAMES WM. KINCH,
JEROME BUOTE,
ALBERT BRENNAN.

The grace of God is not like something that you can put away in a drawer and go and take out at any time convenient to you.—Father Cole-ridge.

C. M. B. A. AT HOME.

One of the Most Successful Entertainments in the Society's History.

Last evening the C. M. B. A. gave a highly satisfactory and pleasant entertainment for the benefit of the members, their wives and families in their rooms to which their friends had been invited. The programme was very interesting and won hearty tokens of appreciation from the guests. W. J. Quinn occupied the chair and in a brief speech before introducing the programme spoke of the good work of the order. The Reverend Father Solanus, O. F. M., gave a brief and interesting address on Catholic societies.

Mrs. Con E. Shea sang "She was bred in old Kentucky" in a very pleasing manner. Frank Phelps played the accompaniment.

The recitation of T. N. Leigh, "How Jean Baptiste Trudeau came back," was an excellent rendition of the French dialect.

The next number was a clever vocal solo by John E. Primeau.

W. J. McRener, Grand Deputy, gave a masterly address on the history of the C. M. B. A. from its inception to the present time. Mr. McRener spoke in a very able manner and his remarks were concise and to the point.

Jos. Rose sang a beautiful bass solo, accompanied on the organ by Miss Nellie Rhody.

Miss Josephine Primeau sang a sweet solo, playing her own accompaniments.

Master Robert O'Neill gave a well rendered recitation.

The Catholic Club Quintette, Messrs. James Rhody, Jos. Rose, Ernest Kelley, Wm. Chrysler and Philip Tschirhart, rendered a choice vocal selection.

Miss Agnes Reilly sang in charming style, "I love you in the same old way," Miss Nellie Rhody playing the accompaniment.

James A. Gordon, Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters, spoke on the aims and objects of the order.

Miss Dora Primeau rendered a comic song in a very clever manner.

J. B. Downie, of Branch 37, Hamilton, gave a choice Irish selection. The French song rendered by Mrs. Ellenor Sterling was vociferously enjoyed.

John Donnegan, President of the Young Men's Catholic Club, in a short and clever speech, reviewed the objects and aims of the club.

After generous and tempting refreshments had been served the gathering broke up with the singing of "God Save the Queen," Miss Nellie Rhody presiding at the organ and W. J. Quinn accompanying the anthem on the cornet.

The affair was arranged under the capable management of Messrs. Ed. Peardon, Jas. Taff, W. J. Quinn, C. Bechard, David Canary, P. Robert, Hector McGregor, J. U. Thibodeau and W. J. McRener.—The Daily Planet, Chatham, Ont., January 25, 1899.

OPEN MEETING OF BRANCH 71.

On Wednesday evening, January 25th, an open meeting of Branch 71 of Trenton, Ont., was held in their hall in the Separate School building, the occasion being the first official visit to Trenton of Bro. W. P. Killackey, Grand Organizer of the Association. The hall was filled with an appreciative audience, composed of the members of the branch and a large number of ladies and gentlemen of the parish and

vicinity. A choice programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the best local talent in their usual very creditable manner, during which Bro. Killackey delivered an interesting address of an hour's length, ably explaining the aims, objects, and benefits of the Association, and urged all present, who were eligible for membership, to join the society without delay. The chair was occupied during the evening by Chancellor U. E. LaBelle, who introduced Bro. Killackey in a happy speech, and on the platform were seated Very Rev. C. B. Murray, the Spiritual Advisor of the branch, and several of the other officers.

At the conclusion of the entertainment a reception was held by Branch 71, at which Bro. Killackey was introduced to the members, and to about thirty other gentlemen likely to become such, who each and all signified their intention of joining the Association at an early date. The Grand Organizer will visit Trenton again sometime next month, at which time a large number of new members will be received into the society. We congratulate Branch 71 on the success of the evening's entertainment, and predict a large increase in membership as a result.

LOCAL CONVENTION.

At the regular annual meeting of Branch No. 180 of the C. M. B. A., of Yarmouth, on Monday last, the following officers were installed by Rev. Father Sullivan and Mr. F. G. J. Comeau, Grand Deputies of the Association for Western Nova Scotia, viz:—

President—F. G. J. Comeau; 1st Vice-President, T. Maloney; 2nd Vice-President, E. H. Pothier; Rec. Secretary, D. T. Ashe; Assistant Secretary, Dennis Pothier; Treasurer, Louis LeBlanc; Financial Secretary, J. R. Saulnier; Marshal, L. Burridge; Guard, Elise L. Comeau; Trustees, L. A. D'Entremont, Edward Doucet and F. M. Doucet.

W. H. Whalen was re-appointed Chancellor pro-tem for the ensuing year.

This meeting of the Yarmouth Branch of the C. M. B. A. proved to be one of the most interesting held in western Nova Scotia. Delegates from the adjoining branches of the order were as follows: From Br. 205, West Pubnico, Albert Carland and Capt. Zacharie D'Eon; from Br. 209, Lower East Pubnico, Mand. M. Amero, W. N. Amero and G. D. Amero; from Branch 271, Meteghan, Elizer Gaudet, Wm. Gorman and D. D'Entremont; from Branch 257, Belliveau's Cove, O. A. Soucie, Daniel Gaudet and Philip Brun. Edward Theriau and Capt. Chas. Dionne, of the latter branch, were also present. Considerable time was devoted to speech making, during which very eloquent addresses were made by Rev. Father Sullivan, of St. Bernard's; F. G. J. Comeau, President of the Yarmouth Branch; Daniel Gaudet, of L'Evangeline, Albert Carland, Elizer Gaudet, Wm. German and others.

The following resolution, after being moved and seconded, was taken up and discussed:—"Whereas it could but be to the best interests of the branches in western Nova Scotia that local conventions be held annually and whereas such local conventions would be productive of much good as well as conducive to the higher attainments of the Associations, therefore, be it resolved that the members of Branch 180 and the delegates here present hereby

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