

confessed that we deserve the obloquy and ridicule put upon us for not forcing them to retire and make way for better men. It is not necessary to be personal. Everybody will recognize the truth of these remarks, and every Irish Catholic is bound by self-respect to make strenuous efforts for improvement in this respect.

There is much that is crude and haphazard in our methods of nominating candidates. Men nominate themselves, jump into the field, and, by assiduous canvassing, block the way towards proper well-considered nominations, before the electorate has really had time to consider who should be selected as the best available and most worthy man for the position. Cliques and coteries, who have objects in view altogether distinct from the public welfare, often entirely opposed to it, are as a rule behind these self-nominations. The unreasoning vehemence of party spirit is summoned to their aid, and they are ready adepts in the employment of those electioneering arts which leave the honest, easy-going citizen but little to say either in the selection, nomination or election of his representative.

But a radical change must be wrought in our system of nominations if we are to wipe out the stigma that now rests upon us. The young men must come to the front and make themselves felt, and there could be no better time for them to do so than the present—on the eve of a general election.

ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN DEAD.

As we go to press, the news of the death of Archbishop Langevin, of Rimouski, reached us. Unfortunately the information of the sad event came too late to permit of a notice worthy of a dignitary of the Church, now gone to join the great majority and to the reward which God has in store for all who have "fought the good fight" on the field of time.

The deceased prelate was in his seventy-first year; his illness was short, and his death was like that of all good souls who leave the Church Militant, with their works and holy lives, to join the Church Triumphant. He was first Bishop of Rimouski. In consequence of that

Age which comes on with its winter, Though holiness hideth its snows—he resigned two years ago his see, and since has been appointed archbishop of Leontopolis in partibus infidelium. He was born in 1821 and ordained priest in 1844; he was consecrated bishop in 1867; he founded the college of Rimouski in 1870; he established the Hospice des Sœurs de la Charité in 1872; that of Les Sœurs des Petites Ecoles in 1874; and a chapter in his Cathedral in 1877. He was a brother of Sir Hector Langevin, ex-minister, and of Mr. E. J. Langevin, clerk of the Senate of Canada.—R.I.P.

ST. LAWRENCE WARD.

The candidates in the coming municipal elections are now before the public and they can choose for themselves according to their fancy. We do not propose to champion or oppose any of the candidates, save in one case. St. Lawrence ward has, in the past, not had the attention paid to its interests to which its residents have been entitled. The electors have now an opportunity afforded them of returning a candidate who will not fall into the *doctus pro niente* line of inaction pursued in the past. Mr. Kennedy has hitherto been one of the aldermen of the ward and has proved himself a thoroughly honest and well-meaning man. But his ways are not those of the period and he may be regarded as behind the age generally.

Two new candidates are before the public, Mr. Dickson Anderson, shipping agent, and Mr. Enoch James, a manufacturer. We think that Mr. James will be returned by a large majority, and that the electors will rally to his support. He has large interests in the ward and will do his utmost to advance its welfare in the Council, a body which sadly needs new blood and new methods. As a matter of choice we feel sure that common sense and the welfare of the ward will naturally lead the electors generally to vote for Mr. James.

A Government Victory.

Joseph A. Gillies, the Conservative candidate in the by-election in Richmond, N.S., was elected on Thursday by a majority of about 300 over the Liberal candidate, E. P. Flynn.

A Claim for Relief.

A deputation of the Ottawa Trades and Labor Council had an interview with the Minister of Public Works on the subject of the hours of engineers and firemen employed on the heating staff of the Parliament and departmental buildings. They claim that the men had to work twelve hours and asked for a reduction. Mr. Quimet promised to enquire into the matter.

New Songs.—What a difference in the morning, 10c. The song of the steeple; this lovely song is the best of its class, better than even the Old rustic bridge, 10c. Since Maggie learnt to sing; this is a very absurd laughable song, 10c. Fresh supplies in the form of Maggie Murphy's home song, 10c., waltz, 10c.; also 4th edition of When the pilot takes command. All 11c each by mail. W. STREET, 29 Bleury.

AN AWFUL SCENE.

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He dropped about eight feet to a roof, then to another, and finally rolled off to the ground, saving himself from death. The entire rear half of the inside of the Georgia street building fell in. The debris completely filled the first story, and when the firemen began their search for the dead bodies they were obliged to commence work on a level with the second floor. It will be several days before

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to reach the bottom. The names of some of the killed are: Kate L. Strong, of Salem, Oregon; Mrs. Lazarus, of Chicago, who jumped from the second story of the rear building; William Ramstat, of Milwaukee; Miss Kate Burns, of Newport, Minn.; Frank Burns, of Newport, Minn.; Minnie Arnold, of Lancaster, Mo.; Irma Payne, Dexter, Minn.; Etella Speis, Macon, Ohio; Minnie McDonald, Negaunee, Ohio; Geo. Ellis, of California, Ky.; Mrs. Erb and daughter, of Shelby, O.; Fannie Breeden, of Memphis, Tenn., died of her injuries; Martie Deke, also died to-day; Fred Dockendorf, of Stillwater, Minn.; Hannah Brook, of Taylorville, Ill.; C. H. Gorman, McDonald, Mich.; Arthur Bayless. The injured were taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where, with the exception of those fatally injured, they are resting fairly well. A number of doctors were in attendance and the victims received every attention. Five bodies were taken out next morning. They were roasted alive, the skin having peeled off from the bodies. In some cases their faces were burned off. At a morgue are the unknown bodies found. They were taken out of the building in their night-clothes and there is absolutely nothing by which they can be identified. One was a woman who can be easily identified by friends as she was suffocated and not burned. Another woman whose body was cooked beyond recognition was also at the morgue. Her feet were deformed and are shriveled up from the fire. A man with a deformed limb also can be identified. In the evening the ashes and cinders were washed from the dead and hundreds viewed the blackened remains. Just as the department arrived on the scene, a woman appeared at a third story window. The flames within made a frightful background, and her form stood out in bold relief. She wrung her hands and screamed for help. The woman, with a shriek of agony,

LEAPED INTO FLAME

the bursts of flames displaying the deathly pallor which overspread her face. The body struck the stone lagging but a few feet from where the Chief stood, and was picked up in the pangs of death, and removed across the way. At a window on an upper floor a panic-stricken mother was seen struggling in an effort to throw open the window. In one arm she clasped her child, which was a mere infant. She clutched at the window casing and finally succeeded after frantic efforts in reaching the air and received relief from the stifling smoke and death-dealing flames within. Her screams fell upon the ears of thousands of helpless spectators. No ladders were at hand and her pitiful appeals went unheeded. Her face was deathly pale and her form partially nude. The flames were closing in about her and she looked back into the furnace of death, then down to the pavement below, as if choosing between two things, either of which seemed certain death. Finally she clasped the babe to her breast, tossed the precious load out of the window and gave her life to the flames within. It would have been a pleasing thought to her to know before expiring the fortune that befell her offspring. Pipeman O'Brien had watched the heartrending scene from below and as the child left the arms of its mother he planted himself firmly with outstretched arms beneath the window. The babe, wrapped in its night clothes whirled about in the air and tumbled into O'Brien's arms, unhurt by the fall. A few minutes later it was smiling unconsciously of the surroundings. The heroism of Fireman John Loucks, of Chemical company No. 2, will be long remembered. While the flames were shooting in forked tongues from the windows facing Illinois street, he ascended the extension ladder to the upper floor. As he reached the window-sill he was met by Fireman Webber Robinson, who had pushed his way through the smothering smoke with a child in his arms. "Take the baby for God's sake, Loucks, and let me breathe," said Robinson, as he pushed his head into the open air. Loucks grasped the living load and started downward. He had descended but a few feet when the brave fellow missed his footing and fell headlong, his leg catching the rungs of the ladder and doubtless saving his life. He clung to the child, although his injury was a painful one, his limb being broken. As he hung there the dense mass of people below turned away from the awful scene, thinking that Loucks would perhaps be obliged to loosen his grasp from weakness. Not so, however. He called for assistance and in a twinkling he was reached by two other firemen, who carried the child safely to the ground and tenderly helped Loucks to an ambulance, which conveyed him to his home. Fireman Sim Hoyle entered the burning building to help rescue the inmates. He found two women who were crying for help; Hoyle seized both and started for a window. When he reached it a ladder was near him but a few feet to one side. Flames and smoke were rapidly encroaching on the brave fireman and his burdens. Quickly he pushed one woman out of the window and held her with his teeth by her nightclothes. He held the other woman inside the room, hung himself out and drew the ladder to him with his foot and descended safely with the woman. Hoyle's arm was frightfully burned. As soon as the hallways had been sufficiently cleared of smoke to permit an investigation some of the most horrible scenes were developed. In one room on the third floor, four bodies were found kneeling in the attitude of prayer. The windows in the room were up, but the occupants had apparently made no effort to escape nor an appeal for rescue. The stifling smoke had overtaken them and seeing no way of escape they had become resigned to their fate and as a last

hope muttered a prayer to heaven begging the interference of Providence in their behalf. In a room on the second floor a man was found in bed dead. The smoke had found its way into the room slowly and he was gradually overcome. Further along the hallway a young man was found sitting beside an open window, his dead body leaning forward. There seemed to be no good reason for this loss of life, as all those who appeared at the windows were quickly saved. Although the occupants were nearly all more or seriously crippled, many of them became so frantic that they all lost self-control and almost invited death by their actions. They would rush to a window, cast their eyes below and realizing that a leap was almost sure death retreated at once into the room and faced the result.



St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Reports for the Past Year—Election of Officers—A Flourishing Organization.

It is always a source of gratification to Catholic journalists to record the progress of our Catholic societies, especially those established in the interest of our young men. It is, therefore, with no ordinary pleasure that we present in this issue the splendid report of the working of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society for the past year.

The annual general meeting of the Society was held in their hall, Ottawa street, on Wednesday evening, 13th inst., which was adjourned until the 20th inst., as it was impossible to complete all the business at one session. The popular President, Mr. J. J. Gethings, occupied the chair, the indefatigable Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., being also present. The meeting was attended by about 150 members. The President having expressed his pleasure at witnessing such a large attendance, which showed that they took a lively interest in the Society's affairs, proceeded to read his annual report. This document proved to be an exhaustive and interesting account of the workings of the Society during the past year, with many valuable suggestions for the development of the Society in the future. It reminded one of those important announcements which a leader of a government makes in declaring his policy, so comprehensive was it in every detail. It was stated that the year just closed was the most eventful and successful one in the Society's career; there had been large accessions to the membership, the number of meetings held on the night of 30, general entertainments had taken place during the year, all of which, as well as the annual excursion on the O'Connell Anniversary, had been gratifying successes. The period of religious demonstrations of the Society had also been eminently successful, and had given much pleasure to the pastor and Spiritual Director, as well as to the parents and friends of the members, who were proud of the young men's frequent professions of the faith that is in them. The well-stocked library of the Society, containing 215 volumes, was liberally patronized, while the reading-room with its files of the principal journals, was equally appreciated by the members, who are not surpassed by any in the city in point of equipment, was availed by large numbers, who have been much benefited physically through the means of the valuable games provided by the Society. A fine hand-ball alley was erected in the early part of last summer, in the large recreation ground adjoining the Hall, which afforded an excellent opportunity for indulging in a healthy exercise. Every evening the large recreation hall has been filled with an appreciative throng of members enjoying the billiard and tennis tables provided, including billiard and pool tables, checkers and a variety of amusing and interesting games.

The drawing of the society had received numerous flattering testimonials of approval, both from the press and the public, for the artistic manner in which they had presented the several dramatic entertainments held during the year. One of the most pleasant episodes in the history of the society was the visit of the Young Men's Catholic Benevolent Association of Kingston, to the city last summer on the occasion of the celebration of the "Fete Dieu." This fine society with its band, assisted at the procession on the 24th and were the guests of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society during their stay in Montreal.

The gross receipts of the year amounted to \$27,000.00. The Treasurer, Mr. J. J. Gethings, reported on hand, it could be seen that the officers had spent a considerable sum in improving and developing the various sections of the society, and especially since the year 1900 was organized seven years ago, amounted to \$13,265.71 which was quite a respectable figure, and spoke volumes for the efficiency and activity of the society. In conclusion, the President, after a glowing and well-merited tribute to the general and generous Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., who has given himself to be the society's greatest benefactor, and through whose instrumentality the society has attained its present efficiency, and obtained for the organization the proud distinction of being the "Premier Catholic Young Men's Society of Canada."

The other reports presented included those of the Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian and Auditors, all of which were most interesting, and bore evidence of the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which these officers performed their duties.

The various reports having been adopted, the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—  
Spiritual Director..... Rev. F. Strubbe, C.S.S.R.  
President..... J. J. Gethings  
1st Vice-President..... F. McDermott  
2nd Vice-President..... P. T. O'Brien  
Treasurer..... J. J. Gethings  
Financial Secretary..... M. J. O'Brien  
Asst. Financial Secretary..... A. Thompson  
Recording Secretary..... D. J. O'Neil  
Asst. Recording Secretary..... T. Sullivan  
Librarian..... J. Mahoney  
Asst. Librarian..... J. Bergin  
Marshal..... J. P. O'Brien  
Asst. Marshal..... J. Kennehan

COUNCIL:  
M. J. O'Donnell, J. Whitty, P. Shea, T. Connolly, P. Aherne, T. O'Connell and H. McClure.  
The society has decided to organize a band among its members, and have ordered a complete set of new instruments, which are expected to arrive this week. As there are a number of players in the society it is hoped the band will be sufficiently trained to be able to take part in the St. Patrick's Day procession.

Some of the events on the society's programme for the remainder of the season are: "Minstrel Entertainment of the Olden Time" on Feb. 9th, a grand national entertainment on St. Patrick's Day, and a musical and dramatic entertainment on Easter Monday.

The opening exercises in connection with a grand retreat for young men will take place at St. Ann's Church on Sunday, 28th inst., and will be conducted by Rev. Father Strubbe. An instance of the energy and foresight of the executive is to be found in the fact of their having already arranged dates for two excursions during the coming summer, one on May 24th, and the other on Aug. 11th, the steamer Three Rivers having been secured for both occasions.

If the progress of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society this year continues in the same ratio the year will be a most successful one. It is every reason to believe that it will, considerable additions to the society's present com-

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modious hall will be necessary, as it is even now nearly inadequate for the society's requirements, or a new hall will have to be erected. The society is to be congratulated on the energy, enterprise and ability which have been its strong characteristics in the past; we trust its brilliant record will be maintained and that a long and prosperous career awaits the progressive and patriotic St. Ann's Young Men's Society.

St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society. The Annual general meeting of the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society was held on Sunday, in St. Ann's Hall, Ald. P. Kennedy presiding. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and adopted. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the bank of \$3,111.50 to the benefit fund and \$55.34 to the contingent fund. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ald. P. Kennedy, 1st vice-president; W. P. Kennedy, 2nd vice-president; James McGuire, secretary; M. J. Ryan, treasurer; M. Higgins, asst. secretary; Thomas Ward, col. treasurer; John Ryan, asst. col. treasurer; Jno. Killen, marshal; C. Shanahan, assistant marshal. Executive Committee: Jno. McJermott, Jno. Leonard, T. Carey, B. Casey, Jr., Wm. Welch, Thos. Heaney, Wm. Callan, M. Grove, A. Cullin, James Irwin and Thos. Moore. The present strength of the society is about 250 members in good standing.

ST. PATRICK'S C. Y. M. S. The Academic Concert. The monthly academic concert of this society will be held in their hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. The programme will be a very select one, consisting of instrumental and vocal solos and duets and also a quartette. A comical sketch will be introduced by Messrs. W. Wall and L. O'Brien. The lecture of the evening will be the first half of a paper on the poet Longfellow, by Professor McKay, who will deliver the second half at the February concert.

THE DUTIES OF ELECTORS. Archbishop Fabro's Journal Gives Some Very Timely Council.

"La Semaine Religieuse publishes the following:—(God will ask an account not only of what will have been said and done, but even of what will have been thought during the elections. What is forbidden in ordinary times is even more so during elections, on account of the serious consequences that may follow. Voters must, then, be careful not to perjure themselves, and must abstain from all threats and acts of violence. Intemperance is always a degrading vice, but it must be avoided with still greater care in election times, for it is the cause of many disorders, and renders one unable to exercise with intelligence his noble and important right of franchise. Voters must not make slaves of themselves by selling their vote, and they must not accept a bribe either to vote or to abstain from voting. After having formed their opinion on the basis of religious and social principles they must give their vote in favor of the candidate whom, in the sight of God, they have reason to believe to be truly honest and able to fulfill the duties of his mission. Candidates, especially, should be very much listened to with all the attention due to such an important matter, and with the politeness and calm required by Christian charity. At the same time voters must be on their guard against false principles and bad advice, and if such are brought forward the best way to protest is to leave the meeting. They must, in due way, pray that all those who take part in the elections may not sell their soul with any criminal act.

Ordination. A most interesting ceremony took place at eight o'clock on Monday morning in St. John's chapel, attached to St. Michael's palace, Church street, Toronto. Mr. James de Cantillon, who was educated at Genoa, Italy, for the priesthood, and who for the past year has been completing his studies in Montreal, was ordained by His Grace Archbishop Walsh, assisted by Vice-General McCann and Fathers DeMouchel, Rohleder and Coyte. The latter received part of his education at Genoa, and was a schoolfellow of Father de Cantillon.

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It is unnecessary to deny the silly rumor which appeared in the Daily Witness last week as to the possible transfer of St. Patrick's parish to the Jesuit Fathers.

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