C. M. B. A.

Card of Thanks.

Picton, Ont., Feb. 19, 1896.

ED. CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir—I wish to express publicly my thanks to the kind friends who assisted myself and family during Mr. Tooher's fatal illness. I am especially grateful to the members of the C. M. B. A., Branch No. 90, both for help given and prompt payment of insurance. I remain respectfully

Mrs. Wm. Tooher.

"At Home" and Leap Year Dance of the C. M. B. A.

Branches 132 and 160, C. M. B. A., last evening had the most enjoyable "at home" yet held by them at the rooms, Barrington street. A couple of novelties were introduced, including the leap year dance and the presentation to each lady of a valentine. In the dance the position of affairs was reversed the partners being chosen by the ladies, and it is only fair to the latter to say that any backwardness noticeable was shown by the gentlemen. About eighty five couples were present and "tripped" into the wee hours.

A well filled and well patronized refreshment table was arranged in an ante room, and all the arrangements were most complete, reflecting much credit on the managing committee—Robert Clancy, D. O'Brien, J. O'Hearn, W. J. Phelan, W. J. Power, J. O'Donnell. At intermission an impromptu programme of music and recitations was given. Those present during the evening were:

LADIES.

Mrs. Chas. Lane, Mrs. Butler, (Ald.), Miss Beazley, Mrs. Walsh, (Dr.), Miss Walsh, Miss Beazley, Miss Gallagher, Miss McDonald, Miss Moriarty, Mrs. J. Lynch, Mrs. McCary, Miss Foley, Mrs. Flynn, Miss Delaney, Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. Walsh, Miss O'Brien, Miss Dillon, Miss O'Flaherty, Mrs. Quinn, Miss Myers, Misses McGuire, Mrs. J. P. Murray, Miss Forbes, Miss C. Fegan, Miss Mullaney, Miss M. Meagher, Mrs. T. P. Connors, Mrs. Fahie, Mrs. K. Lynch, Mrs. Lannigan, Miss Martin, Mrs. Egan, Miss A. Egan, Miss Flavin, Mrs. Appleton, Miss Quinn, Miss Fawson, Miss E. Murphy, Miss A. McPherson, Mrs. C. McPherson, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. J. Flemming, Miss Flemming, Mrs. B. Burns, Mrs. H. O'Brien, Miss O'Sullivan, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Hoare, Mrs. P. M. Duggan, Mrs. Ford, Miss Wright, Miss Lowery, Mrs. Fultz, Miss Fultz, Miss Forrestall, Miss M. Devine, Mrs. A. J. Finlay, Miss Murphy, Miss Houlihan, Mrs. J. Foley, Mrs. J. Mullane, Miss McCawley, Miss M. Dwyer, Miss Brackett, Mrs. Silver, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. D. Healy, Miss Healy, Mrs. McCarthy, Miss O'Connell, Mrs. R. Clancy, Miss Kline, Miss McNamara, Mrs. Rooney, Miss Hooley, Mrs. O'Hearn, Mrs. Kinsman, Mrs. Dunn.

GENTLEMEN.

Ald. Lane, Ald. Butler, Mr. Beazley, R. J. Power, Dr. Walsh, J. Mullane, P. Mullane, M. J. Sullivan, A. D. Gillis, Joseph Christian, J. Lynch, R. F. Phalen (Sydney), P. McCarey, W. J. Power, Mr. Flynn, John Neville, James Leary, A. Gorman, J. R. Cragg, J. McLellan, J. C. O'Brien, J. J. Burns, B. Maguire, W. D. Bolye, J. P. Murray, A. Warren, W. Fegan, T. P. Connors, J. J. Powers, A. K. Mackasey, Mr. Flavin, J. Appleton, F. Quinn, J. Murphy, J. P. Flavin, Mr. Keating, John Flemming, J. O. Burns (St. John), D. P. Sullivan, B. P. Mullaney, F. Meyer, T. Hoare, W. J. Finlay, P. M. Duggan, F. Metzler, E. Fultz, A. J. Finlay, M. Foley, J. Mullane, J. Le Brittan, P. M. Mackesey, Mr. Silver, Mr. Hogan, D. Hoare, C. McCarthy, R. Clancy, W. J. Phelan, J. O'Donnell, J. O'Hearn, D. O'Brien, Mr. Kinsman, Mr. Shanks, John McGuire.

The programme rendered during the intermission was as follows:

Song.....Miss Lowery
Piano solo.....Miss Howley
Song.....Miss Power
Song.....Sargeon Major Mullane
Song.....Wm. Buckley
Recitation.....Wm. Buckley

Halifax Daily Echo, Feb. 15, 1896.

On Monday evening, 17th inst., the members of Branch 99, Westport, accompanied by their lady friends, met in their new hall, Hazelton block, and spent a very pleasant evening, in dancing and other amusements, until 12 o'clock, when all adjourned to the spacious dining-hall, where oysters and many other tempting delicacies were supplied, which the ladies, who are always ready with helping hands, served with admirable taste. Besides the members of our local branch a few members of Branches No.'s 56, 86, 89 were present. The object of the meeting was simply to bring the members and their friends together for an evening's amusement and to encourage zeal for our noble association.

Successful "At Home."

The members of Branch 14 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association have been indefatigable in their efforts for some time past, making arrangements for the celebration for the fourteenth anniversary of the establishment of the local branch, and the committee in charge are to be congratulated upon the merit and extent of the programme rendered. The hall, which is upstairs in the recently erected Separate school, was artistically decorated with bunting, banners and evergreens, and presented a festive appearance. There was a large attendance of members with their families and friends and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the hospitality of this prosperous association.

Mr. Oliver Cooper was chairman. Rev. E. P. Slaven, B. Maurer and E. Radigan occupied seats on the platform. The programme was opened by all singing the national anthem, and by a brief and nicely worded address by the chairman, after which the orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Charles Wolstenholme played a well-rendered selection. Miss Maggie Radigan then sang "My Southern Home," in a sweet tone. Mr. Thos. J. McGrath, in a comic recitation, was well received; and Miss M. Feeny rendered "The Ministrel Boy" with good effect. A violin solo by Miss Winnie Maurer was well executed, the child giving promise of becoming an excellent violinist. Mr. John J. Barrett read an essay entitled "The Origin and Development of Guilds and Societies," which was well prepared and elicited much favorable comment. Mr. E. Radigan then addressed the gathering on the benefits to be derived from membership with the association, and touched on the healthy financial condition of the society as an insurance medium. He was followed by Miss Hattie McAstocker, of Guelph, a young lady possessed of a well-cultured voice, who sang "Daddy" in a very pleasing manner. Master Edward Campbell in a Highland Fling and Sword Dance proved himself a skilled artist, and at the conclusion was loudly applauded. Mr. T. Radigan then rendered in good voice, a comic song, entitled "McCarthy's Widow," and, judging from the applause that gentleman received, succeeded in pleasing the audience highly. Mr. John Skelly was then called upon and gave a thrilling recitation in his usual meritorious manner; Master Charlo Wolstenholme, a talented young violinist, executed "Il Trovatore" in faultless style. Rev. Father Slaven spoke eloquently on C. M. B. A. matters for a short time, and his deep and humorous remarks were listened to throughout with an interested attention. By special request, Mrs. John E. Keyes favored the audience with "Home, Sweet Home," and, for an encore, "The Last Rose of Summer," in that pleasing style which has made her a favorite at all gatherings. In conclusion, the Misses Flo. Cox and Hattie McAstocker, and Messrs. Chas. Wolstenholme and Thos. J. McGrath sang the comic quartette "O. P. R. A." or a "Manager in Trouble," which made a decided hit, and a repetition was called for and kindly given. Refreshments were then served in abundance; and at a late hour the gathering broke up, all going home highly pleased with the efforts put forth by the C. M. B. A. for their entertainment and instruction. This being the first of such events given under the auspices of the association, the members cannot help but feel highly flattered and elated at the brilliant success which characterized their initial "At Home."—Galt Reporter, Feb. 21.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Stratford, Feb. 13, 1896.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 13, Stratford, held Feb. 12, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death Maria, eldest daughter of Bro. John McCauley.

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 13, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by them, and extend to them our most sincere sympathy and condolence in their sad affliction. Also

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the minutes of this meeting, and sent to Bro. McCauley and family, and also published in the official organ.

James Markey, Pres.
J. J. Kneitl, Sec.

E. B. A.

Davitt Branch, No. 11, Toronto.

Their regular meeting was well attended by members and visitors, the Rev. Chaplain, Father Cruise, being present, also the following visitors from St. Patrick's Branch, No. 12: Organizer J. J. Nightingale, P. J. O'Connor, P. Nevill, J. Malone and J. J. Maloney (Chancellor of No. 12).

The Rev. Chaplain and J. J. Nightingale made a short address, and two applications for membership were received.

St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, Peterborough.

Bro. A. L. Giroux, who has efficiently filled the position of Financial Secretary of the branch, was presented with an address and a handsome gold E. B. A. pin at a special meeting of the branch, as a token of the branch's appreciation of Mr. Giroux's services.

The address was read by Mr. W. J. Devlin and bore a flattering testimony to the Financial Secretary. The address was as follows:

Bro. A. L. Giroux:

We, the members of St. Peter's Branch, No. 21, of the E. B. A., in order to show our appreciation of your services as Financial Secretary of our branch for the past year, wish to say that it is with feelings of deepest gratitude we extend to you our most sincere thanks for the great interest you have taken in the welfare of our beloved society.

We have always found you an earnest and trustworthy officer who always had the interest of the association at heart.

As a slight token of our esteem we ask you to accept this pin, not on account of its value, but as a souvenir from your brother Emeralds.

Wishing you long life and prosperity and that heaven will shower its choicest blessings on you, and that in the near future we may again have the pleasure of seeing you in office.

Signed on behalf of the society, J. Daly, President; W. J. Devlin, Chancellor; J. J. Hickey, Recording Secretary.

The presentation was made by Mr. Hickey, and Mr. Giroux acknowledged the society's kind words in a suitable manner. Short addresses followed from Messrs. Thos. Cahill and J. W. Fitzgerald, honorary members.

St. Peter's Branch, No. 23, London.

The worthy President of No. 23 sets a good example in giving a gold E. B. A. pin to the member who obtains the largest number of candidates during the next three months.

St. Mary's, No. 24, Almonte,

have installed their officers for 1896. At their last meeting they received two applications for membership:—

Chaplain, Very Rev. Canon Foley; Chancellor, T. McAuliffe; President, B. M. Botton; Vice-President, J. G. Malone; Rec. Sec., J. O. Heare; Fin. and Ins. Sec., P. L. Dowdall; Treas., R. Johnston; Stewards, P. O'Brien and M. McGrath; mar., J. Trainor; Asst. Mar. R. McGregor; Ins. Guard, P. Frawley; Outside Guard, J. Brunette.

Sarsfield Branch, No. 28, Ottawa.

At the last regular meeting considerable business of importance was transacted, so much indeed that an interesting programme prepared for the evening's meeting had to be left over till the next. Treasurer D. J. Harris was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for an artistically printed card, containing the dates of meetings of the branch and other information, which he generously presented to the branch

The following motion of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Keough was unanimously passed, and many expressions of sympathy were elicited from the Brothers, as Bro. Keough had always been an ardent and energetic member:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed fellow member, Bro. T. Keough; and whereas by his death this branch loses a sincere friend, his wife a devoted husband, and his children an affectionate father, therefore be it

Resolved that, while humbly submitting to the will of our Divine Redeemer, we desire to extend to the widow and family of our late Brother our heartfelt sympathy in the loss they have sustained, but trust that the knowledge that he whom they and we mourn has entered into a better world than this one of sorrow, will enable them to bear with Christian fortitude the heavy cross placed upon them

Signed on behalf of officers and members of Branch No. 28; R. Tobin, President; A. Pegg, Rec. Sec.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously adopted to the Grand officers for the prompt manner in which they had attended to the papers of our late Brother and paid the funeral and insurance benefits. W. Lane, S.-T.

A. O. H.

Toronto, Feb. 24, 1896.

At the regular meeting of Div. No. 5, A. O. H., held February 12, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and mercy to call to Himself, James Noonan, the brother of our worthy and esteemed Brother, Michael Noonan, be it

Resolved that we, the officers and members of Div. No. 5, A. O. H., while bowing in humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, who sees and does all things for the best, cannot refrain from expressing to Bro. Noonan, and the members of his family, in this the hour of their sad bereavement, our sincere sympathy for the loss they have sustained; and we pray that Almighty God will grant them grace to bear with patience this heavy trial. Be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Noonan and spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and *Catholic Register* for publication.

Signed on behalf of Div. No. 5, Geo. J. Owen, J. J. McCauly and Michael Daly, committee.

C. O. F.

The Catholic Order of Foresters of this town held an "at home" on Monday night of last week in their hall, which was a very marked success in every way. The Brethren of the Court, along with their lady friends and invited guests, completely filled the hall, which had been nicely decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion. This order, which has only been established a short time, has made rapid progress, and to-day they number nearly 40,000 members. Bro. Thos. McDermitt, who acted as chairman, after explaining the aims and objects of the order, took up the first part of the programme, after which an adjournment took place for those present to partake of the good things the tables were laden with. After all had partaken of refreshments, the second part of the programme was gone through with. The following ladies and gentlemen took part: Misses T. Keating, M. Keating, Mrs. T. Dunn, Messrs. Jos. O'Meara, G. Frezell, J. Lenihan, John O'Meara, H. Jones, B. McMullin and J. O'Brien. Miss L. Allen acted as accompanist for the evening. A speech was made by the Rev. Father Connolly, who congratulated the members of the order on the success of this their first "at home," and said he was proud to have such an order in his parish. Messrs. John Frezell, Jas. O'Callaghan, R. McMullin, J. Lenihan, and T. Howie, C. R. of the Court, also made short speeches thanking those who had taken part in the programme. After singing "God Save the Queen" the party broke up, all those present departing for their homes with the feelings that they had spent a pleasant evening.—Ingersoll Chronicle.

MARRIAGES.

COLLINS-KILBRIDE.

At All Saints Church, Strathroy, on Feb. 17, was celebrated the marriage of Thomas Collins, of South Caradoc, to Miss Ella Kilbride, of Metcalf township. The bride was assisted by Miss Clara Carty, of Strathroy; and Mr. William Kilbride, brother of the bride, acted as best man.

TOPPINGS-MULVILLE.

At 7 o'clock, 18th inst., St. Edward's Church, Westport, was the scene of the marriage of one of Bedford's fairest residents in the person of Miss Joanna L. Mulville, daughter of Jas. Mulville, to Thomas A. Toppings. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Twohey, and at its close the solemn nuptial blessing of the Church was pronounced on the newly made pair. The groom was assisted by Jas. Mulville, brother of the bride, while Miss Mary Toppings, sister of the groom, performed the duties of bridesmaid. The bride is a very amiable and popular young lady, and received many beautiful presents which testify the high esteem in which she has been held. After the ceremony the happy couple, accompanied by a few of their friends, adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents and partook of a very inviting repast. The groom is engaged as engineer on the Str Ella Ross of Deseronto, and is a member of Branch 86, of the C. M. B. A. of that town, and is held in high estimation by his employers and a large circle of friends. In leaving for their future home in Deseronto they carry with them congratulations and hearty good wishes of their many friends.

NAEGLE-MOYLAN.

One of the happiest events of the season took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at St. Columba's Church, Irishtown, when Miss Anna Moylan, one of the most popular young ladies of this section, and Mr. Thos. Naegle, of Alliston, were made one in holy wedlock. The bride, whose dress was a marvel of taste and elegance, was attended by Miss Nellie Lynch; while the groom, looking, as he has always acted, a perfect gentleman, was supported by Mr. Thos. Moylan, brother of the bride. The interesting ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dean Murphy, after which the Nuptial Mass was celebrated. The bridal party then repaired to the residence of the bride's mother, where a repast that would have delighted an epicure was partaken of by about fifty friends and neighbors who had assembled to do honor to the joyous occasion. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents, among the number being a beautiful pair of gold bracelets, the gift of the groom. The inner man being satisfied, dancing and singing became the order of the day, and it was not till midnight the merry crowd separated, leaving behind them many good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of the newly wedded couple.

In Loving Memory of Mde. M. E. C., R. S. C. J.

NOV. 1, 1895.

Like to a sunset, fading slowly
After a long, bright day,
Over the far hills, fading slowly—
Into the silence, calm and holy—
Softly fading away;

So did her gentle presence leave us,
After her brief, bright day,
While the glow of her beautiful life shone o'er her,
Into the Heart that was waiting for her,
Sweetly she passed away!

Into the Heart unto Whose likeness,
Meekly she'd formed her own;
All Its wonderful lessons learning,
All for Its greater glory burning,
Swiftly her soul hath flown.

That beautiful soul, like a harp was strung,
To heavenly harmonies;
Each pulse to the touch of the Master thrilling,
All hearts around her with rapture filling
And holiest sympathies;

So swift to share, so fain to solace
Another's pain or dole;
While her own pure heart, its doom was knelling,
—So frail and fragile the earthly dwelling,
That held her grand, sweet soul!

Vacant her place must be forever,
In choir and cloister stall!
No more her touch on the organ falling,
Will seem like the voice of the Master, calling
Unto the hearts of all!

For like a flower, she meekly faded,
Her loving service o'er;
Or, a taper (lit, but to adore Him)
Consumed in perfect love before Him,
At His Prison Door.

So, like a flower, her death distills,
A perfume sweet and rare;
And the light of her life, for His glory given,
Still points the way she went to heaven,
That we may follow there.

Jean E. U. Nealis.

OBITUARY.

MRS. KELLY, GUELPH.

We regret exceedingly to announce the death of Mrs. Ellen Kelly, widow of the late Bernard Kelly, which sad event took place at her residence, Edwin street, on the 8th inst.; and was heard with the deepest expression of sorrow, not only by her own family and friends, but by the whole community, which she edified by her gentleness of character and deeds of Christian charity. Her life and death were truly exemplary. She was attended by Rev. Father Kavanagh, S. J., throughout her illness, who visited her almost daily, and was with her and recited the prayers for the dying a few moments before she breathed her last.

The funeral which was very large, took place on Feb. 11, at 9 o'clock, to the church of Our Lady, where Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Kenny, S. J., assisted by the full choir, the sanctuary being draped in black.

Among the chief mourners were her children, grand children and two brothers, Mr. T. and M. Purcell, Mr. John and Mrs. Kelleher (Fergus), Messrs. J. McTague, (Guelph), M. A. Pigott, (Hamilton), P. J. Woods (Brampton), D. Downing (Detroit).

The casket was borne by her two sons, John and Bert; her son in-law, S. J. Holland, and her three nephews, John W. Kelly, T. W. Purcill and G. Purcill. The floral offerings were beautiful. May her soul rest in peace!

MICHAEL MULVHILL, CARLETON PLACE.

Died, at the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas Doyle, Carleton Place, on Jan. 4, 1896, Michael Mulvhill, aged eighty-two years. Deceased was born in Kilrush, county Clare, Ireland, where he spent his boyhood days. He emigrated to Canada when in the vigor of manhood. He was one of those brave and spirited men who fearlessly and cheerfully faced the hardships of a pioneer's life being strengthened and sustained throughout by the constant practice of his religion. He was also of a genial disposition and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, his true Irish heart ever prompting him to assist his fellow-men whenever an opportunity presented itself. Over fifty eight years ago he settled on a farm in Renfrew (near Douglas). His beloved wife preceded him to the grave twenty-eight years ago. After his wife's death he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Thos. Doyle. He leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind father. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Douglas. R. I. P.

ED. CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir—A solemn and an effecting scene took place in the parish of Ashfield, on the 12th inst. (Ash Wednesday). Death, it is true, is at all times both solemn and affecting; but it may be surrounded or attended with circumstances that render it particularly painful to the surviving relatives and friends of the deceased. One of these circumstances is the time of life at which the summons, which must be obeyed, is issued. Two young men, at one time composed the male members of Mr. C. Noble's family, a worthy resident of the vicinity of Kingsbridge. The junior of these was a young man about twenty years of age of special promise in life. He had passed some very creditable examinations whose result armed him with good certificates and authority to teach any Public or Separate schools in Ontario. Those who have passed through this ordeal need not be told that an advanced literary attainment is necessary to procure a good certificate for the position. This young man, exemplary in everything worthy of imitation, had procured a lucrative situation in the county of Waterloo, and entered on a career of great promise and usefulness when that fell destroyer, consumption, ruthlessly attacked him and soon laid him on a bed of sickness. Much as was his character admired while in the enjoyment of health, it was still more so admired while suffering under the sore trial of affliction. Patient, uncomplaining, persevering, laboring for his soul's salvation, John Noble passed the latter portion of his mortal life, aided and fortified by the rites of his Church, strongly imbued with the hope of the resurrection.

The cup of grief of these afflicted parents and sister was not yet quite full. The remaining son, Willie, whose dutiful and affectionate conduct towards his parents, whose compliance with the requirements of his Church, whose courtesy and friendly intercourse with all with whom he came in contact, were notorious and often the theme of lengthy discourses. "Willie is too good for this world," was often uttered in regard to him; and this proved too true. Having arrived at the age of twenty-eight years and five months, Willie closed his earthly career in an exactly similar manner to that of his younger brother, and with a corresponding hope and assurance. His earthly remains were committed to dust on the above date and were accompanied to the church and to their last resting-place by a large concourse of earnest and sympathetic friends, who earnestly interceded for the repose of the soul of the departed. What a consoling thought!

The Rev. F. Dixon, our much esteemed parish priest, who was unremitting in his attendance on the deceased, with his acolytes, preceded the funeral cortege from the parental abode of the deceased to the church, where the services usual on such occasions were celebrated, and notwithstanding the severity of the weather, lead the way to the cemetery and officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers on the occasion were Messrs. John Hussey, John O'Neil, John J. Dean, Stephen Martin, Maurice M. Dalton and Peter Stiles. Amicus.

Feb. 20, 1896.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE IN LENT.

Boston Pilot.

We quote the appended wise recommendation to Catholics who would acceptably observe the Lenten season, from the February Bulletin of the National Secretary of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, the Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, C. S. P., New York:

Office of the General Secretary,
415 W. 59th st., New York, Feb. 1, '96.

By the time that this Bulletin is in the hands of the secretaries of the societies we shall have entered into the penitential shadows of the holy season of Lent. A custom that has come very much into vogue during these last few years, especially since the recommendation of the practice by the Holy Father, is the distribution of Sacred Thirst cords to all the people on the Sunday before Lent opens. With this distribution there goes a strong recommendation to all the people to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks during the forty days of Lent.

It is astonishing how popular this custom has become within the last few years. The Temperance Publication Bureau has sent out 250,000 of these Sacred Thirst cards. The significance of this is that in the parishes where these cards are distributed a deeper sense of religion is developed, a more constant and regular attendance at the Lenten devotions is brought about, thousands and thousands of the people are lured away from their irregular habits and are brought to a conscientious sense of duty; and many become so enamored of the healthful practice of total abstinence that when Easter Sunday comes they do not go back to their old drinking ways.

Abundant testimonies have come to us from pastors who have inaugurated this practice in their parishes, bearing witness to the deeply beneficial effects that have followed its introduction. They have said that the custom has made the men, particularly, realize that Lent is a time specially set apart for some religious act, and the giving up of the use of intoxicating drinks and the avoiding of the saloon has turned their minds to the Church, and induced them to attend regularly the Lenten devotions.

The spirit of Lent is one of self-denial. It comes very difficult for men and women who have to work very hard to earn their daily wage to keep the strict law of the Church. This fact is recognized by abundant dispensations Holy Mother Church has given to her children of the working classes. But while she has dispensed with the strict letter of the law, in no sense has she dispensed with the spirit of the holy season. On the contrary, the doing away with the strict letter has the effect of intensifying the spirit of the law. The spirit is to practice some mortification, and therefore it is recommended as one of the best mortifications to refrain from the use of intoxicating drinks. This practice has a particular suitability in these days, because it makes a protest against the drinking customs that are so conducive to intoxication, and places the remedy for the widespread evil of intemperance.

The societies of our National Union should actively and enthusiastically favor this practice in their respective localities, for it is evident how much good will come to them from the custom. The more total abstainers there are, the wider field will the societies have in which to recruit their membership, and it is creditably believed that this Lenten practice has done as much to favor and disseminate the practice of total abstinence as any other one thing.

I wish, therefore, that in every place where this Bulletin is received immediate measures will be taken to secure a sufficient number of these Sacred Thirst cards, and, with the consent of the pastor, to have them distributed on the Sunday before Lent. The Temperance Publication Bureau will furnish these cards, according to the sample sent herewith, for $1 a thousand, which sum just covers the cost of production. Please, therefore, bring this matter to the notice of your pastor, and ask his permission to distribute these cards among the people.

Here is one epigram extracted from the latest Encyclical of his Holiness that our young men who are content to dawdle along without ambition to get to the front might with great advantage paste in their hats or frame and hang up in their rooms as a reminder of their duty as Catholics, in these high-strung-modern days. "In the keen competition of talents, Catholics * * * should be leaders not followers." There is a bugle blast to awaken us all from our lethargy.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 27. — Wheat, 81 to 82c. per bushel. Oats, 24 to 25c per bush. Peas, 45 to 51c per bush. Barley, 31 1-5 to 33 3-5c per bushel. Buckwheat, 26 2-5 to 28 4-5c per bush. Rye, 39 1-5 to 44 4-5c per bush. Corn, 36 2-5 to 39 1-5c per bush. Good beef sold at $5.00 per cwt. by the carcass. Lamb 9c a pound by the carcass. Mutton, 6 to 7c per pound. Dressed hogs, sold at $5 to $5.50 per cwt. Turkeys sold at 9 cents a pound. Best roll butter was firm, at 20c a pound by the basket. Fresh eggs firm, at 17 cents a dozen. A few barrels of apples were offered $2.50 to $3.00. Potatoes were easy, 25 cents a bag. Hay was scarce, at $14 a ton.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Wheat, white, 84 to 85c.; wheat, red, 82 to 88c.; wheat, goose, 67c; peas, common, 57½ to 58c.; oats, 28 to 29c.; rye, 47 to 49½c; barley, 38 to 48½c.; buckwheat, 36 to 38c.; ducks, spring, per pair, 40 to 90c.; chickens, per pair, 40 to 60c.; geese, per lb. 6 to 8c.; butter, in 1 lb. rolls, 16 to 18c.; eggs, new laid, 17 to 20c.; onions, per bush. 30c.; potatoes, per bag, 18 to 20c.; apples, per bbl., 75c to $2; hay, Timothy, $17.00 to $18.00; straw, sheaf, $11 to $13.00; beef, hinds, 5 to 7c.; beef, fores, 3 to 4½c.; spring lamb, carcass, per lb. 6½ to 7½c.; veal, per lb 5 to 7c; mutton, lb., 4 to 5c.; dressed hogs, $5.10 to $5.30.

PORT HURON.

Port Huron, Mich., Feb. 27.—Grain—Wheat per bush.—White, 65 to 70c; No. 2 red, 65 to 70c; oats, per bush, white, 16 to 18c; rye, per bush., 30 to 33c; peas, per bush., 30 to 35c; buckwheat, 20 to 25c per bush.; barley, 60 to 65c per 100 lbs.

Produce.—Butter, 13 to 15c per lb.; eggs, 13 to 14c per doz.; lard, 8 to 9c per pound; honey, 10 to 12½ per pound; cheese, 10 to 12 per pound; hay, $12.00 to $13.00 per ton; baled, $11 to $13 in car lots; straw, $6.50 to $7.50 per ton; beans unpicked, 60 to 75c a bushel; picked, 75c to $1.00 a bushel

Dressed Meats. — Beef, Michigan, $4.50 to $6.00 per cwt. Live weight, $2.50 to $3.00 per cwt.; Chicago, $5 to $6.50 per cwt.; pork, light, $4.50 to $5.00; heavy, $4.00 to $4.25; live weight, $3.00 to $3.50 per cwt.; mutton, $5 to $5.50 per cwt; spring lamb, dressed, $5 to $6 per cwt.; live weight, $3 to $4 per cwt.; veal, $6 to $7.00 per cwt.; chickens, 10 to 12c per pound; fowls, 8 to 10c per pound; spring ducks, 10c per pound; turkeys, light, 10 to 12c; heavy, 10c per pound; geese, 8 to 9c per pound; pigeons, 15c per pair, alive.

Hides—Beef hides, No. 1, 4½c per lb; No. 2, 3½c. per lb. for green; calf skins, No. 1, 6c. per lb.; No. 2, 4½c. per lb.; sheep skins, 30 to 80c. each; tallow, 3 to 3½c. per lb.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 27. — Wheat, No. 2, red, 73½c; No. 1, white, 73¾c; corn, No. 2, 28½c; No. 3, yellow 30c; oats, No. 2, white, 23c; rye, 41½c; potatoes, best Michigan, 19 to 20 per bush; hay, No. 1, Timothy, $14.50 to $15.00 per ton in car lots; honey, best white comb, 14 to 15c per lb.; cheese, full cream Michigan, 11 to 11½c lb.; eggs, strictly fresh, 14 to 14½c per doz.; onions, Michigan, per bush., 30 to 35c; butter, fancy dairy, 13c; first class dairy, 12c; creamery, 19c; beans, city handpicked, $1.05 to $1.10 per bush.; apples, new $3.50 to $4.00 per barrel; poultry, 9 to 14c lb.; dressed hogs, $5.25 per cwt.; wool, from 8 to 14 to 18c per lb.

Latest Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—For really good butchers' cattle 3½c to 3¾c per pound was paid.

There was little actual change in lambs and sheep. Prices ranged from 3½c to 4c per pound—not more than 4c. Sheep very easy, at 2½ to 2¾c per pound.

Hogs were unchanged at from 3¾c to 4c per pound for choice specimens of the different grades. All kinds are wanted, but within these figures.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, Feb. 27.—Cattle—Receipts were moderate, only about 4 cars, most of which were small bunches. Fair to good fat cows sold at $2.25 to $3.25; old stale cows, $2 35 to $2.80; bulls, $2.75 to $3.40. Hogs—Receipts, 35 cars; market ruled slow; Yorkers, fair to choice, $4 45 to $4.50; rough common to good, $2 75 to $3.90; pigs, common to fair, $4.40 to $4.45. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 15 cars; market fairly active; lambs, good to extra, $4.80 to $4 90; culls and common, $3.25 to $4.15; sheep, choice to selected export wethers, $2.75 to $3; culls and common sheep, $2 to $2 50.

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