

Branch No. 4, London, Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month...

C. M. B. A.

New Branch. Branch No. 172 was organized at Belle River, Ont., on February 22, by District Deputy John Dugal...

C. M. B. A. Assembly.

Stratford Times. Beauty and chivalry were there And bright the lamps shone o'er fair women...

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT. John Hoy, D. J. O'Connor, E. J. Kneiff, M. E. Sullivan, Wm. Quillier, J. J. Higgins, F. E. Keenan, M. E. Gosselin, J. J. O'Connor.

A New Constitution.

Continued. Each Grand Council shall be entitled to be represented in the Supreme Council by three representatives.

Continued. Representatives shall faithfully carry out all instructions of the body which they represent. They shall not act in any way which would be to the detriment of the association.

Continued. All persons who have served a term as President in any council shall be entitled to be re-elected to the office.

Continued. The following persons shall be entitled to the title of Grand Chancellor in the Supreme Council in every Grand Council Branch.

Continued. All persons who have served a term as President in any council shall be entitled to be re-elected to the office.

count of all funds and of the disposal thereof. The Supreme Recorder shall forthwith after receipt of the application...

FORTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH.

A Convert Gives the Results of His Long and Varied Experience as a Catholic.

Festival of Conversion of St. Paul, Boston, January 25, 1892.

Forty years ago to-day, by the grace of God, I had the inestimable privilege of being received into the Catholic Church, after having officiated for ten years as pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in your city.

It seems a long way off but I have a vivid recollection of the scenes and incidents connected with that eventful period of my life, especially of my struggles of mind and heart while undergoing the great change that finally landed me in the blessed bosom of Holy Mother Church.

Well, I have had pretty extensive opportunities of study, observation and experience in various parts of the country, and now if I could reach the ear or eye of any of those old friends I should be very glad to give them the result of my experience.

It is undoubtedly a very serious and important question, and one upon which eternal interests are suspended. Believe me, then, when I say, from my heart, that instead of being disappointed at my discoveries in the Catholic Church I have only found more and better acquainted with it, multiplied causes for devout thankfulness to Almighty God for bestowing upon me such an inestimable boon.

For forty years I have been studying the Catholic Church, both theoretically and practically—its system of teaching, of devotion and its wonderful organization; and I must say its magnitude, its beauty and its glory have grown upon me continually till I am ready to declare that there is nothing like it in all the world.

Resolution of Condolence. At the last regular meeting of the Branch No. 31, Gaelic, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that we, the members of Branch No. 8 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, desire to express our sympathy with you and yours in your affliction.

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THE DEATH OF DR. SHEA.

SKETCH OF THE CAREER OF THE EMINENT CATHOLIC WRITER.

New York, Feb. 22. John Gilmary Shea, LL. D., died at his home in Elizabeth at 4 o'clock this morning. He was conscious almost to the last, and fully understood the blessing sent him by the Pope, through Archbishop Corrigan. He died of tumorous cancer of the stomach.

Dr. Shea was born in this city on July 22, 1824. His father, James Shea, a native of Ireland, came to this country in early manhood and married a descendant of Nicholas Ursell, who came over with Governor John Winthrop, in 1630, and settled in Boston.

When I was officiating as an Episcopal clergyman with strong High Church proclivities, I tried hard to persuade myself that we had great advantages over the other denominations, and I put on airs, and rung the changes on our being true Catholics—not Romanists, you know—the Via Media and all that.

I got sick and tired of this everlasting warfare of brethren upon one another and I could not help asking myself if this was really the normal condition of the Church of Christ?

It is 1852 he married a Miss Savage, who comes of a New England family. His wife and two daughters survive him. Two years ago the Catholic hierarchy and clergy started a fund to reclaim in the province of his historical work. Dr. Shea wrote, besides the works already mentioned: "History of the Catholic Missions among the Indians," 1844; "The Fallen Brave," 1861; "The Operations of the French Fleet Under Count De Grasse," 1864; "Catholic Church in Colonial Days," 1868; "Life and Times of Archbishop Carroll," 1888. He also translated De Courcy's "Catholic Church in the United States," 1866, and edited Washington's Private Diary, "Catholicism," and other historical writings.

WEDDING BELLS. ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, KINCORA, ON FEB. 23, 1902, when Miss H. Crowley, daughter of his father and mother, was united in the holy sacrament of matrimony to Mr. John Stock, of this place.

What caused me to make that change was: The logical weakness, confusion and hollowness of Protestantism, and the absolute necessity of an infallible authority to interpret to us the truth of the divine revelation, and to decide disputes in regard to faith and morals.

The development of Protestantism has been very rapid, and is now progressing with accelerated speed. It is really sad to witness the anxiety, the agitation and alarm with which the various denominations are at last awakening to the consciousness that their creeds and confessions of faith are not the infallible expositions of divine truth that they were formerly accustomed to consider them.

My race is nearly run. I shall probably never have the opportunity to address my old friends again. But I shall not forget them. I would to God they could be brought to see things as I now see them and to enjoy the inestimable privileges which are my inheritance. But in any case I pray that Almighty God may bless all the survivors of that dear old flock of St. Paul's with the choicest of His graces and blessings.—H. L. Richards, in Catholic Columbian, Columbus, Ohio.

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MARKET REPORTS.

London, March 3.—GRAIN (per cental)—Barley, 14s 10d to 15s 1d; wheat, 18s 10d to 19s 1d; corn, 12s 6d to 13s 6d.

PRODUCE.—Eggs, fresh, dozen, 10s; butter, 12s; cheese, 10s; lard, 10s; tallow, 10s; oil, 10s.

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