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Printed minutes of the late Grand Council Convention have been sent to every Branch in Canada. A sufficient number has been sent to allow each member a copy.

Resolutions of Condolence.

C. M B A. BRANCH NO. 55.

At our last regular meeting of the C. M B. A., it was moved by Bro. D J Bruxer, seconded by Bro. Henry Dietrich, and carried, That

Whereas, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to visit the house of our brother, Joseph Schwartz, our Second Vice-President, and take away his youngest daughter, Be it therefore

Resolved, that we, the members of Branch 55, do hereby extent our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Schwartz, in his sad bereavement. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Brother Schwartz also inserted in the CATHOLIC RECORD, and the *C. M. B A. Monthly.*

JOHN NOLL, President. P. E. HERRES, Secretary.

Seaforth, Sept. 3rd, 1888

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 23, C. M. B. A., Seaforth, Ont, the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Resolved, That whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove by the hand of death the beloved mother of our esteemed Treasurer, Brother John Dorsey, and mother-in-law of brother Edward Devereaux;

Resolved, That we, the members of Branch No. 23, C. M. B. A., do tender Brothers John Dorsey and Edward Devereux, and the members of their respective families, our heartfelt and earnest sympathy in the sad loss with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them. We commend them to Him for consolation who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to Brothers John Dorsey and Edward Devereaux, and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and *C. M. B. A. Monthly.* (Signed)

JOSEPH WEBER, JAMES J. MUNROE, JOHN KILLORAN, } Committee.

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

Five hundred men assembled at Cashel on the farm of Mr. Patrick Machlair to show their sympathy for him as he is confined in Clonmel jail under the Coercion Act. Their sympathy was expressed in a very practical way, as their purpose was to save his crops. They worked with a will, and in a short time finished their self-imposed task.

A large meeting was held on the 19th ultimo at Arklow to protest against the evictions which have recently taken place on the estates of Lord Carysfort and Mr. John O'Connor. Mr. Daniel Crilly addressed the meeting in a vigorous speech, denouncing the Government for their support of these heart rending transactions.

At a meeting of the Liberals of Lancashire, Mr. John Morley, M. P, said that he boldly repeats all that he had said previously in condemnation of the Government's course regarding the Times' Commission Bill. He also condemned the systematic insults offered by the Government to Irish members of Parliament.

The magistrates still persist in refusing to give tenants an opportunity to seek justice in the courts for any injuries inflicted upon them. At Kilkee on the 20th ult. the magistrates declined to issue summonses against Colonel Turner, Sheriff Croker and Mr. Studdert, Land Agent, for alleged illegal eviction of Patrick M'Grath, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for resisting a sheriff's party.

The Parnell defence fund is being made a National movement by the Liberals of Liverpool, who have succeeded in securing co-operation in many other localities, and there is every prospect that it will be a great success. The managers of Liverpool Branch of the Bank of England have refused to open an account with the Defence Committee, but this will not deter them from proceeding. The cordiality with which the English Liberals have entered upon this movement speaks volumes on the new relations of friendship which have arisen between Englishmen and Irishmen out of the Home Rule movement in an incredibly short period of time.

A meeting was announced to be held at Mitchellstown on Sunday to commemorate the anniversary of the fatal meeting of last year. The Government proclaimed the meeting.

United Ireland issues a cartoon representing the Times as a rat bearing "forgeries" in its mouth. It is just at the mouth of its hole, into which it is endeavoring to escape from a Scotch terrier. The hole is named "immunity from damages," and is formed by a building made up of "lies, vague allegations, forgery, billingsgate, and calumny." The Scotch terrier catches the rat in its mouth just before it reaches the hole. The title of the cartoon is "Caught at the mouth of the hole."

THERE is a bell in the Church of San Miguee, in Santa Fe, which was cast in 1356 in Spain. It was brought to Mexico by Cortez and some of the altar pieces in the same church are the workmanship of the twelfth century.

A GOOD GREY NUN.

DIED, ON THE 28TH NOVEMBER, 1886, AT THE CONVENT OF THE GREY NUNS, QUEBEC, SISTER ST. THOMAS, AGED FIFTY YEARS.

"Only the death of another nun," would be the comment of many who casually glanced over the above notice in the morning papers—only the death of another nun; but oh! how much that death recalled to those who knew and loved her! I, who write these few lines regarding the work of a holy Religious, know nothing of her early life in the world or in the convent; I never even heard her family name—to me she was simply Sister St. Thomas, the good servant of God and friend of suffering humanity.

Up to the year 1879 the city of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, had no hospital, but the need of one had long been felt. That year, however, the want was supplied by the Right Rev. Dr. McIntyre, Bishop of Charlottetown, who gave as a hospital, for the use and benefit of the city, a large house, which had at one time been His Lordship's residence. This house the bishop, assisted by charitable Catholics of Charlottetown, furnished, and the Grey Nuns of Quebec were invited to take it in charge. In the month of September, 1879, Sister St. Thomas, with three Sisters, arrived to make the foundation, and shortly after the hospital was thrown open for the admission of the sick poor, regardless of creed. None but the Sisters themselves knew the difficulties with which they had to contend. Among a people, eminently conservative in mind and habit, anything new or unusual was unwelcome. The majority of the Protestants suspected the Bishop of deep and dark schemes of proselytizing, and regarded the nuns as his ministers of evil; the Catholics of the poorer class, being accustomed only to nuns in black gowns, looked with suspicion upon the Sisters of the grey robe, and mistrusted them accordingly.

Then, Sister St. Thomas was not conversant with the English language nor with the ways and thoughts of those who spoke it. She had often to walk by faith rather than by sight. Again, the foundation was poor, and its enemies, drawn together by Orange fanaticism, were daily augmenting in number. Still, patience and the pure love of God did wonders, and year by year the hospital became more and more strongly established, and received greater numbers of the sick and suffering within its walls.

After holding the office of superior for as long a time as the rule of her order permitted, Sister St. Thomas took the second position in the little community, the number of which had now increased to six Sisters and three Franciscans. Even here her knowledge of the people and their requirements caused her to be often in demand in the different departments of the institution.

In November, 1885, small-pox of the most terible type broke out in Charlottetown; its victims were chiefly among the extremely poor. There was at first no hospital nor means of caring for these poor creatures, who were daily dying amid the most awful surroundings At last a building, which had been unused for years, was taken for the purpose, and within its damp and mildewed walls the patients were huddled promiscuously and tended by nurses of questionable sobriety and skill. Public comment waxed loud. Upon the outbreak of the epidemic Sister St. Thomas and two other Sisters had volunteered their services as nurses. This offer had been rejected by the severely Protestant Board of Health, but when deaths occurred with awful frequency and public comment became clamor, the Board of Health reconsidered their answer, and accepted the noble offer. To the damp and dismal abode of foul disease and squalor the brave Sisters repaired, Sister St. Thomas the head and directress of the little band. With their arrival began the reign of order, and the dreadful scenes which had been of daily occurrence cessed. How they toiled! The loathsome offices they performed, the relief they gave, none but those who witnessed their work can tell. They had everything to do, and they shrank from nothing, Sister St. Thomas always in the front, helping, cheering, encouraging and soothing, all for the love of the good God. Not until the new year did they return to the city hospital, when it was found that Sister St. Thomas' lungs, always delicate, had suffered severely from the damp, chill atmosphere of the small-pox hospital. Every care was taken of her, and in the following July she was transferred to the Convent at Pointe Levi But the mischief was done. An attack of pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs hastened the progress of the disease, and on the 28th November, 1886, she breathed her last in the mother house at Quebec, in the fifty-first year of her age and twenth-seventh of her religious life. In Charlottetewn she will ever be remembered with love and gratitude. May she rest in peace. A. M. P.

PICNIC AT SIMCOE.

The picnic held at Simcoe on Wednesday the 22nd ult., under the auspices of the Catholic congregation of St. Mary's Church was in every respect a great success. Duncan Campbell, Esq, kindly gave the use of his beautiful grounds known as Lynwood, and the attendance was very large. The weather was moderately cool, and this fact added to the pleasantness of the occasion. The tables were splendidly furnished with all the delicacies which could be desired, and all were well satisfied with the enjoyments which the day afforded. The arrangements were carried out by an efficient committee, under the superintendance of Rev. H. Traher, P. P., and the band of the Thirty-ninth Battalion, which is the favorite band of the County, furnished excellent music. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jas. Brady of Ingersoll, who kept the audience in the best of humor by his laughter-exciting remarks. The Mayor of Simcoe, the Rev. George R. Northgraves, Messrs. M. C. Brown, P Maybee, J. Nickerson, and others also entertained the audience with appropriate and humorous speeches. The exact sum realized is not yet known, as all the returns have not been received, but it is expected that nearly $800 will be realized after payment of expenses.

Considerable interest was taken in the chair and watch contests and in the baby show, and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Brocaded silk plush easy chair, John Nickerson, Esq, of Simcoe

Valuable gold watch, Miss Christina Albietz, of Woodhouse.

Baby show, 1st Mrs. E. E Collins, 2nd Mrs. McBride, 3rd Mrs. Kenneth McLennan.

The athletic sports were keenly contested, the following being the prize winners:

100 yards flat race, 1st prize L. Gray, $5; 2nd C. Hall, box cigars; 3rd John Noon, $2

Running hop, step and jump, 1st L. Gray, pair of pants to measure; 2nd Mr. Brown, box of cigars; 3rd N. Elliott, music folio.

Standing jump, 1st Mr. Brown, one dozen knives; 2nd L. Gray, one dozen photographs.

Standing high jump, 1st Mr. Brown, hanging lamp; 2nd Mr. Elliott, album.

Putting heavy weight, 1st L. Gray, box cigars; 2nd W. Lahiff, five pounds Japan tea.

Three legged race, 1st Powel Bros., $5; 2nd Nickerson and Hall, box cigars.

Sack race, 1st L. Gray, pickle dish; 2nd C. Hull, lemonade set.

Pipe race, 1st Mr. Hucker, meerschaum pipe; 2nd H. Abercrombie, gentleman's hat, 3rd C Hall, charcoal iron.

Fat men's race, 1st W. Lahiff, pair of vases; 2nd J Colby, $2

Boys' race, 1st John Nickerson, Waterbury watch; 2nd Jull, box toilet soap.

The proceedings were brought to a close about six o'clock.

THE HOLY ROSARY.

THE HOLY FATHER'S LETTER ON THIS BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION FOR OCTOBER.

Moved by the constantly increasing difficulties of the Church, our most Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. has never ceased, from the very beginning of his Pontificate, to urge upon all Christians of every nation the necessity of recourse to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, by means of the Holy Rosary. Among other emphatic teachings he laid down the following doctrines in his first Encyclical on the Rosary:

"Our need for divine help is certainly no less at the present day than when the great Dominic first introduced the Rosary of Our Lady as a remedy for the ills of his time. He, by the light of inspiration, saw clearly that there could exist no more certain method of curing the evils of his age than for man to return to Christ, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, by frequent meditation on the mysteries of that salvation which He won for us, and by recourse to that Virgin, to whom is given power over all heresies, as man's intercessor to God. With this object that great saint composed the formula of the Rosary, having for its end the meditation on the mysteries of salvation combined with the recitation of a connected chain of the 'Hail Mary,' and the occasional introduction of the Lord's Prayer. We therefore seeking a cure for similar evils, do not doubt that the form of prayer first used by this holy man, with such benefit to all the world, will prove of like help in alleviating the miseries of our time."

The wish of the Pope was obeyed with extraordinary alacrity in every land, so that he was able to applaud "the fervor and zeal for religion which were displayed everywhere by Christians, and the confidence universally shown in the heavenly patronage of the Blessed Virgin."

ONE NOTEWORTHY RESULT OF THIS CONFIDENCE

its rightly considered to be the extraordinary mercies which God has granted in this year, the fiftieth of our most Holy Father's priesthood, in the admirable filial piety and Christian faith which all nations have shown in their joyful celebrations of the event. All classes from the uttermost parts of the earth have hastened to do honor in every kind of way to the High Priest, the successor of Peter; by embassies, by letters, by long and arduous pilgrimages, and by an immense number of splendid presents of which it has been truly said that they have surpassed the ideals of their donors. Therefore, "in this matter the goodness and power of God are apparent, Who in the great toils of the Church upholds and strengthens her; Who fulfilling His promise consoles the hard-pressed; Who by the guidance of His providence brings forth a plenteous harvest of good from oppressing evils, and makes the glory of the Church shine forth in the exhibition of her divine origin, her divine life, and the divine spirit ruling and quickening her—so that the mind and heart of the faithful, bound together in unity, are also joined in the bond of obedience with the Shepherd of the Church." (Allocution, November 25, 1877.) Urged by these motives the Catholic nations rightly feel

THE DUTY IMPOSED ON THEM

of having recourse to the Mother of God and increasing their confidence in her—since the gates of hell are daily striving to prevail against the Church with more shameless boldness—so that by the prayer of the Rosary Mary may hasten graciously to succor the Christian name and the Apostolic See; and that Catholics may have confidence that God will continue not only the gifts of His goodness, but will also grant to us the fruit of perseverance. Wherefore, in thanksgiving for benefits received and in more earnest prayer for future favors, the Most Holy Father commands and emphatically repeats all that he has laid down in Encyclicals in former years and in Decrees of the Sacred Congregation of Rites (August 20th, 1885; August 26th, 1886; September 11th, 1887) with regard to the recitation of the Holy Rosary, particularly in the month of October. And having in times past made many efforts towards the increase of liturgical devotion to the Blessed Virgin under the invocation of the Rosary, wishing to make another addition to this object, he instituted for the feast of the Solemnity of the Rosary, on the first Sunday of October, a *Proper Office and Mass*, to be recited in future by the clergy, regular and secular, according to the rules which by his approval and design he has ordered to be issued on this day by the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

August 5th, Feast of Our Lady of the Snow, 1888.

A CARDINAL BIANCHI, S.R. C., Prefect.
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SCOTLAND.

THE SCOTTISH HIERARCHY.—The decrees adopted by the Provincial Synod of the Catholic Church in Scotland held two years ago at Fort Augustus Monastery, have now been ratified by the authorities in Rome. The edict has been received by His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, who has formally published it by having a copy of it affixed to the door of the Cathedral Church in Edinburgh. A Diocesan Synod will be held in the Metropolitan City, in October, for the promugation of the decrees and other matters. The decrees, it may be mentioned, have reference chiefly to the matters of administration and organization in connection with the Church in Scotland.

ANOTHER GIFT OF THE MARQUIS OF BUTE.—We are informed that another gift has been made by the Marquis of Bute to the Catholics of Galloway, who had previously received so many from the noble donor. This is the presentation of a pretty iron church for the faithful of Lockerbie, capable of accommodating 500 worshippers. The building was opened recently by the Right Rev Dr. McLachlan, Bishop of the diocese, before a crowded congregation. The erection of the church is a great boon to the Catholics of the district, who hitherto had no proper place of worship.—*Catholic Times.*

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