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THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

A correspondence that has taken place between Mr. James O'Hara, a well-known Toronto member of the C.M.B.A., and Grand President Hackett, has found its way into the newspapers. This correspondence deals with the defalcation in the funds of the Association which should never have been made public property before the Convention had occasion to consider and decide upon the best line of action with regard to it. Suppose the case to be that of an ordinary joint-stock company. Would any board of directors give their troubles a public airing before laying them before the annual meeting of shareholders? Such a supposition need not be answered.

It does not appear, however, that Mr. O'Hara is in any way to blame for the present publicity. The matter of the defalcation has been common knowledge for many months, the Grand Trustees talking freely, as is their wont, with the object of putting the burden upon other shoulders than their own. But if that were not enough the Grand Officers, or some of them, were quoted as speaking for publication on the face of a despatch sent out on the 17th inst. from Kingston, where the head offices are presently located. That was a week before Mr. O'Hara was heard from; and it is but natural to suppose that it was this publicity, coming straight from the Grand Council headquarters, that prompted him to give his correspondence with Grand President Hackett to all the world beside. Publicity in cases of this kind spells scandal; and the only course now open is for the Convention to let no stone be unturned until the reputation of the C.M.B.A. has been restored to the confidence it once enjoyed.

A week ago we dwelt upon the stern duty of the delegates to regard the Convention Hall as they would a jury room. We must be on our guard against any apportioning of individual responsibility before the Convention has discharged its duty. And for this reason we do not enter upon a discussion of the statements made by Grand President Hackett in his correspondence with Mr. O'Hara. One point in it and one only calls for comment now. In the Kingston despatch to which we have already referred, an individual name was singled out from the officials of the Grand Board. The same thing is done in the correspondence of Grand President Hackett. The newspaper discussion of the defalcation has inevitably taken a similar turn. All this is inexcusable. It is unworthy of the C.M.B.A. or of the spirit of any fraternal or business body. All we know is that there is a defalcation. Let no delegate enter the convention hall of the C.M.B.A. today who has prejudged the dead for the favor of the living.

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

Some weeks ago Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick felt called upon to give public denial to a yarn started by the chief Conservative organ that his retirement from the Government was imminent. It is a most extraordinary thing that the chief Liberal organ should repeat the story with the variation that the Minister of Justice will accept the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Globe and Mail are a fair match at guessing as far as the public are at liberty to judge between them. The public, however, would learn with regret from any reliable source that the present Minister of Justice contemplates withdrawing from political life even for the highest position in the judiciary of Canada. This Dominion still needs men of the stature of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. He is like another great Minister of Justice who preceded him. He is in the political arena because of this simple fact that the political parties of the country must be led by the ablest men available to them. Mr. Fitzpatrick is making a sacrifice of the best years of his professional life to the public service, though it is said his tastes are still for his professional work. But it would not be consistent with his great and untiring service to the Liberal party if he should decide to put professional tastes even now before his sense of duty and professional emolument ahead of the high estimation of his fellow Canadians.

To those of us who look upon him with a special regard because he is the most distinguished Irish Canadian that has ever risen in the public life of Canada, the notion of his retirement either to the regular practice of his profession or to the chief justiceship of the Supreme Court, would be equally distasteful. The Irish people in Canada are not too familiar with a man of their own to cheer for in the front rank of our Canadian statesmen. They are not on this account likely to appreciate the Toronto Globe's premature efforts to promote the Minister of Justice to the calm twilight of the judiciary.

THE GLOBE AS A CABINET MAKER.

Not many moons ago The Globe tried its hand at the job of cabinet making for Mr. Ross, with results that would have been embarrassing to an organ possessed of a less complacent sense of humor. Having been made to see that its efforts were not appreciated in Ontario, but having experienced a clear call to the work of making over the Liberal Governments of our times, The Globe has now been doing some good by stealth along the same line for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Apparently it has fallen down on this job too. But our contemporary takes its discomfiture lightly, and it is hard to say where it may not be found meddling next.

On August 17 The Globe printed a special despatch from Ottawa, opening with the following paragraphs:

"The report is current here that the entrance of A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., into the cabinet may be looked for at an early date. Although ministerial confirmation of the rumor is lacking, it nevertheless meets with ready acceptance in political circles.

"The rank and file of the party in Ontario would welcome with enthusiasm the appearance of Mr. Aylesworth in politics, and it would be regarded with no less favor in the other provinces. Mr. Aylesworth's firm and dignified conduct as a member of the Alaska boundary commission won for him a warm place in the affections of his countrymen, and it is felt by many that he could render still greater service to Canada by lending his aid in the management of federal affairs."

When the recognized organ of a government makes an announcement like the foregoing the public are certain to assume that "a coming event," which has been well considered and fully decided upon, has been foreshadowed. That was the general belief when The Globe's despatch was read; and if any additional air of assurance were needed it was supplied on the editorial page, where an article was published under the positive heading, "Mr. Aylesworth for Parliament," declaring that "The Canadian public irrespective of party sentiment, will take a deep interest in the rumor that Mr. Aylesworth has accepted a seat in the Laurier Cabinet."

"Has accepted a seat." To call such a report, coming from such a quarter a "rumor," was hardly a discriminating use of the English language. However, from what the public have since learned, there can be no doubt at all that the word was used quite advisedly.

The harmony between the news and the editorial pages of The Globe goes to show where all these rumors of cabinet reconstruction got their start. But had the thing been left there, the enterprise, we suppose, would have been incomplete. The same afternoon edition of The Globe had a further despatch as follows:

"Ottawa, Aug. 18.—(Globe Special.)—The report that Mr. Aylesworth will shortly enter the Dominion Datinet is taken to mean that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick is about to retire, as the former would no doubt be given the portfolio of minister of Justice. Rumor connects Mr. Fitzpatrick's name with the chief justiceship of the supreme court. It is said that Sir Henri Taschereau may retire, in which event he would be succeeded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. However, there is nothing official in regard to these reports as yet."

When Mr. Aylesworth, who was on the ocean at the time The Globe was inventing political sensations, reached New York, he was met by a representative of the Toronto World, to whom he politely imparted the information that The Globe must have been faking its news, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier had never communicated with him on the subject of his entrance into politics. And after Mr. Aylesworth had reached Toronto, he gave audience to The Globe itself, the published result of which, after much desultory talk about the charming hospitality of Lord Alverstone, was in these terms:

"With regard to the rumor that he might enter the Dominion Parliament, Mr. Aylesworth could only repeat what he had said to the Associated Press agent in New York, that he had no communication on the subject from the Premier."

This is lame indeed, after the whole sensation had been made by The Globe itself. The Register will not press its comments on the incident for the present.

MR. HUGH KELLY.

Mr. Hugh Kelly, county master A.O.H., is on an extended tour visiting the British Isles. Mr. Kelly is at present in Belfast. He will visit his native home in Ireland before returning to Canada next month.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Tablet says: "We are glad to be able to say that the Papal Legate, Cardinal Vannutelli, has returned from Ireland more than pleased with his visit. He speaks with enthusiasm of that country and the people, and the spirit of fervent Catholicism which he found wherever he went. His Eminence wished to be understood that when he left Ireland his mission was ended, and, accordingly, the few receptions has attended since his coming back to England have been entirely of a private character."

The following letter appears in the Tablet:

Sir,—Referring to the correspondence which has passed between the Secretary of the Imperial Protestant Federation and Lord Knollys concerning the speech of Cardinal Vannutelli at Maynooth which has been noticed in the daily papers, I am instructed by the Cardinal to write to you that he did not say that the King had expressed his sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people for a University suited to the needs of the Catholics of Ireland. The Cardinal, in citing what seemed to him to be encouraging signs of the times, mentioned the fact of the King having in various ways shown his sympathy with all that concerned the welfare of his Catholic subjects. The Cardinal emphasized the importance of the King's visit to that College, where the entire Irish Episcopate was assembled, and the honor which his Majesty had paid to the institution. From this as well as from other things which had come to the Cardinal Legate's notice during his visit to Ireland, his Eminence encouraged all present to hope that the spirit of the governing power was not hostile to Irish aspirations in the direction of University education.

Cardinal Vannutelli spoke in Italian, and no authorized copy was ever given to the Press. This may explain the inaccuracy with which it was reported.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

FRANCIS A. MACNUTT,
Chamberlain of the Papal Court.

Massachusetts will mourn for an honored son, and the world will miss a really great man in Senator G. F. Hoar. The Gladstone of the United States, he towered above his confreres in the Senate, and his voice won the admiration of the entire English speaking people. Catholics have long regarded Senator Hoar not only with admiration but gratitude. He never shrank from their defence when occasion demanded it, and his generous views of republican citizenship helped to mould American opinion to a greater degree than any of his contemporaries. He mercilessly condemned the A. P. A. to whose members he once said with scathing contempt. "You think the way to make good citizens and good men of Irish Catholics is to attract them to Protestantism and to go yourselves into a dark cellar and curse at them through the gratings of the windows." Senator Hoar's condemnation of the A.P.A. was none the less potent because of the conspicuous fact that he alone stood out of the Republican party to declare the freedom of the true republican spirit.

A. O. H. Convention

St. Thomas, Aug. 22.—This morning the eighth annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians opened in the council chamber of the city hall, with J. O'Farrell of Ottawa, Grand President, in the chair. The other officers present were: J. Lee, of Gananoque, Grand Vice-President; T. D. Dowy of Hamilton, Grand Secretary; R. J. Slattery, of Arnprior, Grand Treasurer, and A. J. Tobin of Ottawa, Insurance Secretary. There were about 40 delegates present.

The delegates and members of the local division marched from the council chamber to the Church of the Holy Angels, where Rev. Arthur West celebrated High Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Ferron. Rev. Father O'Neill of Bothwell preached the sermon of welcome and took for his text "What a grand and pleasant thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Afternoon and evening sessions were held, and standing committees appointed. The delegates were entertained to a banquet by the local division at the Grand Central Hotel to-night. About 100 sat down, the chair being occupied by P. L. M. Egan, local President.

Mr. P. E. Ryan

The appointment of Mr. P. E. Ryan as Secretary of the Grand Trunk Pacific Commission is announced. Mr. Ryan, who is a young man, brings to his new post the qualifications of a practical training in railway work. He left the service of the C.P.R. to become secretary to Hon. F. R. Latchford when that gentleman was taken into the Ontario Government as Commissioner of Public Works. When the Temiscaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission was appointed about a year ago, Mr. Ryan was given the responsible post of Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission, and this has been a stage in his further advancement to the Grand Trunk Pacific Commission. Mr. Ryan's friends in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto congratulate him upon his success.

Death of Sister Mary Margaret

Cornwall, Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Sister Mary Margaret of the Hotel Dieu community died at the Hotel Dieu, Cornwall, on Monday night, aged 27 years. Her name before taking the religious vows was Margaret Macdonell, and she was a daughter of Alex. Macdonell of Alexandria. She joined the sisterhood five years ago.

C. M. B. A. CONVENTION

Thirteenth Triennial Assembly Opens in Toronto

The Executive of the order met yesterday at the Queen's Hotel and completed all arrangements for the Grand Council meeting. A very large number of delegates have already arrived, and fully 380 are expected to register. Among those already present are:—

Chancellor, O. K. Fraser, Brockville; President, Hon. M. F. Hackett, K.C., Stanstead, Que.; First Vice-President, Dr. L. J. Belliveau, Shediac, N.B.; Second Vice-President, Bernard O'Connell, Dublin; Secretary, J. J. Behan, Kingston; Treasurer, W. J. McKee, Windsor; Marshal, J. D. Callaghan, Arthur. Trustees—J. A. Chisholm, LL.B., Halifax; Charles Dupont Hebert, Three Rivers; G. V. McInerney, K.C., St. John, N.B.; Geo. Lynch Staunton, K.C., Hamilton; Rev. J. E. Crinion, Paris. Committee on Laws—W. J. Boland, Toronto; John A. Murphy, Cayuga; J. A. Renaud, Joliette, Que. Finance Committee—J. T. Hallisey, Truro, N.S.; Hon. A. D. Richard, Dorchester, N.B. Supervising Medical Examiner, Edward Ryan, M.D., Kingston; Solicitor, Hon. F. R. Latchford, Ottawa; Assistant Secretary, J. E. H. Howison, Kingston.

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Cada, Tecumseh; John O'Malley, Walkerton; Hugh Campbell, Arthur; Rev. F. S. Forster, New Germany; Thos. F. O'Meara, Barrie; D. Macnamara, Mount Forest; T. B. Fritz, St. Agatha; R. D. Gunn, Orillia; Rev. Thomas Noonan, Dublin; J. G. Horey, Merritton; J. Monforton, Canord River; James Graham, St. Mary's; J. M. McNamara, North Bay; Andrew O'Farrell, Ayton; F. Meindle, Mattawa; A. J. Fortier, Pembroke; Basile Carriere, Hull; Michael Wagner, Deemerton; A. Schneider, Mildmay; U. E. La Belle, Trenton; J. B. Goetz, Formosa; Jos. Wynne, Penetanguishene; Edward McGinty, Belleville; Dr. Blanchard, Lindsay; Thos. McKittrick, Oshawa; P. O. Pelow, Gananoque; Samuel Mathews, Tilbury; W. J. Sutherland, Smith's Falls; Rev. M. McCormack, Kingsbridge; J. C. Maloney, Deseronto; Thos. Ingoldsby, Orangeville; Ed. Young, Perth; D. J. Goodwin, Picton; Rev. H. J. Gibney, Alliston; W. G. King, Teeswater; John Devine, Renfrew; R. Carignan, Lachine; Calixte Dion, Levis; M. A. Verge, Quebec; E. Crowe, Campbellford; J. H. Martin, Westport; John Lorentz, Baden; Dr. L. Normand, Three Rivers; A. J. Hudon, Richmond; Frantz Waltz, Waterloo; James Bulger, Cobourg; Daniel Driscoll, Merrickville; Geo. Poirier, Waterloo; John Sands, Niagara; N. Lang, Chepstow; G. Morrow, Fergus; A. Lafontaine, Joliette, Que.; John J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, Que.; J. R. Dowd, Welland; L. J. Jodoin, Sudbury; C. F. Pequegnot, Sandwich; Jeremiah Barry, Dunnville; Rev. D. P. McMenamim, Biddulph; M. C. Costello, Calgary; Neil McPhee, Parkhill; H. E. Contois, Granby, Que.; R. A. Sutton, Bathurst, N.B.; Jos. McPherson, North Sydney, N.S.; W. R. Powell, Halifax, N. S.; J. Frank Owens, Hon. Judge J. L. Carleton, St. John, N.B.; J. A. Roy, St. Hyacinthe, Que.; O. Gosselin, Drummondville, Que.; J. E. Dolan, Portage du Fort, Que.; S. J. McNally, Calumet Island, Que.; Henry McElhane, Lasalette; James Sheridan, Brechin; J. P. Lacey, Eganville; M. Dillon, Fletcher; J. T. Doris, St. Vincent de Paul, Que.; Geo. 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Will Sing High Mass

Rev. Father J. J. Costello will sing his first mass at St. Basil's on Sunday next. A full choir will assist and Mr. W. A. Mourne will preside at the organ.

Resolution of Condolence

At the last regular meeting of St. Leo and Anthony Commandery No. 2, Knights of St. John, held Sunday, Aug. 7th, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death Mrs. Haffey, wife of our esteemed brother, T. K. Haffey,

Resolved that we, the members of this Commandery, do hereby extend Bro. Haffey our sincere sympathy and connolence in his sad bereavement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to The Catholic Record, Catholic Register and the official organ, Knight of St. John.

JOHN HEFFERING, Pres.
JAS. ALLEN, Secy.

William O'Brien Accepts

Dublin, Aug. 23.—The Evening Herald announces that Mr. William O'Brien has decided to accept the seat in Parliament for Cork city, to which he was re-elected unopposed on Friday last.

On November 5, 1903, Mr. O'Brien resigned his seat in Parliament for Cork city, and at the same time resigned the membership in the governing body of the United Irish League, owing to difference of opinion with members of the Nationalist party.

Constantly measure yourself with those you meet. You will find that everyone can teach you something which you did not know before, and which, perhaps, you would never have a chance to learn again if you did not acquire it from them.

The Process for the Canonization of the Irish Martyrs

The following letter has been addressed by His Grace the Archbishop to the Clergy, secular and regular, of the Diocese of Dublin:

Archbishop's House, Dublin,
3rd August, 1904.

Very Rev. and Dear Father,—I am happy to be able to make known to you that an important section of the Process for Canonization of our Martyrs who suffered death for the faith in the days of persecution in Ireland has now been completed, and that, so far as an opinion can be formed at the present stage of the proceedings, they may be said to give good promise of ultimate success.

Since the beginning of Lent, when the case was first brought before the Diocesan Court, sixty sessions have been held. At these, all available historical evidence upon the various points involved in the inquiry has been brought forward by witnesses to whom the history of the heroic constancy of the Catholics of Ireland in the days of persecution has long been a subject of special study. With one exception, the examination of all the witnesses whose evidence is at present relied upon by the Rev. Postulator in charge of the case, has now been completed. The evidence of his Eminence Cardinal Moran,—on many grounds, the most important of all the witnesses,—has necessarily had to be taken by commission, and the official record of his Eminence's examination cannot be expected to reach Dublin for at least some weeks to come.

A short adjournment of the proceedings in the Diocesan Court has therefore become necessary, and the prayers by which we have been invoking the assistance of the Spirit of Divine Wisdom each day at Mass since the Process was opened, may for the present be discontinued.

It now becomes our duty to give thanks to God for what we may trust we are justified in regarding as the satisfactory progress, so far, of a week that is of such deep and special interest to every Irish Catholic, and that, if ultimately successful, cannot fail to be fruitful in blessings to the Irish Church. The Collect of Thanksgiving, "Deus, cujus misericordiae non est numerus," is to be said at Mass next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

We have now reached a time of year that always has to be regarded as a critical one, whether for the growth, or for the preservation, of the fruits of the earth. Through the goodness of God we have this year been blessed with most favorable weather. We have not now to call upon Him in His mercy to bring to an end a period either of drought or of excessive rain. But we should not omit to pray for a continuance of the present favorable weather until the harvest has been safely gathered in.

For this purpose, the Collect, "Deus, refugium nostrum et virtus," is to be said at Mass next Monday and until further notice.

I remain,
Very Rev. and Dear Father,
Your faithful servant in Christ
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Archbishop of Dublin,
Etc., etc.

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(Special to The Register.)

Hamilton, Aug. 25.—St. Joseph's Church last week was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, when a Toronto young man chose a life partner from the congregation's fair sex. Mr. John Creamer of Toronto, was the groom, and the bride Miss Alenora Dempsey, daughter of William Dempsey, 225 Robinson street. Only immediate friends and relatives were present. The ceremony took place at 7.30 and the knot was tied by Rev. Father Gehl, the rector. Charles Creamer, brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Helena Dempsey, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Creamer will reside in Toronto. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and prosperous life.

JOHN J. LAWLOR TREASURER.

The regular meeting of Branch 37, C.M.B.A., held in the hall, James street south, last week, was largely attended. The principal business was the appointing of a treasurer to succeed Mr. John Ronan, who was appointed bursar of the asylum at Penetang, recently. Mr. John J. Lawlor was the only candidate and was elected. Many nice remarks were made about the retiring treasurer, who had held the office with such general satisfaction for a number of years. Mr. Ronan was unable to be present.

NEW MOTHER SUPERIOR.

The election of Mother Antoinette, formerly of St. Joseph's Hospital, to the position of Mother Superior at St. Joseph's Convent left a vacancy at the former institution. The members of the siterhood voted for a new Superior and Sister Martina of Guelph was elected. The new Mother has relatives here and a host of friends. She was formerly connected with the local hospital staff, but for some time past has been in charge of the operating room in the Catholic Hospital at Guelph.

WHO WILL IT BE?

The resignations of Mr. John Ronan and Mr. John H. Tilden from the Board of Park managers leaves two vacancies to be filled and many rumors are going the rounds as to who the two new members will be. One of them will be a Catholic and will take the place left vacant by Mr. Ronan. Mr. William Kavanagh, the well known insurance man and member of the Separate School Board, seems to be the favorite and it is likely he will receive the appointment.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

James Herman Fowler, a painter employed at the Hamilton Bridge works, while working near the ceiling on the interior of the building last week, touched a live wire. He was thrown across a couple of others and in full view of many employees was electrocuted. Death must have been almost instaneous. He was badly burned.

Deceased helped to support a widowed mother in Smith's Falls, where he belonged. The remains were sent there for interment on Saturday, and Rev. Father Hanley of that place paid the funeral expenses.

Deceased was a member of E. Co. Ninety First Canadian Highlanders and his comrades turned out at the funeral in uniform. The pipers and bugle band also attended as did the members of the Painters Union of which he was a member. The Buglers sounded last post as the casket was placed on the train. The company presented arms and the buglers sounded again. Coroner Balfe is conducting an inquest.

NOTES.

His Lordship Bishop Dowling's circular in connection with the celebration of the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception was read in all the Catholic churches in the city on Sunday last.

Rev. Father Coty of this city was in Peterboro last week.

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