C. M. B. A.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Trout Creek, Ont., Feb. 10, 1896.

At a regular meeting of Branch No. 197, Trout Creek, held on Feb. 7, 1896, it was moved by Bro. R. Barrett, seconded by Bro. R. Lynett,

Whereas the members of this branch have learned with deep regret of the sad and untimely death of Rev. Bro. E. Bloem, the devoted parish priest of North Bay, and a former Spiritual Adviser of this branch;

Resolved that we tender our sincere and heartfelt sorrow to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, in the sudden demise of a devoted and energetic young priest; and to Rev. Joseph Bloem, C. S. S. R., and Miss Mary Bloem, in this sad hour of their affliction; also to Branch No. 64, North Bay, in their great loss of not only a beloved and worthy member, but one who at his death filled the sacred office of Spiritual Adviser.

Resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; Rev. Joseph Bloem, C. S. S. R.; Miss Mary Bloem, and to Branch No. 64, North Bay; also to the North Bay *Times*, the *Dispatch*, the CATHOLIC RECORD and our official organ (*The Canadian*), for publication, and entered on the records of this branch.

Robt. Lynett, Rec Sec.

Branch 49 held their third annual Musicale in Cornum Hall, Toronto, on the 11th inst. The committee in charge of arrangements did well and secured excellent talent for a diversified programme.

The opening number, a piano solo, "Moonlight Sonata" (third movement) Beethoven, was skillfully rendered by Miss Kate Landry; while the final piece of the first part of the programme, an "Irish recitation," by J. B. Nelligan, of Hamilton, met with a reception which must have elated the heart of so accomplished an elecutionist. The intervening songs and character sketches were, also, excellent and amusing. The second part of the programme was equally successful, special interest being taken in the clarionet duet given and in a violin solo by Miss Florence McMullen, with piano accompaniment. Between the first and second portions of the programme the Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G.,—who presided as chairman—gave a forcible address on the benefits to be derived from membership in the C. M. B. A., urging on those present that, as severe trials are the lot of all, and, as poverty often follows the removal by death of the bread-winner of a family, each should, therefore, make such provision as lay in their power for future emergencies; and no better step could be taken to that end than a membership in that progressive society known as the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, a society countenanced by the Church and of which he personally was a member.

The concert was given under the patronage of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, and it was successful in every sense of the word.

The hall was crowded with listeners, while many were disappointed in not being able to obtain even standing-room.

Mildmay, Feb. 11, 1896.

Moved by George Herringer, seconded by A. Kramer, that

Whereas it was the will of Almighty God to call to her eternal reward, on the 25th Jan., 1896, Mrs. Andrew Gissler, dearly beloved wife of our much esteemed Brother Andrew Gissler, Rec. Sec. of this branch, be it therefore

Resolved that the members of this branch, whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, who decrees all things for the best, tender to Bro. Gissler our sincere sympathy and console with him in the loss he has sustained, praying the Almighty may grant him His heavenly graces to bear the trials and crosses of his life with patience and resignation to His holy will.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Gissler, and recorded on the minutes of this meeting; also a copy to be sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

Henry Keelan, Pres.

Orillia, Feb. 17, 1896.

Divine Providence being pleased to call our first and dearly beloved pastor, and Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. Archdeacon Kenneth A. Campbell, from the scene of his earthly labors, to the reward promised and secured to all who serve faithfully our Heavenly Father.

It was moved by Bro. R. A. Lynch, and seconded by Bro. A. Birchard, that this branch tender its sincerest, heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the Rev. Archdeacon Campbell, who, so long, faithfully and zealously labored in this parish to the spiritual and material benefit of those whose spiritual advisor he was; and we can rest assured that long after those who now bear testimony of his many good works have passed away, there will be imperishable monuments to voice the respected memory of our dearly beloved Spiritual Adviser. Further be it

Resolved that the members of this branch receive Communion on the 3th inst., being the occasion of the month's mind to be then celebrated at the church of the Angels' Guardian for the benefit of the soul of our departed brother. Be it further

Resolved that the charter of this branch be draped for the space of ninety days, and that these resolutions be entered on the records of this branch, and published in the journals of the association.

R. D. Gunn, Pres.

Jan. 1, 1896.

C. O. F.

Foresters Booming in the West.

Provincial Chief Ranger Lee paid a visit to the Western Courts of Ontario last week, and was very hospitably entertained in London, Chatham, Walkerville, Windsor and Detroit.

On Saturday he stayed over in Chatham, and was well taken care of by the brethren of this progressive town, Brothers Guitthard, Killackey and Robert doing the honors.

On Sunday he was present in Windsor, and took part in the church parade with the local brethren, and in the afternoon drove to Walkerville, where he addressed a very large and enthusiastic audience of Foresters and their friends.

Chief Ranger Spearman in a neat speech introduced the Provincial Chief Ranger, and for an hour he kept his audience's attention so much that at the end of his address many gentlemen handed in their names desiring to become members. He was afterwards entertained at dinner by Rev. Pere Beaudin, who had invited a number of gentlemen to meet him.

On Monday the Windsor brethren took him in hand, and Provincial Trustee Baby, assisted by the Court Ranger and other brethren, showed him round and visited Detroit. On Monday evening a grand banquet was tendered him by Windsor brethren, at the British American Hotel.

Dr. Casgrain presided, and on his right sat Provincial Chief W. J. McKee, M. P. P., J. S. Guindon, Sol. White, Ex. M. L. A.; and on the left sat Chief Ranger D. B. O'Dette, nominee for the Dominion House; Dr. Meaume, C. P. Baby, Provincial Trustee, D. I. Sicklestell, J. T. Gagen of Detroit, District Deputy Meloche, C. P. Spearman, and many others. After justice had been done to the splendid bill of fare provided by mine host of the British American, and after the health of the Pope and Queen had been drunk, the chairman proposed in a very neat speech the toast of "the Catholic Order of Foresters," and called upon the Provincial Chief to respond, who, on rising was met with rapturous applause, and in an address of about three quarters of an hour pointed out the many benefits follwing from membership in the grand order which he had the honor of presiding over in Ontario. In glowing and enthusiastic words he painted the wonderful strides it had made in the twelve years of its existence until it now numbered 35,000 members, and had paid last year over $225,000 in death claim. Such an Order as this, he claimed, was a benefit to the Community, especially to Catholics, and deserved the earnest support of Catholics of every nationality. The Vice-Chairman proposed the toast of the Provincial Court, which was responded to in a neat speech by Provincial Trustee Baby. "The Dominion Parliament" was responded to by D. B. O'Dette, whilst the "Local Legislature" was ably championed by Bro. W. J. McKee, M. L. A., and Mr. Sol. White.

With "Tommy Atkins" as a prelude to the toast of the "Army and Navy," which was well rendered by Mr. Gibson, this toast was responded to in fine style by the Vice-Chairman, Captain Sicklesteel. After Bro. Meloche, in many neat words, had responded to the toast of the High Court, the toast of "sister societies," by Bro. Gagen, of Detroit, for A. O. H., Bro. Millins for Knights of St. John, and the health of "the ladies" and "press" had been ably championed, a successful banquet came to a close by singing the National Anthem; and the wish was expressed by all present that the next visit of the Provincial Chief would not be very long delayed.

E. B. A.

The Local E. B. A. Gives a Banquet.

Preparations have been going on for some time in local E. B. A. circles for the fitting reception of Mr. D. A. Carey, the Grand President of the Order. The hall was most artistically decorated for the occasion with bunting and evergreens, and when the Grand President arrived on Thursday evening he was most warmly greeted.

After a few words of introduction by Mr. J. Daly, who occupied the chair, Mr. D. A. Carey stepped forward, and in a few graceful words expressed his gratitude for the kind invitation the local branch had extended him, and the pleasure he felt in complying with it. He related the circumstances which gave birth to the Emerald organization in Reading, Pa., and gave an exhaustive history of its growth and expansion, from its origin to the present. He dwelt at some length on the utilty of such organizations and the manifold benefits to be derived from active membership therein.

In the Emerald and kindred organizations persons who were wholly unknown to each other were brought together, closer and more intimate acquaintanceships were formed, brotherly feelings were cultivated, Christian charity was promoted, and mutual advice and assistance were given to enable fellow-members to battle successfully with the contradictions of the world, and avoid the many pitfalls which impede their journey through life. He instanced here the great good which is being accomplished in this regard by the ladies' branches in the city of Toronto. Many young women lived in Toronto whose parents and relatives resided elsewhere, not unfrequently in Europe. These young women found themselves lonely and friendless, but when they entered the ladies' branches of the E. B. A. they found many there ready and anxious to assist them and thereby lighten for them the burdens of this life. Mr. Carey passed on to speak on the mental culture which active membership in such organizations provides for the person who profits by the opportunities. Active membership in any organization necessitates a close study of the constitution, accurate exercise of judgment in its interpretation, and calm and prudent deliberation to amend it to meet the requirements of changing circumstances. Many facilities were also afforded to practice *extempore* speaking. In these and manifold other ways the mind was trained in these societies, and the speaker attributed any fluency which he now possessed in public speaking to his active work in the meeting-hall of the E. B. A. in the city of Toronto. He spoke at considerable length on the benevolent work of the society, emphasizing the necessity of providing for the contingency of illness and the support of the family in case of premature removal from this world. Not the least, however, was the moral and religious good operated through such organizations as the E. B. A. The constitution was pre-eminently Christian in expression and sentiment, and had received the approbation of the most eminent members of the Catholic hierarchy. It was founded on the principles of faith, hope and charity, and consequently, though all its members must be practical Catholics, it knows no distinction of nationality, and its constitution does not breathe a single sentiment of antagonism to any Church, to any political party, or to any other benevolent organization. It is founded on charity. Charity is love of mankind, and hence no word of antipathy to others is uttered in its meeting-hall.

The speaker closed a most eloquent address by appealing to his auditors to consider the benefits which would certainly accrue to them should they join societies of this kind, and urged all to consider the advantages which the E. B. A. held out to its members and hoped the local branch would continue to increase and prosper.

Mr. A. J. Gough expressed the appreciation of Mr. Carey's remarks by the audience, and moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was heartily carried.

The Grand President was also highly complimented by Rev. Father Scollard, on the nature of the address.

During the evening a most excellent programme was furnished by Miss Maggie Butler, Mr. D. Gordon, Mr James Brown, Mr D. Simons, Mr. Thos. Begley and Mr. Charles Podger, the latter of Lindsay.

THE OYSTER SUPPER.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the members of Branch No. 21 and their friends, together with Mr. D. A. Carey, Grand President, and Messrs George Nottingham and Chas. Podger, of Lindsay Branch, adjourned to the Catholic Order of Foresters' hall, Hunter street, where Mr. Ed. Welsh, the well-known caterer, had an excellent spread provided. The tables were well arranged and the excellence of the spread was the subject of much comment.

The chair was occupied by ex Councillor Thos. Cahill, honorary member of Branch 21, and seated on his right was the guest of the evening, Mr. D. A. Carey, Grand President. Associated with him were Messrs. Charles Podger and George Nottingham, of Branch 31, Lindsay, and Mr. James Pogue, H. C. R. of St. Peter's Court, C. O. F.

After ample justice had been done to the inner man, the speech-making began. Although no toast list was carried out, still the evening was most enjoyably spent. The chairman, Mr. Cahill, in proposing the toast of "The Grand President, visiting brethren and President and Officers of the Local Branch," stated he appreciated the honor of being appointed chairman, and expressed the pleasure it gave him of listening to the eloquent address of the Grand President, which was replete with sound advice, and trusted it would bear good results. The toast was heartily drank, and "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow," was sung with a vim.

President J. Daly, of Branch 21, was next called upon, and paid a high tribute to the Grand President and his noble work on behalf of Emeraldism. He also gave an interesting account of the rapid growth of Branch No. 21.

Messrs. Chas. Podger and George Nottingham were called upon, and both replied with a few humorous remarks.

Chancellor Devlin followed, expressing the pleasure it gave him of listening to the Grand President, and also referred to the good advice contained in his remarks.

Mr. Wm Rudkins, who is one of the charter members of Branch 21, stated that all should feel proud of Mr D. A. Carey Grand President, who, he stated, was one of the foremost Catholic men of Ontario. It was a credit to have such an organization as the E. B. A. and in future he would be an active member of Branch No. 21.

Mr. Jos Begley here favored the gathering with a recitation.

Messrs Doris Ward, Ahearn and Lonergan were called upon, but their modesty prevented them from making a speech.

Mr. T. J. Begley spoke as a newspaper man, and referred to the pleasure it afforded him of being present at doing honor to a member of the same profession.

Mr. James Bogue was proud to say that the E. B. A. was doing a great work. He thought that he belonged to two of the greatest orders in existence, the C. M. B. A. and Catholic Order of Foresters, but after hearing the eloquent remarks of the Grand President he had come to the conclusion that "there were others."

The Grand President, who was greeted with loud cheers, made a capital address. He referred to the grand results achieved by becoming affiliated with organizations of the nature of the E. B. A., pointing out the benefits he derived, which he claimed others could obtain. He dwelt eloquently on the future of Canada and the prominent part the laboring class took in promoting its advancement. He paid a warm tribute to the chairman of the evening, whom he characterized as a gentleman who had treated all classes alike and was doing all in his power to build up a country of which all would be proud. Mr. Carey was greeted with loud applause at the conclusion of his remarks.

The host of the evening was next called upon, and responded in a neat speech.

The chairman, Mr. Thomas Cahill, next arose, and referred to the good results which would certainly follow Mr. D. A. Carey's visit to Peterborough, and warmly commended the E. B. A to those present.

The proceedings closed with cheers for the Grand President and chairman.

During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs. Charles Podger and Bert. O'Brien, of Lindsay, and Messrs. D. Gordon and T. J. Begley.

As a result of the Grand President's visit it is expected there will be a large increase in the membership of Branch No. 21.—Peterborough Examiner and Review.

A. O. H.

ED. CATHOLIC RECORD:

It gives me much pleasure in forwarding you a copy of a poem which was read at the last regular meeting of Div. No. Toronto. Bro. J. P. O'Neill, the composer of these beautiful lines, has on many previous occasions distinguished himself by his writings. Div. No. 3, is proud of him, and hope he will be more generous in the future.

To Erin.

In spirit I betake me back
Four thousand years and more:
No human foot defiled your vales
Nor trod your pearly shore;
Your virgin breast and queenly brow
From streak or stain was free;
But time, alas! hath brought you woe
A cushla gal mo croidhe.

Your wondrous beauty's fame had reached
To old historic Spain,
And three royal Milesian Princes
Soon sailed across the main;
With thirty ships to you they came,
With treasure o'er the sea,
And laid all at your feet, my queen,
A cushla gal mo croidhe.

From East to West, from North to South,
They, with joyful hearts, surveyed
The peerless prize they happily won,
In vernal green arrayed.—
With its bright majestic rivers
Coursing to the azure sea,
Silvery lakes and noble mountains,
A cushla gal mo croidhe.

Your sons have grown and multiplied,
They have made an honored name,
In fame and field and senate,
They have won immortal fame;
From the Torrid to the Frigid zones,
They've helped set nations free.
And soon, please God, your time will come.
A cushla gal mo croidhe,

P. J. Lowe.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

Father Brady preached an eloquent sermon Sunday night to a large audience at St. Lawrence church. He began by the words of Our Divine Lord addressed to St. Peter "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. While these words are applied in a spiritual sense to the Pope they may be applied in a material sense to the Basilica of St. Peters.' It is a rock in its massive foundation, it is a rock in its more massive edifice the greatest Christian temple in the world. It is the rock from which its chief pastor rules the Christian world. Every city has its points of interest, and St. Peter's is the centre of interest for the visitor to Rome. Here the preacher described the dimensions and many of the architectural beauties of the great edifice, among others the altar of the tribune of St. Peter, where he had the privilege of saying Mass under the real chair of Peter. He also referred in touching words to the happiness which the Christian soul feels in kneeling upon the tomb of the great Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, beneath the dome of St. Peter's where so many faithful have knelt and prayed, and so many others have fervently desired to pray but have not had that great privilege. This great edifice is more than the production of human genius; it is the human genius laboring under the dictates of the most solemn and delicate sentiments of religion. Therefore, to appreciate a visit to this great temple one must be actuated by deep religious sentiment. These sentiments brought forth the life-like statues and paintings from the hands and and from the very souls of famous artists. They considered themselves the David's and Soloman's of the Christian era to build a temple more stupendous than the one of Jerusalem, a temple to God, the chief Church of the Christian world. Looking at St. Peter's from this point of view the Christian soul will consider this eternal ark of worship yet too small for the noble end for which it was erected. The religious mind grows and expands and ventures not to diminish this abode of divine worship. It seems to encircle the hopes of the souls own immortality. These were the feelings of the great poet, Byron, when he exclaimed:

"Majesty,
Power, strength and beauty all are aisled
In this eternal ark of worship undefiled.
Enter; Its grandeur overwhelms thee not;
And why? It is not lessened but thy mind,
Expanded by the genius of the spot,
Has grown colossal and can only find,
A fit abode wherein appear enshrined
Thy hopes of immortality."

In fine, the most lasting impression is the unity bespoken by its thirteen confessionals, where people from all nations of the world have their souls purified in the tribune of confession when coming to worship Our Divine Lord at the same altar. This, together with the harmony and unity of art and architecture of the edifice, brings home to us the words of the inspired writer, "*Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum*" ("how good and happy it is for brothers to dwell together in unity"). Let this be your prayer to bring back to the fold its wandering sheep. That our unity here may be the foreshadowing of our unity and happiness hereafter.

THE ORPHANS' FESTIVAL.

The forty-third annual festival in aid of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, held in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon and evening, was just as successful and enjoyable as usual, except in one respect: The customary address from the little orphans was omitted. To many people this is the chief feature of the programme, and no matter how high-class is the music, how pleasing the elocutionists, or how eloquent the other speeches, the programme is incomplete and unsatisfactory when it does not include the witty, wonderful and slightly pathetic oration from the nearly little representative of the wards of the Sisters of Charity. It was not the fault of the management that the speech was omitted, for, for this reason: It had been expected that J. J. Tilley, of Toronto, would be present to deliver an address on Home Preparation for Life, and it was intended that the little orator on this occasion should deliver his address in introducing Mr. Tilley. But, unfortunately, the gentleman had to send his regrets at the last moment, so both addresses had to be "cut."

Apart from this double disappointment, the festival passed off very pleasantly, and the immense audiences present, both in the afternoon and evening, had to thank Father Hinchey, who had charge of the programmes this year, for two delightful entertainments. In the afternoon there was a one act farce by what might be called the Nelligan Family Comedy company, entitled "The Limerick Boy," in which the parts were taken by J. B., George, James, Joseph and Bart. Nelligan, Mrs. Cochran and Miss Quinlan, which created much merriment. Miss M. McNichol danced a Highland fling; Miss Nellie Egner sang the "Lullaby," from Wang; Miss McCully played a violin solo; Billy Braidwood did some trick violin playing; Tom West contributed an Irish song and dance; Wm. Bangarth appeared in a musical sketch; Prof. Hayes and Waddie Appleton danced a jig, and Robert Stonehouse delighted the audience with a musical specialty. The accompaniments were played by Miss Bella Marks. The children also did a clever drill, under the direction of Sister Anna.

In the evening the boxes were occuupied by Bishop Dowling, Mgr. McEvay, Mayor Tuckett, Fathers Craven, Brady, Hinchey, Rev. Thomas Geoghegan and others. Between the parts of the programme the children appeared and sang two choruses, the girls giving The Angels' Prayer, and the boys a welcome from the orphans. They all looked clean, healthy and well-cared for as usual and seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as those who listened to them. Bishop Dowling informed the audience that since 1882 over 3,000 children have passed through the hands of the Sisters. During 1895, 40 boys and 31 girls were received and cared for, and there are at present 147 children in the home. Last year homes were secured for 23 boys and 26 girls. His Lordship thanked the people of Hamilton for the uniform support which the institution has received from all classes. "As a Hamiltonian," he said, "I am proud of that spirit of sympathy and charity which prevails among our citizens. I preach the gospel of truth and I also preach the gospel of love and good-will, and it is my earnest wish that my people should learn to love their neighbors as themselves without distinction of creed, color or nationality. (Applause.) In the name of the management I thank you for your presence here to-night and for your patronage and sympathy and kind support; and we know as Christians that whatever we do unto the least of these for His sake we do it unto Him. I pray God to bless you all a hundred fold in this life and to reward you in the life to come. That is the prayer I breathe for every citizen of Hamilton." In conclusion, he expressed pleasure at seeing his old and valued friend, Mayor Tuckett, present, and he praised him as a man who in his prosperity had never been unmindful of those less successful in life's struggle, and hoped that under his energetic administration the city would enjoy peace, progress and prosperity. (Applause.)

Mayor Tuckett spoke a few kindly words to the little ones, and told them that if they are good he will take them all for a trip on the lakes next summer.

The Bishop apologized for the absence of the members for the Dominion House, who are absent in Ottawa attending to the Parliamentary duties. He introduced Mr. Middleton, M. P. P., who made a short, humorous speech.

Rev. Mr. Geoghegan was called upon, and was accorded a most friendly reception. He said that however men might differ on what was good for the future world, they could agree on what was good for the present. (Applause.) He envied Father Hinchey in having the direction of the life in the future of these one hundred and forty-seven children, and he hoped one of these days to see a Church of England orphanage on the same lines established here. He also complimented Mayor Tuckett, and said this city had been run long enough by men who had no stake in the community.

The musical and literary programme was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

Selection of Irish airs.....Van Maanen
Thirteenth Batallion band.
Part song—"Up to Date,"
Amphion club.
Song—"The Golden Land,"
J. F. Egan.
Selection—"Qui la Voce,".....I. Puritani
Miss Rose Young.
Song—"Rory Darlin',"
E. T. Martin.
Aria—"Romeo e Gulietta,".....Belinni
Miss Adele Strauss.
Recitation—"Lost and Found,"
Miss Carr.
Part song—"In the Hour of Softened Splendor,"
Amphion club.
Song—"The Golden Bar,"
J. F. Egan.
Solo—"The Flower Song,".....Faust
Miss Adele Strauss.
Recitation—"Mr. Caudle's Umbrella Lecture,"
Miss Carr.
Song—"Mavourneen Asthore,"
E. T. Martin.
Song—"Kathleen,"
Miss Rose Young.

Miss Struss was suffering from a slight cold, but she sang with her accustomed brilliance and effect, and was recalled, but did not respond. Mr Martin's pleasing tenor was particularly appreciated on account of the appropriate character of his selections, and he received two encores, responding with "The Minstrel Boy" and "Molly Bawn." Miss Carr, the elocutionist, was most successful in her humorous selection. She received a bouquet. Miss Young was slightly overweighted in her first number, but in the ballad number the taste and expression with which she sang earned her the warmest applause. The Amphion club and Mr Egan also contributed materially to the enjoyment of the evening. Mr. O'Brien played the accompaniments with characteristic ability and artistic appreciation.—Spectator.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

Father Wagner's Parishioners present him with a Purse.—The Happy Relations Existing Between Priest and Parishioners.

About a dozen of the representative men of St. Alphonsus' parish called on their pastor, Dean Wagner, last night, and presented him, on behalf of his parishioners, with a purse of $200. The Rev. Father leaves for Europe this evening, whither he goes in search of health, and the money was a voluntary subscription from his parishioners to help defray his expenses.

Judge McHugh, in a few well chosen words, explained the object of the, call and then read the following short address:

Rev. Dean Wagner, P. P., Windsor, Ont:

Reverend and Dear Father.—Permit us to express to you on this, the occasion of your departure for Europe, whither your medical adviser has directed you to go with a view of regaining your health, the profound sympathy which your feeble physical condition has aroused amongst your parishioners. We feel that your declining health is due in a large measure to a too assiduous application to the arduous duties devolving upon you as pastor of this large and constantly increasing parish; and fervently hope that you may be vouchsafed a pleasant voyage, that your absence from our midst will be of short duration, and that you may return with renewed health and vigor. Kindly accept the accompanying gift as a slight token of our esteem.

Ex-Mayor Twomey, the treasurer of the committee, then presented Dean Wagner with a purse containing the offering.

The Dean thanked them most heartily. He said he sincerely hoped that he would come back to them with renewed health and would yet be able to labor for many years among them. He went over the affairs of the parish minutely, and explained the arrangement that had been made for carrying on his work during his absence.

The Rev. Father sails on the French liner "La Gascoyne" from New York for Havre on Saturday, and will go direct from Havre to Woerishoefen, Bavaria, where he will place himself under the treatment of Father Kneipp, the cold water specialist. He expects to return about the middle of Sept. —Windsor Record, Feb. 3.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

SIR—The letter of your correspondent, "Polycarp," in a recent issue, contains a very timely suggestion, which, there is no doubt, would have a good effect, if adopted. Most Catholics have Protestant friends and neighbors whose ideas of the Church and her doctrines are, as a general thing, highly colored by misrepresentation. These persons, unless of the rampant bigoted kind, will seldom refuse to read explanations of disputed points, if placed in their hands in a short, handy form. Even if the seed thus scattered does not produce conversions, it will at least help to dispel some of the prejudice with which we all have to contend.

There is nothing better suited to this purpose than the publications of the London Catholic Truth Society, which are invariably the productions of the leading Catholic minds—lay and clerical—in England. There is no reason now why any one should be without them, as there are three branches of the society in Canada—Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto—where the publications are kept on hand and sold at about cost. There should, however, be a branch in every parish in the country, for the need of cheap Catholic literature for our own people is great. Our Catholic newspapers make up for it to some extent, but cannot do so entirely.

The following is a list of a few pamphlets, selected from a catalogue of many hundreds, which will serve as samples, and will be sent by the undersigned, by mail, at three cents each: "The True History of Maria Monk," "All about Monks and Nuns," "Science and the Scientists," "St. Bartholemew's Day," "The Sanctification of Lent," "The Sacred Heart," "How to converse with God," "Who is St. Joseph?" "Life of Pope Leo XIII."

The little book referred to by "Polycarp," "Plain facts for Fair Minds," is especially intended for distribution amongst truth-seekers. It is by Father Searle, one of the New York Paulists, and was prepared as an answer to the questions put to Father Elliot during his missions to non-Catholics. Although only a few months out, it has a large circulation in the United States. Copies of this book, in paper covers, will be sent by post for 15 cents, which is very little over cost, with duty and postage added.

Address Sec. Catholic Truth Society, P. O. Box 576, Toronto.

Walsh's Magazine

for February contains some very choice contributions. We are glad to note that each successive number of this popular Monthly betokens improvement and enterprise.

WEDDING BELLS.

QUARRY-HARRISON.

St. Basil's church, Toronto, was the scene of a very pretty, quiet wedding, on the morning of Feb. 5, when Mr. Jas. J. Quarry, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Miss Josephine L. Harrison, of Toronto, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. Brennan, C. S. B. The bride was given away by her brother in law, Mr. Frank Caverhill, of Montreal, and was attended by Miss Quarry, sister of the groom. She was tastefully gowned in a brown tailor-made costume. The groom was attended by Mr. Gibbs, of Parkhill.

After the impressive ceremonies of the Nuptial Mass the guests, consisting of the immediate relatives only of the contracting parties, were entertained by the bride's mother, Mrs. Higgins, at the Queen's. A *recherche* breakfast was partaken of, and immediately afterwards the newly-married couple took the train for the Western States, followed by the hearty good-wishes of their large circle of friends.

OBITUARY.

MRS. R. B. FREEDY, SARNIA, ONT.

Many of your readers will be surprised to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. R. B. Freedy, age twenty-four years (*nee* Miss Agnes O'Connor)—daughter of Mrs. Patrick O'Connor, of Sarnia, Ont.—which took place at her home, Winona, Minn, January, 22. Deceased was the wife of the local manager of the North-West Telephone Exchange Co., and was married a little over two years. She was ailing for some time, but death came unexpectedly, causing a great shock to her relatives and many friends. The funeral took place in Sarnia, from her sister's residence (Mrs. John Langan's, Vidal street,) and was largely attended by many old friends of the deceased. High Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Bayard on Monday, Jan. 27, for the repose of her soul. I would kindly ask your readers to remember her in their prayers. May she rest in peace!

MR. PATRICK MCGWAN COBOURG.

On Friday, Feb. 8th, inst., Mr. Patrick McGwan, one of Cobourg's native citizens, died at his home "Marine Farm," just on the outskirts of the town. His call was sudden and unexpected, for he was a hale, strong man of thirty-five, and not accustomed to being sick. Yet by the will of Him, who alone knows how to blend joy and sorrow into perfect harmony, he was left not only in full possession of his senses to the end, but also in such propitious circumstances that he first arranged his affairs, received holy Communion and Extreme Unction; then, with the prayer of resignation on his lips, yielded up his soul to his Maker. The funeral, which took place on Sunday, consisted of one hundred and ten vehicles; and, stormy though it was, numbers of relations, old school fellows, staunch friends and admirers turned out to show true-hearted Pat, the last sad honors.

As a man he was of a sterling character, endowed with a rare combination of qualities—a man such as one likes to meet at any time. Abstemious and generous, upright and energetic—a Christian gentleman by nature and grace—he necessarily drew about himself a wide circle of friends, and by his noble disposition held the esteem of all. What less can we add about him than that he was an Irish Catholic through and through—rich in simple virtue, full of plain faith—considerations indeed which should afford much consolation and hope to the wife and relatives who are left behind to mourn their loss and miss him.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON.

London, Feb. 20.—Wheat, 81 to 82c. per bushel. Oats, 21 to 21 2-3c per bush. Peas, 45 to 51c per bush. Barley, 31 1-5 to 33 3-5c per bushel. Buckwheat, 26 2-5 to 28 1-5c per bush. Rye, 39 1-5 to 44 4-5c per bush. Corn, 36 2-5 to 39 1-5c per bush. Beef was steady at $3.50 to $5.00 per cwt. Lamb 8 to 8½c a pound by the carcass. Dressed hogs, $4.75 to $5 per cwt. Turkeys 8 cents a pound. Butter 16c to 18c a pound. Eggs, 17 cents a dozen by the basket. Potatoes 25 cents a bag. Apples, $2.50 to $2.75 per barrel. Hay, at $14 a ton.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Wheat, white, 84 to 85c.; wheat, red, 81 to 82c.; wheat, goose, 67 to 67½c; peas, common, 54 to 57c.; oats, 28 to 29c.; rye, 47 to 49c; barley, 37 to 43c; buckwheat, 36 to 38c.; ducks, spring, per pair, 40 to 75c.; chickens, per pair, 25 to 40c; geese, per lb. 6 to 8c; butter, in 1 lb. rolls, 15 to 20c.; eggs, new laid, 20 to 23c.; onions, per bush. 30c.; potatoes, per bag, 15 to 25c.; apples, per bbl., $1.75 to $2; hay, Timothy, $17.00 to $18.50; straw, sheaf, $11 $11.00; beef, hinds, 6 to 7½c.; beef, fores, 3 to 5c.; spring lamb, carcass, per lb. 6½ to 7c.; veal, per lb 4½ to 7c; mutton, lb., 6 to 7½c.; dressed hogs, $5 to $5.25.

DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 20.—Wheat, No. 2, red, 73⅞c; No. 1, white, 74½c; corn, No 2, 28½c; No. 3, yellow 29½c; oats, No. 2, white, 22⅞c; rye, 41½c; potatoes, best Michigan, 18 to 19 per bush; hay, No. 1, Timothy $14 50 to $15.00 per ton in car lots; honey, best white comb, 12 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, 14c; first class dairy, 12c; creamery, 19c; apples, new $2.50 to $3.25 per barrel; poultry, 9 to 11c lb.; dressed hogs, $5.50 per cwt.; wool, from 8 to 14 to 18c per lb.

PORT HURON.

Port Huron, Mich., Feb. 20.—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 $15.00 per ton; baled, $11 to $13 in car lots; straw, $6.50 to $7.50 per ton.

Dressed Meats.—Beef, Michigan, $4.50 to $6.00 per cwt. Live weight, $2.50 to $3.00 per cwt.; Chicago, $5 to $5.50 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, 9 to 10c per pound; fowls, 8 to 9c per pound; spring ducks, 10c per pound; turkeys, light, 10 to 11c; heavy, 8c per pound; geese, 8 to 9c per pound.

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.

Latest Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Cattle.—Prices ranged from 2 to 3½c per pound; for a few picked lots; in a few cases a shade more was paid. As far as we could ascertain 3¾c. was the top price given to-day, though 3½c. was spoken of. But anything over 3c was only obtainable for small picked lots. A few stockers found a slow sale at around 2c and 2½c per pound.

There is no change and little enquiry for milk cows, but a few choice calves are wanted at from $4 to $7 each, but poor calves are not.

Lambs are firm and wanted at from 3¾ to 4¼c. the latter price only being paid for extra choice, grain fed lambs. Sheep are quiet at from 2½ to 2¾ per pound.

For the best hogs (off-cars) 4c was paid to-day; thin and light fat sold at 3¾c.; and for choice stores 4c will be paid. All grade are wanted.

HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Live hogs are in fair supply; demand dull, but absorbs all that is arriving, at $4 to $4.10. Dressed hogs are dull, at $5 to $5.10.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Cattle closed weak for steers and steady for butchers' grades. Hogs closed steady—all sold. Sheep and lambs closed exceedingly dull for lambs, with fully 15 loads unsold. Sheep steady—about all sold.

It is easy to tell when others are flattered, but not when we ourselves are; and every man and woman will lend firm belief to the soft nothings of the very man they believe to be an arrant flatterer when others are in the case.

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