

C. M. B. A.

The members of Branch No. 39 at tended Mass in a body on Sunday, 10th inst., receiving Holy Communion at the hands of their Spiritual Adviser, Rev. Father Brodman.

This Branch is advancing reasonably well, and its prospects for increase in membership in the near future are such as to gratify its promoters and those who have the interest of our Association at heart.

At a regular meeting of this Branch, held at Newcastle, May 19th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life the respected Mother of our revered Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. O. Brodman.

Resolved, That the members of Branch No. 39, hereby extend to Rev. Father and Bro. A. Brodman their sincere and heartfelt sympathy for them in their sad and unexpected bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Rev. Father, also to Bro. A. Brodman, and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy for publication in our official organ, the CATHOLIC RECORD.

Catholic associations cannot be too guarded in their phraseology, lest it be twisted into secret society significance. A case has just come under our notice in which a distinguished German priest, in a distant city, has been scandalized by a local German paper in connection with some C. M. B. A. happenings in this city.

I hereby tender my sincere thanks to Amersburg Branch, No. 3, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, for their prompt payment of the sum of \$200, a full amount of beneficiary due me by the death of my late husband, C. W. O'Rourke.

IRELAND THANKS IRISH-AMERICA (From United Ireland, Mr. Parnell's organ.) The tones of Irish-American speeches and writings with respect to the Home Rule Bill is inexpressibly pleasant reading for all who value the safety of our cause.

The Diamond Glee Club, of this city, assisted by some local amateurs, gave two concerts at St. Lawrence Hall, Champlain St., on Wednesday and Thursday, 19th and 20th inst. The proceeds were applied towards the debt of the Diamond Harbor Church.

The performance commenced by an overture, "The Hunting Chorus," from the opera of the "Masquerade," which was not only a rendering of which would do credit to a professional company. The soloists were Mrs. P. E. Evey, and Mr. Mahony, the whole company joining in the chorus.

Next followed a side-splitting stump speech by Mr. H. Buck, who was attired as a negro in window curtain costume. He brought down his umbrella on the table in such a manner as to nearly demolish that useful piece of furniture, and "brought down" the house with his humorous hits at some of the local and other topics.

The Rev. Father O'Connell, of Amersburg, Mass., was present at the concert, and during the whole time, he labored zealously in the holy work in which they were engaged. The jubilee came to a successful close by a solemn high mass, with deacon and sub-deacon, on the morning of the fourth day, Rev. Father O'Connell celebrating, Rev. Father Ryan deacon.

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JUSTIN MCCARTHY'S LETTER.

LONDON, May 23.—Justin M. McCarthy's weekly review of the situation on has the following:— "Those not behind the scenes might not altogether understand the significance of certain little incidents preceding Friday night's debate on the Home Rule Bill.

With touching magnanimity Sir Michael Hicks Beach declared that the Conservative members were generally willing to sacrifice their opportunities of taking part in the debate, if that were necessary to save the time of the House. The object, therefore, of Mr. Gladstone is to secure for Home Rule the fullest and fairest discussion in the House of Commons, and by means of that discussion to help to educate the country.

It does not pretend to make children honest or moral. The father often pulls by a single string. Men are taking themselves whether this "glorious" system is accomplishing anything worthy of the adjective which politicians, and the ignorant, following them, apply to it.

It is impossible to fashion human beings in the same way—to stamp them all with the impression of one die—and expect a good result. De Tocqueville, the famous French writer, who saw the weakness of the American system, noticed this silly attempt to show that all minds may be made equal.

Nothing, worse than all, the boy has learned nothing of Christian morality. His parents have relied on the school to educate him, and the school has done it in its own way. If the future American citizen is to be a man untaught in all the useful arts, deploring manual labor, looking at the luxuries of life as the best things of life, knowing nothing of Christian doctrine and Christian moral, the future America will not be a nation.

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HOME RULE.

MORE GOOD WORK IN DUBLIN, ONT. Since the report of the Dublin meeting which appeared in the RECORD of the 3rd inst., another large and influential meeting was held in the school house of Section 5, in the Township of McKillop, on the evening of the 20th, at which our respected parish priest, the Rev. Dean Murphy, was present, and were also several other influential gentlemen from a distance who take a deep interest in the cause.

After the chairman's introductory remarks that faithful pioneer of Home Rule, W. R. Davis, of the Mitchell Advertiser, was called upon to deliver an address. He did in language terse and vigorous, bristling with facts and arguments which left no room to doubt the justness of Ireland's demand. Mr. Davis is no ordinary speaker, and his oration was listened to with great attention.

He showed clearly that the movement was a legitimate endeavour within the constitution to obtain justice, and did not in any way tend towards the disintegration of the Empire, as its enemies tried to show, but on the contrary would have the effect of drawing the people of the three kingdoms closer together.

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OBITUARY.

Died May 11th, of apoplexy, at his residence, 134 Aylmer Avenue, Windsor, Bernard Fox. D. ceased was a native of Ireland and was born in Dungannon, in the County Tyrone. He served for some years in the army and also as guard at Convict Prisons, and in 1870 immigrated to this country.

A miser having lost \$100, promised \$10 reward to any who should bring it. An honest poor man, who found and examined the bag, was offered the \$10. But the miser, to baffle him, alleged that there was \$110 in the bag when lost.

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