## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

### C. M. B. A.

**Branch 49—Grand Musicale**

Cameron Hall was crowded, and scores were unable to find even standing room, on the evening of Tuesday, 11th, when Branch 49, C.M.B.A., held its third annual musicale. It was as fine an audience as could be assembled by a first class musical event; and the committee in charge had every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the evening, with, perhaps, the one regret that a larger hall had not been secured. The committee consisted of Messrs. B. J. Cronin, (Chairman), Dr. J. Loftus, W. J. Hallern, E. J. Hearn, J. O'Shea and M. Quinn. Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V. G., presided, and in the interval of the programme made an address in praise of the C. M. B. A. and of Branch 49 in particular. He pointed to the increase in membership from 220 in 1880 to 12,000 in 1896, and made an approving reference to the withdrawal from the American body as a sound business move. He recommended those who were not members to study the objects of the C.M.B.A. with a view of joining.

The programme was very enjoyable. Mr. J. B. Neligan, of Hamilton, in his Irish and Scottish songs and recitations, was the star of the evening. His easy power is of the professional quality, and he should be heard oftener at such gatherings. Miss Kate Landy presided at the piano with skill and grace, and her brother, Mr. J. J. Landy, sang. Two numbers (song) that were much enjoyed were contributed by Master Frank Fulton, and another young entertainer, Miss Florence McMullen, played a violin solo with decided talent. Songs were contributed by Mr. J. A. Paul, Miss A. Memory, D. A. Phillips, Miss Bird (whose Ave Maria was marked by admirable sympathy and expression) Mr. White, Miss Flynn and Miss O'Neill, and all the range from gay to grave was covered to the general satisfaction. Miss Langsford, in Irish and Scottish recitations, was particularly successful, and another elocutionist who was deservedly applauded was Mr. Jas. Dempster. He has very good dramatic power. The entertainers after the finish were entertained at an oyster supper at Stewart's. Branch 49 made a conspicuous score altogether and has set an example that should be followed by other branches.

**Branch 111—Successful Concert**

Mallon's Hall, Dundas street, was tastefully decorated and crowded with a fine audience of the Catholic people of St. Helen's on Monday evening, the occasion of the annual concert of Branch 111, C. M. B. A. Mr. W. J. Boland, the president of the Branch, assisted by his brother officers made every accommodation for their visitors, and the programme was of an exceptionally high order. Mr. Madigan acted as chairman most satisfactorily, and Mr. W. T. Kernahan delivered a short lecture on the superior features of C. M. B. A. insurance, which was a masterpiece of brevity and pointedness. Miss Nellie O'Donoghue presided at the piano and rendered the accompaniments most admirably. Songs were contributed by Mr. R. S. Flint, Miss Marie Wheler, Mr. W. White, Mr. Harry Bennett, Mr. Jas. Whittem and Mr. Thomas Cameron. All the vocal numbers were entirely successful and all were enjoyed and applauded. Miss Wheler and Mr. Bennett were particularly successful and had to respond again and again. Very enjoyable numbers were the dulcimer selections by Messrs. Welsh and Nichol, and banjo selections by Messrs. Underfield and Wood. Miss Lillie Cottam fairly captivated the audience with her mandolin, upon which she performed with so much grace and ability that the house was in a mood to keep her playing all the evening. She also distinguished herself at the piano thus doubly displaying her musical abilities. Excellent recitations were rendered by Mrs. Davis, who has a splendid voice and decidedly graceful appearance, and by Mr. Harry Young. Altogether the concert was first class in regard to the entertainment provided, and must have been a complete success for Branch 111.

### C. O. F.

Provincial Chief Ranger Lee paid a visit to the Western Courts of Ontario last week and was very hospitably entertained in Loudon, 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 Guittard, Killackey and Robert doing the honors. On Sunday he was precent 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. Chief Ranger Spearman in a neat speech introduced the Provincial Chief, and for an hour he kept his audience's attention so much that at the end of his speech many gentlemen handed in their names desiring to become members. He was afterwards entertained at dinner by Rev. Pere Beaudoin, who had invited a number of brethren to meet him. On Monday the Windsor brethren took him in hand, and Provincial Trustee Baby, assisted by the Chief Ranger and other brethren, showed him around and visited Detroit. On Monday evening a grand banquet was tendered him by the Windsor brethren at the British American Hotel. Dr. Casgrain presided, and on his right sat the Provincial Chief, W. J. McKee, M.P.P., J. S. Guindon, Sol. White, ex-M.L.A., and to the left sat the Chief Ranger, D. B. O'Dette, Conservative nominee for the Dominion, Dr. Reaume, C. P. Baby, Provincial Trustee, D. T. Sicklesteel, J. T. Gagen of Detroit, District Deputy Meloche, C. P. Spearman and many others. After full justice had been done to the splendid bill of fare provided by mine host of the British American, Dr. Casgrain, after the health of the Pope and the Queen had been drunk, proposed in a very neat speech the toast of the "Catholic Order of Foresters," and called upon the Provincial Chief to respond. On rising to respond the Provincial Chief was met with boisterous applause, and in an address of about three-quarters of an hour pointed out the many benefits flowing 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 numbers 35,000 members and had paid last year over $225,000 in death claims. 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 Sickleteel. After Brother Meloche in many neat words had responded to the toast of the "High Court," the toast of "Sister Societies" was proposed and responded to by Brother Gagen of Detroit for A. O. H., Brother Mullins for Knights of St. John and, after 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.

A large and enthusiastic meeting was called to order on Sunday afternoon the 9th, in Cameron Hall, corner Cameron and Queen streets, by Provincial Chief Ranger Lee for the purpose of organizing a Court in the west end of the city. The Provincial Chief in a very lucid address pointed out the many advantages of the Order to those present, both in regard to insurance and sick benefits, and, after answering a good many questions put to him by a number of those present in a very satisfactory manner, thirty-two gentlemen came forward and signed the charter list, which will be open for one week, when another meeting will be held for organization and installation.

It is expected this Court will commence with fifty charter members and that after a short time it will have reached the hundred mark.

### C. Y. L. L. A.

A most pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Catholic Young Ladies Literary Association on Monday the 10th inst. Dr. Dwyer of St Michael's Hospital addressed them on this occasion, taking for his subject "Respiration." Only one fault was found with the lecture—that it was much too short, and all his hearers expressed a hope of listening again to Dr. Dwyer in a similar talk.

The lecture was supplemented by a short musical progamme consisting of piano solos by Miss Katie Landy, vocal solos by Miss Marie Wheler and Miss Katie O'Donoghue and Mandolin solos by Miss Lillie Cottam. All the members were well received. Rev. Father Wynn, Chaplain of the Association, acted as chairman for the evening.

In a report for the past term read by the Secretary Miss M. O'Donoghue, it was announced that the next meeting of the Association would take place on Monday, February twenty-fourth.

M. O'Donoghue, Sec'y.

### A. O. H

On Monday evening Feb. 17th, Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians organized a Ladies Auxillary in connection with their Division.

Brother Joseph Rutledge, President of the Division, occupied the chair, and the manner in which he conducted the proceedings was a credit to himself and the A.O.H. at large.

He opened the meeting with an eloquent address, explaining minutely the aims and objects of the Society, and the attention he received while doing so, shows his well chosen remarks had not been misplaced.

After the usual form, thirty (30) young ladies were duly initiated into our noble order. Then followed the election of officers which resulted as follows:—President, Miss M. Mohan; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Ward; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Kelly; Financial Secretary Mrs. Christie; Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss B. M. Roach; Guard, Miss C. Carney.

B. McWilliams,
Sec. of organizing com.

**A. O. H. at Home.**

Ancient Order Hibernians, Div. No. 4, held an enjoyable At Home Friday evening last at St. George's Hall. There was a first class orchestra in attendance which kept the members and their friends dancing till an early hour in the morning. Some very attractive costumes were worn by the ladies, and everything proved a grand success.

The committee who had charge of the At Home, were Messrs. Falpie, Sutton, Conlin, Nolan and Harris, who also were assisted by their lady frien'ls.

### Knights of St. John.

At the last meeting of St. Mary's Commandery No. 216 Knights of St. John, the following officers were duly installed for the year 1896: President, Jas. Whelan; 1st Vice-President, Chas. O'Brien; 2nd Vice-President, Jas. Enright; Rec. Secy. Wm. Hogan; Fin. Secy. T. A. McIntyre; Messenger, P. C. Rossitter; Sergent at Arms, Jas. E. O'Reilloy; Board of Trustees, Sir Knights L. Furlong, P. Herbert, Chas. O'Brien, Jas. McEvay and John Whelan.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God to take unto himself the beloved wife of our esteemed and respected brother Lawrence Furlong,

Therefore be it resolved That we the members of St. Mary's Commandery No. 216 Knights of St. John do tender to our respected Brother Lawrence Furlong our heart felt sympathy in this his hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved—That a copy of this resolution be sent to our respected Bro. L. Furlong and the press and that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Commandery and that the charter be draped in mourning for three months.

## VENEZUELA AND THE VATICAN.

**Text of an Address From the President of the Republic to His Holiness.**

The following is a copy of the letter addressed by the President of Venezuela last year to the Pope on the failure of the proposal that his Holiness should arbitrate on the boundary dispute which has since assumed such a grave complexion:—"Most Holy Father—When in the June of last year through the intervention of his Excellency Monsignor Tortl, the diplomatic representative of the Holy See in this Republic, and by means of a special communication directed by my orders to his Eminence Cardinal Rampolla, I prayed for the intervention of your Holiness to obtain the consent of England to a transaction proposed shortly before by the Government of Venezuela for the final settlement of her boundaries towards the Colony of Demerara, I was entirely convinced that the good will of your Holiness would express itself in the same certain and decided manner in which it has ways been displayed whenever there has been question of measures tending to the welfare of nations and the peace of the world. The event has confirmed my convictions in an eloquent manner, and although the extremely valuable negotiations undertaken by command of your Holiness have on account of special circumstances not succeeded in obtaining a result adequate to the loftiness of thought which inspired them, yet the Republic and its Government cannot fail to estimate at their true value the steps taken by the Holy See in this delicate question, and is bound to so hold and esteem them as if their efforts had been those which your Holiness anticipated and the Republic desired. As an indication of my warmest thanks for so signal a favour I address the present letter to your Holiness, while at the same time imploring you to grant the Apostolic Benediction, and expressing the earnest hope that it may please Heaven to preserve your precious life for many years to the greater glory of the Papacy."

### Father Ryan at Brockville.

On Sunday week St. Francis Xavier church, Brockville, was well filled by a large congregation to listen to Rev. Father Ryan of Toronto. Father Ryan was called to the pulpit about eight o'clock, and for over an hour held his audience spellbound by the masterly and scholarly way in which he handled his subject. He took for his text the following words: "Blessed is he who understandeth concerning the needy and the poor, the Lord will deliver him in his evil day." Father Ryan then traced the history of the great social question of poverty from the days of the psalmist to the present, showing the difference between the Christian method of assisting the poor and that of those who did not believe in Christ. He also paid a glowing tribute to those who did not belong to the Catholic church, and who were doing so much for the alleviation of maukind in building institutions for the care of the poor. He eulogized the Sisters of Charity, and those other boards of Catholic Societies who gave themselves up to the poor, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. After the lecture Benediction was given by Rev. Father O'Gorman of Gananoque. The choir rendered the "Gloria in excelsis Deo, and "O Salutaris" in an excellent manner. The collection taken up in aid of the poor amounted to about one hundred dollars.

The following priests were present: Dean Masterson, Prescott; Father Twomey, Morrisburg; Father O'Gorman, Gananoque; Vicar General Gauthier and Father O'Brien, Brockville. Father Ryan left for home by the afternoon train.

### Wedding at Arthur.

In St. John's church, Arthur, on Monday before last, took place the marriage of Mr. W. J. Riordan, of Peel, son of Mr. Timothy Riordan, of this village, to Miss Hanorah O'Donnell, daughter of Mr. Thomas O Donnell, 8th con. of Arthur township. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Dube, who also was the celebrant of the nuptial Mass. A large number of friends and acquaintances of the bride and bridegroom assisted at the services. The bride, modestly but very becomingly attired, was attended during the nuptial ceremony by her sister, Miss Margaret Ann O'Donnell, a similar service being very gracefully rendered the groom by his brother, Mr. Jeremiah Riordan.

**The Constitutional Question.**

In his recent speech at Montreal Sir Charles Tupper said: Sir Alexander Galt had written with his own hand the clause of the constitution that demanded on behalf of the Protestant minority of Quebec a guarantee that would prevent the rights of any minority, whether Protestant or Catholic, being invaded by a majority of a different kind. (Applause.) The constitution provided that in case the Local Legislature infringed upon or took away the right of the minority, its power ceased, and it became a matter for the Federal Parliament. Sir John Thompson, previous to the decision of the Privy Council, had stated that he was prepared to stand by the decision of the court, and that was a position that he (the speaker) held, that every man in Canada, whether Protestant or Catholic, was bound to maintain.


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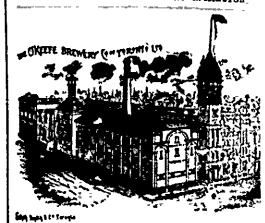


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