

LETTER FROM INGERSOLL.

THE CATHOLIC LADIES "AT HOME."

Quite an enjoyable affair came off last night at Ingersoll, which may be of some interest to a number of your readers. This was the Catholic ladies at home, held in the old Catholic Church, which has already lost much of its past glory, as it is no longer used but for Sunday service, the Blessed Sacrament being preserved, and daily mass and other week day services being held in the vestry of the new church.

The affair of last night was as great a success as could be expected in these anxious times, as the spring season of the year, and at a time when people have been repeatedly called upon for various purposes. The sum realized for the benefit of the Church building fund was something over four hundred dollars, as far as can be judged from returns coming in at this early hour.

For the requirements of the occasion the seats had been removed out of the honored old church, and notwithstanding the spacious room thus provided, it proved none too large for the accommodation and comfort of the large number of guests who kindly came to patronize the well spread tables prepared by the Catholic ladies of Ingersoll.

Quite a programme, literary and musical had been prepared for the better enjoyment of the evening, but as it became quite evident that the company present had come in anticipation of a pleasant evening of quite a different description, literature and musical cadences were very wisely dispensed with, and an opportunity given to the ladies to display their amiability in serving out sandwiches, tea and coffee, ice cream, lemonade, etc. However, the main attraction of the evening seemed to be centered in a little table on which were placed two white immaculate urns, behind which stood two beautiful little girls, the Misses Nellie Smith and Maggie Grace. These urns contained respectively the purchased numbers of a lottery, placed for a short time past on the market by Father Boubat, and a corresponding number of tickets, a few of which were labelled prize. Two Protestant gentlemen, Messrs Wm. McLean and Chas. Wilson, kindly acted as scrutineers, and for more than an hour the two little snow-balls kept their eyes and hearts spell-bound as they dipped into each other black or white urn and brought out either black or prize tickets on the one hand, and lucky or unlucky numbers on the other. One incident alone seemed to mar somewhat the enjoyment of the larger portion of spectators, both Catholic and Protestant, and it was this, that this time the prizes, it seems, would fall into Catholic hands instead of going with Protestants, who had certainly given a very large share of the money invested. Of course this rather dark shadow that hung on the countenance of not a few, because the prizes did not fall to the lot of Protestants, most decidedly would have changed into a smiling, beaming and laudatory countenance, had these good people been the winners themselves. The writer of this might himself have been found quite jubilant had he been on the winning side, and it is a query whether or not he would give up his prizes for the benefit of Protestants or anyone else had he obtained any. Be this as it may, I send you the list of the winning numbers. They are as follows:

No. 53—Held by Miss M. Clear, of Dereham, set of vases.

No. 859—Held by Mrs. Donahoe, of London, jewellery set.

No. 179—Held by Mrs. Reid, of London, sofa cushion.

No. 1360—Held by Mother Augusta, of St. Joseph's Convent, Ingersoll, silver service.

No. 161—Held by Miss M. Leonard, of Dereham, D. O'Connell's portrait.

No. 200—Held by—, of London, Boy's suit.

No. 224—Held by Father Murphy, of Strathroy, Father Boubat's portrait.

Nos. 87 and 898, won minor prizes.

Your correspondent believes he expresses Father Boubat's sentiments, when he says that he feels deeply grateful to the many Protestants who so generously bought the lottery tickets offered to them, and to his friends outside of his mission, who assisted in disposing of or bought some of those tickets. Many good people indeed must have put themselves about considerably on behalf of this good cause. The church might be made ready for opening in less than a month were it not for the delay occasioned in the preparation of the elaborate stained glass which is to enhance the already so beautiful sanctuary of the edifice. As it is, I believe it has been decided to postpone the opening to the 15th of August. It will be a most appropriate day for the purpose, the glorious Lady day. No doubt it will be long coming for our Ingersoll friends and for their pastor, whose heart and mind has been centered now for high three years in the preparation of this noble work to the honor of the Sacred Heart. Believe me, dear RECORD, yours very truly, N. N.

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PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER MURPHY.

After mass on Ascension day, Rev. Father Murphy was presented with a purse containing seventy-seven dollars, and also the following address, which was read by Patrick Moore:

REVEREND AND RESPECTED SIR,—On the occasion of your removal from us, we, your parishioners, with due appreciation of the benign influence the exercise of your Christian duty among us has ever had, humbly beg that you will accept of this small purse, as a token of the high place you have found in our esteem; and, rev. Father, wherever you may be called upon to labor in the future that your every faculty may long be spared to you to exercise your truly divine gifts for the spiritual welfare of your fellow-creatures, with the same Christian zeal and piety of which you have ever been the exemplification, is the earnest prayer of your affectionate parishioners.

Signed, on behalf of the parishioners, PATRICK MOORE, THOMAS RYAN, PATRICK RYAN, JAMES RYAN, RICHARD RYAN, STEPHEN LAMB, LEWIS McDONALD, J. B. M.

Bussels, May 9, 1880.

FROM HAMILTON.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS.

The Father Matthew Total Abstinence Society met Monday evening in their hall for the purpose of presenting an address and writing-desk to Mr. Joseph Mullin, on the occasion of his leaving this city for Arlington, N. J. Mr. Mullin has for a long time past been one of the most active members of this association, and he will be very much missed. The following is the address:

TO JOSEPH P. MULLIN: DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Having learned with feelings of the deepest sorrow that you are about to take your departure from amongst us, we, the members of the Father Matthew T. A. Society, desirous of showing our appreciation to one who has labored so assiduously for the welfare of the society and the cause of total abstinence in general, cannot allow you to depart without testifying our hearty approval of the excellent services you have rendered our association. In you, sir, we have always found a faithful and energetic worker, ever ready to assist in every movement calculated to benefit the society. We are aware that it is the duty of every member to devote himself ardently to the work of the society and especially to build up the cause of total abstinence, but we also know that when a member fulfills conscientiously this noble duty he is entitled to the gratitude of all for whose sake he has labored. Your self-sacrificing devotion to our association and the kindness and charity exercised in your actions has endeared you to us all. Ever since the organization of the society you have never failed to perform your duty as a member, and by your ability and zeal you have tended to elevate the society to the prosperous position it now enjoys, and you have made for yourself a name that will long be cherished in the memories of those who have the pleasure of your acquaintance. It will but feebly express the loss we sustain as a society, to say that we will miss you at our meetings, but you can rest assured you carry with you our heartfelt wishes for your prosperity, and we trust that whatever position in life you may hereafter attain you may succeed in gaining as many friends as you will leave behind you in Hamilton.

In conclusion, we may beg of you to accept this accompanying gift as a token of our esteem. True, it is but a small return for your endeavors on our behalf, but we offer it as a mark of our affection, and we hope it is received as a testimony which your fellow-members entertain for you.

Signed on behalf of the SOCIETY, JAMES W. O'HOLLORAN, JAMES SULLIVAN, JEREMIAH BUCKLEY, Committee on Presentation.

REPLY. REV. FATHER, MR. CHAIRMEN AND GENTLEMEN:—

There is, I believe a certain cut and dried form of speech in which compliments like the one you have just paid me are usually acknowledged, but I beg leave to reject the stereotyped formula, and to answer you in accordance with my feelings, instead of according to rule. We have all worked together in the same field, and stood side by side in the ranks of the Father Matthew Total Abstinence Society, to which we are proud to belong. You have done me signal honor in marking your approbation of my course by this handsome gift, and the kind and encouraging words with which it has been accompanied have enhanced its value in my eyes. I cannot think that my efforts to advance the good cause in which we are engaged have deserved such a flattering recognition; but I am proud to know that you deem them worthy of your approval. Whenever I look upon your elegant token of regard, I shall remember with pleasure the many pleasant hours I have spent with you, and with gratitude the friends to whom I am indebted for it.

And wherever my path lies, be it gloomy or bright, My sorrowful friends, shall be with you at night.

Shall join in your revels, your sports, and your joys, And return to me beaming all o'er with your smiles, To bid me, if it tells me, that, amid the gay cheer, Some kind voice had murmured, "I wish you were here."

Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy, Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy.

And which come in the night-time of sorrow and care, To bring back the features that joy used to wear.

Long will be my heart with such memories filled, Like the vase in which roses has once been filled. You may break, you may ruin the vase if you will, But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

Farwell! but whenever you welcome me, That awakens the night-song of mirth in your bower, Think of the friend that once welcomed it, too, And forgot his own griefs to be happy with you.

His griefs may return—not a hope may remain Of the few that have brightened his pathway of pain. But he never will forget the short vision that threw Its enchantment around him while lingering with you.

And now, my friends, when I say that I thank you for this token of commendation and esteem, I ask you to associate with these simple words all that you can conceive of earnest heartfelt emotion. I am proud to be considered your comrade and personal friend, and hope to some day return to your midst and again stand shoulder to shoulder with you in this great contest, and rejoice with you on a glorious moral victory.

In order to secure this victory, allow me, my friends, to offer a few words of encouragement and advice. When we call to mind that but a short time since intemperance stalked boldly in our midst, and nothing seemed able to resist its incursions, a few noble-hearted men banded themselves together in the holy cause of Total Abstinence, and under the spiritual guidance of our beloved chaplain, Rev. Father O'Leary, they labored earnestly and zealously, until to-day they have the gratification of seeing their efforts crowned with success. And this Association stands a monument to their generous zeal,

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LIST OF BRANCHES IN ONTARIO. No. 1 Windsor. 2 St. Thomas. 3 Amherstburg. 4 London. 5 Brantford. 6 Stratford. 7 Amherstburg. 8 Windsor. 9 Windsor. 10 Windsor.

Our worthy Supreme President in his address says—"I feel it my duty to encourage members to take on more of the official organs." The CATHOLIC RECORD is an official organ and devotes from one to two columns every week to C. M. B. A. notes. Does not such action on the part of this paper deserve a corresponding duty on the part of our C. M. B. A. members? It certainly does, and every member in Canada desiring information on matters concerning our Association should not only subscribe for the CATHOLIC RECORD himself, but do all he could to extend it among others, knowing that by so doing, he would be adopting the very best means to increase our C. M. B. A. membership in Canada.

TO ALL BRANCHES IN CANADA. I have received official notice of the death of Michael Cummings, of Branch 25, Dunkirk, which occurred the 15th day of April, 1880.

SAMUEL R. BROWN, Grand Recorder. Branches are here reminded to immediately notify the Grand Recorder of suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements of members; neglect in this is a violation of the regulations of our constitution.

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