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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen." — "Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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69, so that any member can be elected President of his Branch.

38 To amend Section 7, Article 4 page 51, by adding "resignation or death" after the words "in the absence" in the seventh line.

45. To amend Section 2, Article 9, page 78, so that a member be suspended when in arrears for twelve months' dues.

The Committee on Laws next presented a new Beneficiary Fund Article. Chancellor R. Mulholland moved that when no objections were raised to any section as read it be considered as being unanimously concurred in. Carried.

After passing several sections its further consideration was laid over until Thursday.

Representative Randel of Ohio tendered the Supreme Council Convention on behalf of the Cleveland Branches, a banquet at the American House, at 9 p. m., Wednesday.

Chancellor Todenbier moved to accept the invitation, and that the thanks of the convention be given the members of the Cleveland Branches. Rev. P. A. Baart moved to adjourn. Carried.

After prayers the Convention adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 9 30 a. m. Roll called, quorum present, prayers as usual. Minutes read, corrected and approved. J. T. Keena read his report as legal adviser, which was received and spread on the minutes.

Rev. P. A. Baart moved to make salary of legal adviser $200 per annum, and that he keep a record of all legal proceedings. Carried.

Representative P. J. Mulholland offered a resolution that Grand and Supreme medical examiners be elected. Referred to Committee on laws.

Representative Feeney of Pennsylvania presented the petition of his Grand Council for a separate beneficiary.

Representative O'Meara moved to grant the prayer of the petition.

After much eloquent debate in its favor by Representatives Lambing, Feeney, and Duggan, and by Chancellors R Mulholland, Hynes, Bourke, and Randal, the petition was refused by a vote of twelve for to twenty against. Representative Finn presented the petition and resolution of the Grand Council of Canada for separate beneficiary. Representatives Finn, O'Brien and O'Meara presented strong reasons for granting the petition on account of the difference in the laws and customs of Canada. Chancellors Bulger, Rev. Father Baart, and Keena opposed the petition, which was refused by a vote of 14 for to 18 against.

Representative O'Meara moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three to inquire into and report upon the alleged grievances of Canada Grand Council. Carried.

Consideration of the new Beneficiary Fund article was then resumed. After a careful consideration and several important amendments to this article having been suggested it was finally adopted unanimously.

Legal Adviser Keena advanced some good suggestions in regard to how a member must designate his beneficiary in his certificate to make it valid.

After prayer adjournment was had until 2 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

It was nearly three o'clock p. m. when the Convention came to order, the time having been spent in fixing things for the election.

Roll call. Quorum present. Prayers as usual.

The report of Dr J. T. Kinsler, supreme Medical Examiner, which had just arrived by mail, was read. The following is a synopsis.

Omaha, Nebraska, Sept. 8th, 1888

To the officers and members of the Supreme Council, etc etc.

In presenting my report as Supreme Medical Examiner of this Council, I desired to make a statistical report, but I am unable to do so now for want of the proper data. I hope to be able to do so for your next convention. During this term I have examined 251 certificates; approved 222, and rejected 29, eighteen of which were for undoubted hereditary tendency to consumption. We cannot be too careful in regard to this one great cause of death, and every applicant having the most remote tendency to that fatal disease should be rejected. I appointed Local Medical Examiners under the new law with satisfactory results, and we are getting better service than formerly. I am free to confess, though that it makes but little difference who makes the appointment if we have men selected who are competent, if a change is to be made let Branches appoint their own Examiners. I recommend that the vaccination clause be retained. I had only one case of an applicant who refused to be vaccinated, and we are better off without him. Could we but guard against consumption, heart disease, kidney and other kindred diseases, as effectually as we can against this loathsome disease by vaccination, we might exclaim "*Eureka.*" I would suggest a form of blank-book for Examiners to keep accurate records of the examinations. I regard our form of certificates as the very best in use, but form "B" might be left off the back of the application papers. I desire to return thanks to the officers and Board of Trustees, and especially to Bros. Drescher and Hickey, for valuable counsel and assistance; and sincerely regret any inability to be present.

(Signed) Your obedient servant,
J. T. KINSLER,
Supreme Medical Examiner.

Representative Muench moved that the report be received and spread upon the minutes. Carried.

Shortly afterwards a box of fine Havana cigars was received by express from Dr. Kiesler, accompanied by a prescription: "To be taken whenever the Convention feels excited." The doctor was voted to be "a jolly good fellow".

The consideration of the Beneficiary Fund article having been completed it was adopted as a whole as amended; being too long to print here, we reluctantly have to omit it. Its provisions are not changed so much as they are simplified and made clearer.

Sections 6 and 10, Article 11, pages 29 and 30 were amended so as to require members of a suspended Branch to join some other; and not to remain as floating members on their withdrawal cards.

Proposed amendments for the election of Sup. Medical Examiners, to increase the fees of local medical examiners, to abolish the vaccination clause, and a number of other proposed amendments, the most of which were provided for in some of the other amendments reported upon favorably by the Committee on Laws, etc., were not concurred in.

The following proposed amendments were adopted by a majority vote only, and so do not become law until voted upon by every Branch and Grand Council, a majority of which must endorse and recommend the same to a future Convention for adoption:

From Pennsylvania Grand Council. No 34 To amend Section 6, Article 9, so as to collect twenty five cents additional from every suspended member who is re-instated, and to amend Section 5, Beneficiary Article, to allow thirty days to pay cards.

42½ To substitute a new Section for Section 1, Article 12, page 31, so as to allow two or more Branches in the same parish, where there are two or more large towns or villages in one parish, and also where there are two or more congregations of distinct nationalities in the same parish.

To amend Section 1, Article 3, page 67, to allow Branches outside of cities, towns and villages to meet only once a month.

Chancellor Bertrand moved to adopt recommendation of Supreme President for the collection of one assessment in advance. And that all the other recommendations of the Supreme President in his report, having been acted upon by the convention when considering the report of the Committee on Laws, etc., they be not adopted.

The recommendation relating to an advance assessment was lost.

The report of the Commitee on Laws etc, was then adopted as a whole.

Chancellor Hynes offered a resolution that all parts of the constitution, etc, be made consistent with the foregoing amendment and that all conflicting portions become repealed, and that a committee of two be appointed to complete the amended constitution. Carried.

The Chair appointed Chancellors Hynes and Bertrand.

On motion of Representative O'Brien, the Convention went into committee of the whole, with Chancellor R Mulholland in the chair, to consider certain matters connected with the disposition of funds on deposit. After some time spent therein the committee arose and reported that it had not any thing to report for adoption, all measures before the committee having been voted down.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Chancellor Franklin a rebate of 50 per cent. was made to the Ohio Grand Council on useless supplies on hand. $10 00 was voted the janitor. Votes of thanks were adopted to Right Rev. Bishop Gilmour for his able and practical sermon.

To the Committee of Arrangements in general and Representative Randel in particular.

To Hon. Patrick Smith, with regrets at not having had time to accept his kind offer.

To Committee on Laws for unusually full report and arduous labors connected therewith.

To President and officers of the Convention and the Assistant Recorder.

Representative Muench moved a resolution that all printing be let by tenders to the lowest bidder. Carried.

Chancellor Bertrand moved to have printed 10,000 copies of the proceedings. Carried.

Chancellor Hynes moved to allow per diem and mileage to all members of standing Committees attending the Convention, and to the Legal Adviser. Carried.

Representative A E Schweigert moved to select as official organs the same as last year, except those not now in existence. Carried.

Nominations and elections being next in order, the Chair appointed three tellers, Supreme Chancellors Dunigan, Keena and Shields.

The Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, D D., was chosen unanimously as the Supreme Spiritual Adviser.

The nominations were, for President, Look of Detroit, R Mulholland of Dunkirk, N. Y. and T. Coffey of Canada.

For First Vice-President, C B Friedman, of Titusville, Pa, and T Coffey of Canada. Bro. Coffey declined.

For Second Vice-President, T A Bourk of Windsor, Ont., and E. J O'Brien of Guelph, Ont. For Recorder, C J Hickey.

For Treasurer, J M Welsh.

For Marshal, Sebastian Geyer, of Niagara Falls, N Y; and A Valentine of Detroit, Mich.

For Guard, A Valentine of Detroit, and M J Lanning of Susquehana, Pa.

For Trustees, Rev. P A Baart, of Marshall, Mich; J B Todenbier of Detroit, Wm. Franklin of Buffalo, Frank Randel of Cleveland, and T Coffey, London, Ont.

For members of Committee on Laws, etc., John J Hynes of Buffalo, John O'Meara of Peterborough, Ont.

L McHugh of Omer, Mich; Wm. Look of Detroit, E Bertrand, jr., of Buffalo, and J A Lambing of Bradford, Pa. Look and McHugh withdrew.

For members of Committee on Finance. James A Flanagan, Seneca Falls, N Y; E J O'Brien, Guelph, Ont.; A E Schweigert, Buffalo; Wm Muench, Syracuse, N Y; J B Todenbier, Detroit; P J Feeney, Franklin, Pa; L McHugh, Omer, Mich.

The election took place after each nomination and resulted as follows:

President R Mulholland, N Y; First Vice-President, C B Friedman, Pa; Second Vice President, T A Bourke, Canada; Recorder, C J Hickey, N Y; Treasurer, J M Walsh. N Y; Marshal, S Geyer, N Y; Guard, A Valentine, N Y; Trustees, Rev. P A Baart, Mich; W Franklin, N Y; F Randal, Ohio.

Committee on Laws, J. J. Hynes, N. Y.; E. Bertrand, jr., N. Y.; John O'Meara, Canada.

Committee on Finance, J A Flanagan, N. Y; E J O'Brien, Canada; J B Todenbier, Mich.

Legal Adviser, J T Keena, on motion of Chancellor Hickey.

On motion of Chancellor Bolger the bond of the Recorder was fixed at $10,000 and that of the Treasurer at $40 000. Chancellor Geyer named Niagara Falls as the place of holding the next Convention, Chancellor McGary named Pittsburg, and Representative O'Meara named Montreal; but afterwards withdrew it.

Niagara Falls was selected by a majority of one.

The newly elected Officers and Committee men were then installed by Supreme Chancellor Dunigan, assisted by Chancellor Cameron, and the Convention at 9 p. m. adjourned *sine die.*

The work done at this Convention is the best ever accomplished. The whole proceedings were very harmonious, and the debates brilliant and convincing.

Letter From the Grand President.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 8th, 1888.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

In compliance with the laws of our Association, I hereby appoint the following Deputies for the various districts hereinafter named.

REV. JOS P. MOLPHY, Grand Deputy, Ingersoll, Ont.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Francis Cleary, Windsor, Ont., County of Essex.
H. W. Deare, Essex Centre, Ont., County of Kent.
S. R Brown, London, Ont., City of London, Counties of Middlesex and Elgin.
Myles McCarron, Wallaceburg, Ont., County of Lambton.
Rev M J. Brady, Woodstock, Ont., Counties o Oxford and Norfolk.
John McQuade, Seaforth, Ont., County of Huron.
Jacob J. Weinert, Neustadt, Ont., Counties of Grey and Bruce.
A. Karn, Linwood, Ont., County of Waterloo.
Thomas O'Neail, Paris, Ont., County of Brant.
Rev. P. M. Bardou, Cayuga, Ont., County of Haldimand.
James Quillinan, Niagara Falls, Ont., Counties of Lincoln and Welland.
John Ronan, Hamilton, Ont., City of Hamilton, County of Wentworth.
James Hourigan, Dundas, Ont., County of Halton.
E. J. O'Brien, Guelph, Ont., Counties of Wellington, Peel and Dufferin.
Peter Kearns, Barrie, Ont., Counties of Simcoe and Muskoka.
John Keiz, Toronto, City of Toronto, Counties of Ontario and York.
John O'Meara, Peterboro, Ont., Counties of Peterboro and Durham.
Michael O'Brien, Lindsay, Ont., Counties of Haliburton and Victoria.
T. D. Kinsella, Trenton, Ont., County of Northumberland.
P. J. Shannon, Belleville, Ont., Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward.
J. J. Behan, Kingston, Ont., City of Kingston, Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington.
Michael Galvin, Arnprior, Ont., County of Renfrew.
Thos W. Mevermott, Almonte, County of Lanark.
Wm. Braniff, Brockville, Ont., Counties of Leeds, Grenville and Dundas.
John Lally, Cornwall, Ont., Counties of Stormont and Glengarry.
Rev. Jos. Bloem, North Bay Ont., Districts of Parry Sound, Algoma and Nipissing.
P. J. Doherty, Winnipeg, Man., Districts of Thunder Bay, and Rainy River in Ontario and the Province of Manitoba.
Principal, John A. McCabe, F. R. E. Campeau, Ottawa, Ont., City of Ottawa, Counties of Carlton, Russell and Prescott in Ontario, County of Ottawa in Quebec
T. J. Finn, Joseph Duclos, Montreal, Quebec, for the Province of Quebec, excepting the County of Ottawa.

As we have no paid organizers, we must depend solely upon the voluntary efforts of each individual member for the spread of our principles and the growth of our Association. Our success and prosperity to a very great extent depends upon the efforts of our deputies and the manner in which they perform their duties.

During the past our Association has prospered, owing to the unity that has prevailed throughout our jurisdiction. For a continuance of this I respectfully request your hearty co operation and assistance in furthing the interest of the C. M. B. A.

Your fraternally,
D J O'CONNOR,
Grand President.

Open Meeting of Branch 80

Tilbury Centre, Ont., Sept 11, 1888

THOS. COFFEY,—DEAR SIR AND BRO — Sunday, Sept. 9th, Branch No. 80 of the C. M B A. held its first open meeting at Stoney Point, in Desjardin's hall. Mr C. P. Furay, president of the branch, occupied the chair, welcomed the large crowd who came to learn the objects of the organization, and explained that this new branch, organized May 27 last with seventeen charter members, now holds twenty-nine on its roll book and a half dozen new applicants on the way.

He was followed by Rev. Father Snyder, pastor of Stoney Point, Father Lorion of Ruscomb, Messrs W. P. Kilkackey and Dames of Chatham and Mr, Boniface Dupies of Tilbury Centre, all of whom in well-timed addresses explained the good that is being done by the C. M. B. A. throughout the land, and owing to the fact that it is the only organization of the kind a Catholic can join with the Church's approval, urged all Catholic men present to lose no time in becoming members of Branch No 80 and thus secure independence to those dependent on them.

After the closing of the meeting all present repaired to the Aubin and G. W. hotels, where sumptuous suppers awaited them, and after partaking of the good things prepared by the thoughtful landlords, we repaired to our respective homes feeling that the evening spent with the Branch and our hospitable friends of Stoney Point would be one of the pleasant things to be remembered in future.

Yours truly, X. Y. Z.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Branch 80, C. M. B. A., Tilbury Centre, Aug. 29th, on motion of Brother J. F. O'Keefe, seconded by Brother James Kerr, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite and all-wise providence to afflict our much esteemed president, C. P. Furay, by the hand of death, on August 25th, after a long illness, his beloved son, we the members of Branch 80, C. M. B. A., whilst bowing to the divine will of God, extend to Brother C. P. Furay and family our deep and heartfelt sympathy in this their sad bereavement, and be it

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be prepared and given to Brother C. P. Furay and sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and *C. M. B. A. Monthly* for publication.

Very truly yours,
JOHN A. NEILL,
Recording Sec.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 13 the following resolution was carried unanimously, on motion of Brother Hanavan, seconded by Brother Father Quigley;

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to afflict our President E. O'Flaherty and Brother T. O'Flaherty by the death of their honored father, be it

Resolved, that the members of Branch 13 tender their heartfelt sympathy to our brothers in their sorrow. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our Brothers, also CATHOLIC RECORD and *C. M. B. A. Momthly.*

THOS J. DOUGLASS,
Rec. Sec. Branch 13.

New Branches.

Branch No. 86 was organized on the 10th inst., at Deseronto, Ont., by P. J. Shannon, Esq., C. M. B. A. Deputy. The following is its list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. Father McDonagh
President—E. J. Edwards
First Vice President—Michael Morrigan
Second Vice-President—Thomas Hart
Recording Secretary—Henry Jeffers
Assisting Rec Secretary—Patrick F Flood
Financial Secretary—Edward Breeaugh
Treasurer—Thomas Roach, jr
Marshal—William Wilson
Guard—Patrick Butler
Trustees—Alexander Therein, Michael Marrigan, Joseph Houle, jr, William Wilson and Mathew Johndron.

Branch No. 87 was organized on the 12th inst., at Montreal, P. Q by C. O'Brien, Esq. The following is its list of officers:

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. J. S. Lonergan
President—Jacques E H. Honison
First Vice-President—Louis D. E Mayer
Second Vice President—Charles Florence
Rec. Secretary—Arthur Louis St. Onge
Assistant Sec.—Mathias Villeneuve, jr.
Financial Secretary—Joseph Limeux
Treasurer—L D A Rene de Cotret
Marshal—Louis A. Carle
Guard—J. B. Moreau
Trustees, Aldene Gauthier, Charles Florence, L D. A. Rene de Cotret, Alphonse Carriere and Joseph A. Lortie.

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

Bishop O'Dwyer, in a speech at the opening of the new waterworks at Limerick, on the 5th inst, spoke strongly in favor of Home Rule, and expressed his conviction that Ireland will soon obtain self government.

The houses on Lord Clanricarde's estate, from which the tenants have been evicted, are now being levelled. Among those levelled was one built by a farmer named Tully at an expense of £1 000. The tenants had hope of coming to a settlement, but the levelling of their homes is looked upon as destroying this hope, and very bitter feeling has been engendered in consequence. Lord Clanricarde is one of the most heartless and tyrannical landlords of the country.

The Parnell Defence Fund has reached the sum of £1 824

Archbishop Walsh has handed over to the National League $1,632 received from America, Australia and New Zealand in aid of evicted tenants.

The "Times" solicitor states vehemently that it is false to say that the witnesses of the "Times" in the Parnell vs "Times" libel suit, are chiefly members of the Irish police, and persons who have been boycotted, and who are so prejudiced as to be quite unreliable.

A Parnell defence fund has been started in Montreal, at a meeting of the Irish National League of the city. $225 were subscribed at the meeting, and the Hon. Mr. Mercier sent a letter expressing sympathy with its objects, together with a subscription of $100 Mr. J J. Curran also sent a donation of $10, and the Longshoremen's Union subscribed $50 These donations bring the subscriptions up to $385 to start with.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the National League, Mr. Harrington reported that the receipts of the League had decreased of late, but he hoped that donors would not allow the funds to languish. Mr. David Sheehy, M P., addressed the meeting. He declared that if the arrests of League members continued the people must do something to defy the Government.

Arklow, in Wexford County, has been proclaimed under the Crimes Act. In several baronies of Galway and Mayo the Act has been revoked.

Mr. Duwyn presented in Parliament amid cheers, a petition signed by 76,380 adults of South Wales and Monmouthshire, praying for the release of Mr. John Dillon and other political prisoners. Mr. Brunner presented a similar petition from the inhabitants of Wigan, which also asked for the repeal of the Crimes Act.

At a meeting in Cork held 30th August, £2,000 were subscribed toward enabling Mr. Parnell to carry on his case against the 'Times".

Earl Spencer has emphatically denied the statement that he has changed his views on Home Rule. He says that he is more strongly convinced than ever that it is necessary for the welfare of Ireland.

At the annual demonstration of the Northumberland miners, held at Morpeth, Mr. John Morley moved a resolution condemning the policy of the Government in Ireland. After some observations upon mining and labor questions he continued: "Mr. Dillon was imprisoned for asserting the same right to combine which their forefathers had asserted, and to which they owed their comparative prosperity. Examining in detail the policy of coercion in Ireland, he reminded them of the injustice of the proceedings against Mr. Latchford, who had been improperly imprisoned under the Crimes Act; and advised them closely to follow the evidence given at the inquiry into the death of Mr. Mandeville, and to ask themselves whether anything Mr. Mandeville had done justified his being dragged from bed in the middle of the night, being left without clothes, being put into a cold flagged cell, being practically deprived of sufficient nourishment, and all the other abominations of that story which were now coming out. It was stories like these that burnt themselves deeply into the hearts of the people." The resolution was carried.

Negotiations are proceeding between Mr. Townsend Trench, Lord Lansdowne's agent at Luggacurran, and Mr. William O'Brien, on behalf of the Luggacurran tenants, for the settlement of the dispute on Lord Lansdowne's estate. A seizure was made on Mr. Daniel Whalen's stock, but pending the negotiations proceedings have been stayed. Mr. Whalen refused to come to any arrangement which would not include the other Campaigners, and there is some hope that a settlement will be reached

The Dublin Castle authorities and the landlord's agents were much annoyed by the presence of several American tourists at the Vandaleur evictions in the county of Clare. They are aware that Americans make no secret of their indignation at the cruelties which they see perpetrated on such occasions, and the tyranny of the landlords, and the Government which backs them, becoming the theme of such visitors' denunciations helps to form public opinion in America as to the true character of English rule. This the Government and the landlords by no means desire.

Michael Davitt in a speech recently lamented the tendency of the Irish Parliamentary party to follow blindly Mr. Gladstone's lead. The disinclination of England to grant redress to Ireland he considers a sufficient reason for Irishmen to adopt a resolute and revolutionary course. He continues: "An ugly feeling is growing upon us that we have surrendered too easily to Mr. Gladstone, and we will be asked anon to agree to an autonomy scheme having nineteen points to England's advantage, against one to the advantage of Ireland. Many Liberals think that, considering the sacrifices they have made, both political and social, that this language is ungrateful and ill timed. Other Liberals admit that there is excuse for Irish bitterness in the delayed realization of their hopes. A prominent Liberal member who thus declared himself added that if Mr. Gladstone's intentions regarding the future Liberal course were known by Mr. Davitt, the latter would be astonished at the boldness and liberality of the ex-Premier's proposals. The *Daily News* admits Davitt's courage and patriotism, but thinks he mistakes his own position in politics. It adds: "Happily, the Irish cause is committed to more sagacious heads than Davitt's."

The whole of the £1 200 voted by the Grand Jury of Clare as compensation for head Constable Whelihan's family was absorbed by the expense of collection, and the tax has been abandoned for the present.

Mr. Davitt intends to apply to the Parnell Commission for leave to give evidence before that body. He has prepared for the press an abstract of the statements he proposes to make commencing with 1866, the time he joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

An agent of the Marquis of Lansdowne some time ago sought a conference with Mr. Wm O'Brien with the alleged object of settling with the tenants. Before anything was accomplished, the agent suddenly broke off negotiations, and Mr O'Brien declares that it was a ruse to keep the tenants quiet while the Marquis was in Ireland. Mr. O'Brien says he will take means to acquaint the people of India with the character of their new Viceroy.

At the conferences of the clergy of Dundalk and Drogheda deaneries, protests were signed unanimously against the continued imprisonment of John Dillon. It was also resolved unanimously that the National Indemnity fund should be supported.

A very suitable ending to the *Times'* Forgery Investigating Committee fiasco is now the talk of London. It is reported that it will not find either for Mr. Parnell or the *Times*, and the Tories are drawing great consolation from this, for they have been dreadfully afraid that there would be a scathing exposure of the forgeries.

United Ireland has a cartoon representing "The last eviction in Ireland." Lord Salisbury, Secretary Balfour, the Lord Lieutenant and members of the Government are regarding with horror, from a window of Dublin Castle, the proceedings of the Emergency men, who with battering-ram are demolishing the castle over their heads. The ram is labelled "General Election" and the Emergency men are England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. From the Castle window is suspended a flag inscribed, "Perpetual Coercion."

The Government are now endeavoring to suppress the Parnell indemnity fund. A Nationalist meeting announced to be held at Sligo on the 5th inst. was proclaimed.

WEDDING BELLS.

Tuesday morning, the 11th inst, in St. Patrick's Church, Maidstone, took place one of the prettiest weddings witnessed for a long time in that parish The contracting parties were Mr. C. McCloskey, son of Francis McCloskey, Maidstone, and Miss Agnes O'Neil, daughter of Mr. E O'Neil, a wealthy farmer of Sandwich East township. The marriage took place at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, after which Rev. J. O'Connor sang High Mass. The singing on the occasion was very fine, the regular choir being assisted by Miss Annie McEwen of Comber, Mrs. P. Tiernan, Maidstone, and Miss Birdie Dogherty, of Woodslee. The bride was dressed in a beautiful suit of cream nuns' veiling, trimmed with rich water silk, wreath and veil, and was assisted by Misses Annie Halford and Maggie McCloskey, sister of the groom, both of whom were attired so as to harmonize favorably with the costume of the bride. The groom was assisted by Messrs. John McCloskey and Jas. O'Neil. After mass the happy couple, with a large number of invited relations and friends, repaired to the residence of the groom's father, where a happy hour was spent in bestowing compliments, wishing joy to the happy couple and their parents, and partaking of refreshments. Subsequently the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's father, where an elaborate dinner was served up. Rev. Father O'Connor assisted at dinner and when toasting time came around the rev. gentleman eulogized the happy couple and bestowed a pleasing compliment upon them for their high Christian virtues, and hoped that their future life would be as bright and cheerful as the sun, which, along with the occasion we were celebrating, made the day so conspicuously delightful. All through the day was spent in the most pleasant manner and the evening was made joyful by the gathering of a large number of friends of the bride and groom who enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The presents were numerous, being both ornamental and useful. The bride is an accomplished lady of high religious qualities, and belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of Sandwich East. Few indeed, if any there are, who possess so thoroughly the happy faculty of making friends and keeping them as does the now Mrs. C. McCloskey. Adorned with all those noble virtues which go to make up the true and genuine lady, she has erected in the memories of all who know her pleasing remembrances which can never be effaced. Nor is he to whom this admirable lady consecrated her affections, her beauty and her whole existence, less worthy of our consideration. Born of highly respected parents, he was brought up a model young man, and is in every way suited to make the union, which was so tenderly, yet so durably, effected on the 11th inst. in the beautiful church of St. Patrick, a prosperous and virtuously happy one.

NEW CHURCH AT PRINCETON.

Princton is a thriving village in the County of Oxford, on the main line of the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk Railway, about a mile from the boundary of Hamilton diocese. The number of Catholics here is but small, but owing to the generosity of three ladies who have recently taken up their residence here, it has become possible to erect a handsome church, which will be begun at once. Mrs. Larimer, and her two sisters, the Misses Markham, have generously donated $4 000 for this purpose. His Lordship the Bishop recently made a visit to the village, in company with the Rev. M J Brady, pastor of Woodstock, for the purpose of selecting a site for the proposed building which will be, including the sanctuary, 76 feet by 34. The sacristy will be 14 feet additional to this length, and will be 12 feet in width. The site selected is north of Princeton station, near the railway. The village is in the parish of Woodstock, of which Father Brady is pastor.

MONASTERY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, OTTAWA.

On Sunday, the 9 h inst., took place at the Monastery of the Precious Blood at Ottawa, the entry of Miss Mary E A. Burke, eldest daughter of Thomas Burke, Esq, of the same city. Rev. Father McGovern presided and spoke beautifully.

The ceremony was a very imposing and touching one, to see the family of the future novice assembled there, to witness her breaking everything with this world of sorrows to become the spouse of Our Lord. Oh! certainly it was very hard to part with their beloved child, but when the voice of God has been heard, calling a chosen one, the sacrifice was only too sweet.

We sincerely hope that when prostrated in adoration at the feet of Our Divine Saviour our dear little friend will not forget us, and in return we will pray that God may give her every blessing and the grace of perseverance. A FRIEND.

THE PARNELL DEFENCE FUND.

Now that the Irish Parliamentary party are engaged in what may be termed a life and death struggle with English Toryism and landlord despotism, before the Commission appointed to investigate the charges made by the London *Times*, every Irishman worthy the name should contribute his mite towards enabling the Nationalists to make an effective defence of their characters. All money received at this office for the purpose will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to the proper quarter. The honor of being the first in the field belongs to Mr. Peter McGlade, London, who handed us the sum of $2 a few days ago.