

THE P. P. A. CONDEMNED.

On several occasions we stated that the great mass of our Protestant fellow-citizens did not approve of nor did they want an organization like the P. P. A. We have too much respect for our non-Catholic friends to even harbor the thought that they would seek to propagate their religion by means of intolerance, injustice and extreme bigotry, such as characterize the hydra of P. P. Aism. Individual ministers have, at different times, condemned its operations and appealed to their congregations to show a Christian charity that would tend to restore harmony and good feeling amongst all sections of the community. At last we are pleased to notice such an important body as the Congregational Union has emphatically denounced the P. P. A., as will be seen by the following account of their meeting in Toronto. These men know the value of "peace and good will;" they appreciate the universal teaching of Christ, to "love each other;" they show a truly patriotic as well as a highly religious spirit, and we trust that their action will tend greatly to weaken the efforts of that un-Christian and un-Canadian organization of fanatics. Thus runs the despatch received yesterday:—

"The Congregational union this morning expressed its condemnation as a body of the Protestant Protective association, of which organization the Rev. J. C. Madill, a member of the union in Western Ontario, is grand president. There was a good attendance of members. The union is a gathering of all the Congregational associations throughout the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Rev. Mr. McGregor moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Morton, the following resolution:—"That in harmony with the historic traditions of the Congregational body and in loyalty to the truth that alone makes free, this union declares its unwavering adherence to the principles of civil and religious freedom which are the safeguard of a nation's true peace and prosperity, and are essential elements in the advancement of Christ's kingdom, we desire to make this affirmation more emphatic in view of the extremes to which passionate Roman Catholics on one hand and passionate Protestants on the other hand are in these times manifestly tending." Mr. Frank Yeigh submitted the following resolution, which was stronger in its allusion to the organization so carefully aimed at by the previous resolution. He moved: That the union take this opportunity of reaffirming the principles of civil and religious liberty for which our forefathers contended and suffered, absolute and equal rights of all religions in the eyes of the law, with freedom for all and neither proscription nor favor for any, and while careful to abstain from all interference with individual liberty regret the formation of an organization in this day which appears to us to conflict with these mistakes. This brought some short, sharp speeches referring to the P.P.A.

Rev. Dr. Jackson said he could not vote for the substituted motion.

Rev. Mr. McLaughlin deprecated the use of the words "Protestant" and "Roman Catholic" in the first resolution. In Quebec, where he came from, they had enough to do trying to combat extreme religious views without stirring them up in this province. He favored the amendment.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton thought they should boldly mention the P.P.A. in the resolution. They were intolerant and bigoted. He had met one of their members while on the way to the Union meeting, from Western Ontario, and the P.P.A. man called him a Jesuit.

Several amendments proposed were rejected. The original resolution was defeated by 31 to 18 and Mr. Yeigh's motion to condemn the P.P.A. was carried by 44 to 8."

The above requires no comment.

We like enterprise, and especially do we rejoice when we perceive it in our co-religionists and fellow-countrymen. Up in the flourishing town of Arthur, Mr. M. O'Donnell has an Enterprise that takes the form of a lively and interesting

weekly paper. Mr. O'Donnell is one of the few Catholics in Ontario who have given themselves to journalism, and success seems to smile upon his path. We feel proud and happy when we see Catholic newspapers prospering. There is a wide field here for them, and we cannot have too many publications of the class of the Arthur Enterprise.

THE C. O. F. CONVENTION.

The C. O. F. Convention at St. Paul, Minn., went off with great success; every one of the delegates was comfortably housed and boarded, and every effort was made to enable them to enjoy themselves as much as possible.

The convention opened on Tuesday, the 5th inst., with Grand Mass at the Cathedral. The Rev. Father Hefferon sang Mass; Father Soluce acted as deacon, and Father Illig as sub-deacon. The Mass selected for the occasion was Gounod's "St. Cecilia," sung by the Cathedral choir of fifty voices, and led by an orchestra of twenty pieces and harp; the Offertory was Gounod's "Jerusalem," and the finale Handel's "Hallelujah," all being exceptionally well rendered. During the Mass a sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Archbishop Ireland, who took as his theme "The Catholic Layman; His Duty and Value as a Worker in the Cause of Christ and Christianity." From this he drew the lessons contained in the organization of the Catholic Order of Foresters and the value of the Order to the Church and her children. The discourse was a most eloquent one and was listened to with great attention. After Mass the delegates returned to their hall and the convention was formally opened.

A despatch from St. Paul says that the convention closed, after all business had been satisfactorily completed, at three o'clock on Sunday morning. The chief officers elected were: High Chief Ranger, T. H. Cannon; High Chief Secretary, Theodore B. Thule; High Chief Treasurer, Michel Cyr; High Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. T. F. O'Malley. Most of the other high officers elected are the same as last year. Before the close of the sittings it was decided that the next convention should take place at Ottawa, in the early part of next June.

The following laws for the government of the State and Provincial Courts of the Catholic Order of Foresters was received from St. Paul this morning by a prominent member of the C. O. F. The statement has not been previously published and will therefore be of interest to the Foresters and others:

SECTION 1. Any State or Province may, with the consent and under the direction of the High Court, organize a State or a Provincial Court in manner following:

SEC 2. Each Subordinate Court located in a State or Province having the requisite membership shall elect one representative and one alternate to represent it in a State or Provincial convention called by the High Court for that purpose. State or Provincial conventions shall be held annually on the first Tuesday in June in each year commencing in June, 1895. Provided, however, that the High Court may authorize States or Provinces to organize prior to the first Tuesday in June, 1895, if it shall see fit to do so.

SEC 3. Each State or Province having a total membership of at least 250 members in good standing shall be entitled to organize a State or Provincial Court.

SEC 4. At the annual session of the State or Provincial Court one representative and one alternate shall be elected for each 500 members of Subordinate Courts under the jurisdiction of the State or Provincial Court, to represent the State or Province at the High Court annual session, and one representative and alternate for a fractional part of 500 members over 250 members. Provided, that if any State or Province has less than 500 members and more than 249 members it shall be entitled to one representative.

SEC 5. Each State or Province having less than 250 members belonging to Subordinate Courts in its jurisdiction shall be annexed to some near State or Province by the direction of the High Court and shall co-operate with the State or Provincial Court to which it is annexed, the same as if located in such State or Province, until its membership

shall authorize the formation of a separate State or Provincial Court as hereinbefore provided.

SEC 6. State and Provincial Courts are authorized to transact the following business:

Adopt a constitution for a State or Provincial Court not to conflict with the High Court Constitution and By-Laws, or the statutes of the State or Province in which the State or Provincial Court is organized or adopt any laws that would violate the charter granted to the Order by the State of Illinois.

They shall have power to make special assessments (not to exceed 50c. per member) on each member of the Subordinate Courts under their jurisdiction for State and Provincial Court expenses, and such expenses shall be subject to the supervision of the High Court.

They shall approve the By-Laws of Subordinate Courts under their jurisdiction.

They shall hear all appeals from the Subordinate Courts or members thereof, in their State or Province. Subordinate Courts or members thereof shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of a State or Provincial Court to the High Court.

They shall not approve any By-Law of any Subordinate Court which in any way conflicts with the Constitution or By-Laws of the High or State or Provincial Courts.

The State or Province Court Officers shall have power to organize new Courts in their State or Province.

They shall appoint all Deputy High Chief Rangers for the Courts under their jurisdiction.

They shall, before the close of such convention, elect the following officers: State or Provincial Chief Ranger, State or Provincial Vice Chief Ranger, State or Provincial Secretary, State or Provincial Treasurer, and such other officers as they may see fit.

The above officers to be known as State or Provincial Court Officers, and with the representatives of Subordinate Courts shall form the State or Provincial Court Annual Session or Convention.

SEC 7. The annual session of the High Court shall be composed of the State and Provincial Courts. The qualification for membership in the annual session shall be the same as now required except that the certificate of credentials shall be from the State or Provincial Court.

SEC 8. The annual session of the High Court shall meet annually in each year on the second Tuesday in September, commencing on the second Tuesday of September, 1895.

SEC 9. The constitutions of the High Court and Subordinate Courts shall be considered as amended so as to carry into effect the above and foregoing provisions in all particulars, and each and every part thereof in conflict with the foregoing is hereby repealed.

C. O. F.

ST. GABRIEL'S PICNIC TO VALLEYFIELD.

St. Gabriel's Court 165, C. O. F., will hold their fourth annual excursion on Saturday. The place chosen for the picnic is Clarke's Island, Valleyfield, one of the most picturesque spots that could be selected, with the additional advantage of being a place which, up to the present, has seldom been a resort for excursionists.

The committee of St. Gabriel's C. O. F. did well in selecting it, for very few indeed of the persons who will go on Saturday have been there before, and will therefore enjoy the new scenery and the many beauties which will be unfolded to them for the first time. The excursionists leave Bonaventure depot at 7.45 on Saturday morning; a splendid orchestra has been engaged for the day, and every provision has been made for the comfort of the excursionists in the way of refreshments, etc. A large number of very valuable prizes have been donated to be presented to the winners of the various races. The races include a fat man's race, a young ladies' race, a race for married ladies and many other ordinary events. The tickets for the excursion have been selling very rapidly, and, if the weather be fine, it will be one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The undertaker never prides himself on building up a lively business.

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ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH.

On Sunday St. Anthony's Feast will be celebrated in the Church of St. Anthony, with great ceremony. This is the first time the parishioners have had the opportunity of celebrating the Feast in the new church, so there is sure to be a large attendance. A musical Mass will be rendered by the choir, which will be augmented for the occasion; Miss Donovan will preside at the organ. Grand Mass will be sung by the Rev. Father Donnelly. Special preachers will deliver sermons at Mass and at the evening service.

A STRONG APPEAL.

The Rev. Father Quinlivan delivered a powerful appeal on behalf of the Bazaar at High Mass on Sunday. The Rev. Father spoke of the great importance of God's House and the necessity of making it as much as possible worthy of him; he then referred to the fact that it was thirty years since the interior of the church has been renovated, but in respect to its beauty and purity of architectural style it was the finest in the city. The Rev. gentleman concluded by paying a glowing tribute to the non-Catholic friends who, out of the generosity of their hearts, and, he believed, out of their love of God, had contributed so liberally to the good work.

C. M. B. A.

A NEW BRANCH ESTABLISHED.

On Thursday evening, June 7th, Rev. Father McMenamin's efforts to establish a branch of the C. M. B. A. in Simcoe were crowned with success. On that evening Rev. Father Corcoran, of La Salette, deputy for Norfolk County, instituted in St. Mary's parish Branch No. 231. Although the membership is not large to start with it will no doubt be considerably increased before many moons, as Father McMenamin is an enthusiastic C. M. B. A. worker and has quite a number of good risks in his parish yet. Following are the names of officers for the balance of 1894: Spiritual adviser, Rev. D. P. McMenamin; president, J. C. O'Neil; 1st vice-president, W. E. Kelly; 2nd vice-president, Martin Smith; recording secretary, Rev. D. P. McMenamin; treasurer, H. W. Ward; financial secretary, A. H. Maher; marshal, Michael O'Hearn; guard, Michael Noon. Trustees: Rev. D. P. McMenamin, W. E. Kelly, Martin Smith, H. W. Wood, A. H. Maher, Representative to Grand Council, J. C. O'Neil; alternate, W. E. Kelly.

Meeting nights, second and fourth Thursday in each month.

C. M. B. A. NO. 130.

The Canada Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. instituted on Friday night a new branch of this rapidly growing order. It is known as branch 130 and its headquarters will be at Federation hall. A big opening social is to be held on the 26th inst.

ST. ANN'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society was held on Sunday last, 10th June, in their hall, corner Young and Ottawa streets, the president, Mr. Patrick Flannery, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. James McGuire, the assistant secretary, Mr. Thomas Rogers, took charge of the books. After the usual order of business was disposed of, the society took up the business of their grand annual excursion that is to be held this year on Dominion Day to Lake St. Peter. The members are all taking a lively interest in it; the secretary disposed of a large number of tickets; everything is being done to make the excursion a grand success and one of the most enjoyable days ever held by the society; and every one who attends this excursion is sure to have a good time. The tickets have been placed at very reasonable figures—50c for adults and 25c for children—to be had from members of the committee and at Mr. P. Flannery's boot and shoe store, Notre Dame street. There has been a first class caterer secured to supply the refreshments and a good band of music has been engaged. All who intend spending a pleasant day should patronize this excursion, which is sure to be the best of the season.