ath of Brother J. hn A. Hickey, in Marshal of the C. M. B. A., on ming of the 6th inst. We come the prayers of his late C. M. B. clates the soul of Brother Hickey.

now before the Ontario Legis f parced in its present state, will ly affect our C. M. B. A., as well

all such associations.

Bection 3 of said Bill places the meximum
mount of insurance any such society can
acc on the life of any of its members, at

be endorsement thereon; and no term or condition, other than those so set forth, shall be admitted in evidence to the prejutive of the benefit ary, or of his legal representatives, or assigos.

Bection 20 No forfecture shall be incurred by any member, or presentatives, or assigos.

Bection 20 No forfecture shall be incurred by any member, or presentatives or research of any default in paying any contributes or assessment, until after a written or printed notice has been delivered or sent by reprinted notice has been delivered or sent by reprinted notice has been delivered or sent by reprinted notice has been delivered or sent by him and apprising him that in case of default of payment by him within a reasonable time, not bring less than thirty days and a a place, to be specified in suon notice, has interest or ber fit with be forfeited, and after default has been made by him in paying his contribution or assessment in secontance with such notice. When the been defined or orfeited for any other reason than for non-payment of premium moneys, or money in the nature thereof, no such a second or orfeited for any other reason than for non-payment of premium moneys, or money in the nature thereof, no such a sent that is a such as such as

all the objectionable features. I may, however, state that in compliance with said sections all our Beneficiary Certificates would have to be changed; notices

To the other sections of the bill, such as Registration, Auditing, Statements of Financial Condition, "signed and verified under oath," etc., I can see no objection whatever, but on the contrary, I consider them highly important and satisfactory. I am of the opinion, too, that the bill would force our Grand Council to control the Beneficiary Fund in Canada, and thereby cause fluancial separation from the United States. I would suggest the advisability of every C, M. B. A. Branch in Canada adopting resolutions epposing those sections of the bill above referred to, and sending said resolutions to the members of parliament of their various constituencies as soon as possible various constituencies as soon as possible Our Grand Council will also take action in the matter. Yours fraternally,
SAMUEL R BROWN,
Grand Secretary.

Anniversary of Branch No. 1. Branch No. 1, C. M. B A., Windsor, Ont., celebrated the tenth anniversary of their organisation by a grand banquet in the Opera House, Thursday evening, Mr D. B. Odette acted as chair-

man on the occasion. The banquet began at 830, before which prayer was

began at 830, before which prayer was said by Rev. Fr. Scanlan.

After suppor was over the toastmaster welcomed all the vicitors, who consisted of about one hundred from Detroit, and or acout one nundred from Detroit, and others from Amherstburg, Tecumseb, Maidstone, River Canard, Belle River, etc., on behalf of the members of the Branch. He was proud of the progress the C M B A. was making in the Wnited States and Canada and said that

before long they could boast of three thousand members in Canada alone.

Mr. A. Papin then gave a piano solo.

The toast "His Holiness Pope Leo XIII" was the first offered and was responded to at length by Rev. Father Ferguson of L'Assumption College, Sandwish. He

A toast to the Grand Council of Canthe society's contracts, shall be infable to
the society's contracts of the society shall be society to
the society's contracts of the society shall be society sha all the objectionable features. I may, hewever, state that in compliance with said sections all our Benefictary Certificates would have to be changed; notices to members of an assessment would have to be by registered letter; thirty days would be allowed a member to replace his beneficiary money; sixty days only would be allowed our Council, within which time the Beneficiary would have to be paid; a member might cease to be a practical Catholic, in fact might become a Protestant or infidel, and still claim the benefits of our association.

To the other sections of the bill, such as Registration, Auditing, Statements of we might, in our ingress into eternity, the love he had for his brother members, we might, in our ingress into eternity, expect to find Brother Larkins standing by the side of St. Peter telling him to allow so and so to pass through, that he was a C. M. B. A. men.

A song, "The Sentinal and I," was then beautifully sung by Mr. T. Manning of Data.it

beautifully sung by Mr. T. Manning of Datroit.

Mr. D. B. Odette then toasted the "Day we celebrate." He said that Branch No. 1 of Windeor, which was first known as Branch No. 9, out of the 68 Branches in Canada, was the largest, and lost only two members since its organization, and has so far contributed to the beneficiary fund \$18 000. He coupled with the toast Mr. Bourke, who organized the Windsor Branch and said out of the 30 branches which he organized No. 1 was the exicat

Branch and said out of the 30 branches which he organized No 1 was the easiest formed. We were not only celebrating the anniversay of Branch No. 1 but of the numerous branches around us that had grown from it.

President of Branch No. 1, Mr. P. Hanraban, then proposed a toast to the "Sister Branches" and was responded to by Messrs. Thos. Hallaron of Detroit, D. Petrimouex, River Canard; Dougall, Tecumseh; P. Ouellette, Amherstburg; Deare, Maidstone; Henry Leiliker of Detroit.

Other toasts were appropriately responded to, after which Mr. D. B. Odette, president, congratulated Mr. Jos. Winters on the success he had made in getting up the supper, which he thought certainly pleased every one. He also thanked the visitors for their kindness in coming, and at twelve o'clock everybody dispersed, most happily pleased.

detailed that the highest house that could be belowed on may man these was a desided one belowed of him to college in the him to the present property of the present property of the present property of the form and the form and the form the present property of the lower and the Hoy See, and referred particularly to Emperor Winter of Cornary, when the him to the control when he had brought about between rules of very constitute of the present of the corner of the present of Cornary, when the him to the corner of the present of Cornary, when the work of the high present control the work of the lower of Cornary, when the work of the present form and the cornary of the cornary

Resolution of Condolence

Brantford, Feb 13, 1888. To the Editor of the Catholic Record To the Educr of the Catholic Record

The following resolution of condolence
was adopted at our last regular meeting,

was adopted at our last regular meeting, held on the evening of the 6 h instant. Moved by Marshall John Daly, seconded by Bro. W. J. Brown,

"That, Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, to remove by the hand of death, the beloved mother of our esteemed Bro A. Hawkins, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That we the members of Branch No. 5, C. M. B. A., whilst nowing in humble submission to the Holy Will of God, desire to extend to our worthy Bro. and family our sincerestex pressions of condolence in this their sad bereavement. ressions of condol ad bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Hawkins, spread upon the minutes, and also sent to the CATHOLIC REGION for publication.

WM. HABRINGTON James McGregor John P. Quinlan. Committee.

Montreal, Feb 16, 1888.
THOS. COFFEY, Esq., DEAR SIR AND BRO
—At the last regular meeting of Branch
26, C M B. A., the Recording Secretary
was instructed to frame and publish re
solutions of condolence in behalf of the

In Memoriam.

"God's finger touched him and he alept."
—Tennyson.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call away to himself our late brother, Thomas Quinn, from this earthly life to a future state beyond the grave, be it Resolved, that Branch 26, C. M. B. A., do recognize in the death of our late respected brother member, Thomas Quinn, the loss of a genual and kind friend, his sorrowing widow a still greater loss of a devoted husband, and his dear young children a kind and protecting father, who was a much respected citizen.

of these resolutions be sen Thomas Quinn, recorded in to minutes, and the same be pu London CATHOLIC RECORD

A Tribute of Sympathy.

Whereas, Gad has been pleased to afflict our worthy and much esteemed First Vice President, J J Curran, by the death of his effectionate and re-First Vice President, J J Curran, by the death of his affectionate and re aprected brother, be it.

B-solved, that a united vote of condicione be off-red to him to testify the esteem in which he is held by the members of Branch 26, C M B A., and express their sincere sympathy for him in his affliction, and also for the family of his decessed brother.

Recolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our first Vice-President, recorded in our Branch minutes, and the same he published in the London CATHOLIC RECORD.

F C LAWLUR, Rec Sec. Branch 26.

sflicted by the death of the dear mounts be it

Resolved, That Branch 26 C M B A, do tender him a vote of condolence, to express our deep sympathy for him in his great loss, and to testify the esteem in which he is held by his brother associates. That God, in His mercy, may console and strengthen him to bear such a great and send trial, is the fervent prayer of Branch 26.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our afficted brother member, recorded and published.

F C LAWLOR, Rec. Sec. Branch 26. ber, recorded and published.

F. C. LAWLOR, Rec. Sec. Branch 26.

At the last regular meeting of Hamilton Branch, No 37, the following resolutions of condolence with the bereaved wife and family of their late Brother, John Noonan, were unanimeusly adopted: "Whereas it has been the decree of an Ali Wise Providence that Brother John Noonan should be called to the reward merited by the faithful; Whereas the Branch lese a good and z-alous worker, and the wife and family a loving husband and father; R solved, that the members of Branch N. 637, C M B. A., join in extending to the bereaved wife and family of our late brother our heartfelt sympatry and regrets in their sad loss; Resolved, that these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Branch and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD, O M B A Monthly and city papers, also a copy sent to the wife and family of deceased."

WOODSTOCK B ZAAR.

WOODSTOUK B ZAAR.

In our report of the bszaar beld at Woodstock in the early part of this month we were not in a position to give a complete report. We have already given the names of those who were successful in drawing prizes on the large ticket, but there were besides a large number of handsome articles, the gift of friends, on which were realized a good sum Amongst the more important we might mention a handsome smoking cap and slippers, the gift of Miss Buckley, won by Thos. Lyons, and realized the sum of \$24.50.

A beautiful sofa cushion, the gift of Miss Ella Brady, of Ing-reall, won by Miss Dunn, and realized \$14.25.

A cu-hion, the gift of Kate Dunn, wen by M Dunn, realized \$19.

Dressing case, gift of W D Karns, won by Mr. Elward O Neil, \$10.45.

Cazy curtain, d nated by the choir, won by W. Broughton, \$24.41.

Beautiful plaque, donated by Miss Murray, wen by Mr. T Ried, \$13.17.

M. guificant panel, donated by a friend, won by T. B Potts, \$15.00.

Table drape, donated by Miss Kendall, won by M. J. Develin.

Work backet, donated by Miss Kendall, won by M. J. Develin.

Work backet, donated by Miss Kendall, one sum of \$10.200 was realized.

Master O Neil contecting \$16.30, Master Farrell \$21.25 and Master Figure of a handsome and valuable set of diamond ear rings to the person selling the greatest number of tickets; this

diamond ear rings to the person selling the greatest number of tickets; this prize was easily carried off by Miss Mollie Fury, of Woodstock, who sold nearly one thousand tickets, at twenty five cents each. She had some competitions in this contest, who came up a

five cents each. She had some competitors in this contest, who came up a long distance in the rear.

The great success of the bazaar was due, in a great measure, to the ladies of the committee, who did everything in their power to advance its interests. The following ladies formed the committee: Misses M. Fury, President; Mrs. Hickey. Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Frynn, Mrs. Vanyalkenburg, the Misses Lappan, Mrs. Tully, Mrs. Kelly, the Misses Thompson, the Misses Egan, Miss Lvons, the Misses Karney, Mrs. and Miss Kendall, Mrs and Miss Murphy. Too much praise cannot be given to the constant interest taken in the success of the basaar by the following gentlemen: Messrs. Thomas Dunn, T. Lyons, Patrick Kelly, M. Egan, Henry Harwood, Joseph Thompson.

A POETIC TRINITY.

do recognize in the death of our late respected brother member, Thomas Quian, the loss of a gental and kind friend, his sorrowing widow a still greater loss of a devoted husband, and his dear young children a kind and protecting father, who was a much respected citisen.

Resolved, that we, the members of Branch 26, do, at this meeting, our earliest opportunity, unite in offering our sincere ay mpathy to his sadly afflicted family, and pray that God in his mercy may be pleased to bless and console them in their sad bereavement, and that through His mercy the loving partner of our late associate and comrade member, may be strengthened to bear her trial, and spared for many years to watch over and rear up her young family.

Resolved, that in respect to the memory of our departed friend, the Charter of our Branch be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days; also, that a copy Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, M. A., one of

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

COMCERT AT BILLIMGEBAIDGE.

The grand concert in aid of the Cath olic Church at Billings' Bridge was held last night at the Town Hall, and was numerically and financially a succeas beyond the highest hopes of its promoters. Notwithstanding the many inducements of a similar character in the city, the busses provided to take its patrons to the entertainment proved entirely inadequate and a number of cabs had to be brought into requisition. The large/number present from the city, supplemented by the denigene of the suburb by the bridge and the crowds from the surrounding country, packed the hall at an early hour. By the request of the Rev. Father Barry, Mr. M. F. Walsh acted as chairman, and presided with grace and dignity over the evening's entertainment. The programme was varied and select, the talent including Mass Teeky, Miss Lacey and Messra. Maveity, St. George, O'Donoghue, Varney, Matthews, Mc. Gillicuddy, Fossy and O'Connor, The chairman announced that, besides the regular proceeds of the concert, Mr. Reynolds, of St. John, N. B., when in the city, had, besides taking a large number of tickets, donated \$10 towards an organ for the church He also read letters from two gentlemen, stating that not having had time to dispose of the tickets sent them, they would keep them for the benefit of the object in view. At the conclusion, the chairman in the 'name of Father Barry, thanked the talent for their kind assistance, and the audience for their liberal patronage. It is but fair to add that Miss Lacey especially received the highest encomiums for the fine rendering of her man). iums for the fine rendering of her many beautiful songs. The entertainment from all standpoints was one of the most successful ever held at Billings' Bridge, and reflects credit en the popularity of GRev. Father Barry (all creeds and classes being present), and the energy of Mr M Finn, of the Post Office Department, who acted as manager.—Ottawa Citizen, February 14

F. M. T. A. Society, almonte.

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Writing of Bishop Fraser a fortnight ago, I said that he had completed hi theological studies, and received Hol Orders at the Scots' College in Valladoli Spain. As was customary with studen of that institution, he took the "missic cath," which bound him to the missic n Scotland and to his Bishop. I ha und among the archives of Charlott own, the document which released hi from that oath and of which I give

From an audience had of the Ho Father, the 4th August, 1822.

"Whereas, His Lordship the Rig Reverend Ranald Macdonald, Bishop Æeryndelensis and Vicar Apostolic the Highlands and the adjacent islan of the kingdom of Scotland, has hum supplicated that the Reverend Willie Fraser, priest, under his spiritual jun supplicated that the Reverend Will Fraser, priest, under his spiritual ju diction, who has taken the cath of seing in those missions, may by our Artolic authority be released from the by which he is bound, in order to able him to go to the Scottish color in America and there give the assista of his spiritual ministrations, our m Holy Father, Pius VII, by Divine I vidence Pope, on the report made Holy Father, Pius VII, by Divine I vidence Pope, on the report made him by me, the undersigned Secret of the Sacred Congregation of the Jaganda, kindly granted the petit notwithstanding the oath taken by (the aforesaid Reverend William Frand all other impediments.

Given at Rome from the Palace of aforesaid Sacred Congregation, the and year above indicated.

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whatever

(Signed) C. M. PEDICINI, Secretar The following letter, written from Bishop MacDonald above mentione

Bishop McEachern, is interesting at some historic value.

My DEAR LORD,—I wrote to Bi
Paterson several times before I accounts from him what pension who required for boys in the new col
At last he wrote me that it we require £40 per annum, including ething. We pay ourselves £30, be clothes and linen, which the parent bound to furnish.

clothes and linen, which the paren bound to furnish.

I am happy to inform you the have at last got everything settled satisfaction in spite of all opposed and we met with a good deal of out on from first to last. On the 2 September last, we had the consect of Dr. Scott as Coadjutor for the W. District. Along with Dr. Pattersome we had Dr. Penswick from nool. There were from eight tho pool. There were from eight tho to nine thousand in the chapel, is ing Protestants, as far as can be jectured from the tickets of admissued. The following Sunday Dr. Ryle was ordained in Aberdee Dr. Ryle was ordained in Aberdee equal solemnity, as Bishop and Apostolic for the Northern district what were formerly Lowland and land districts, are now Eastern, W and Northern districts—tria pincta On the day of Bishop Ryle's consecue buried the Highland and L district in one grave; let them fight if they will.

district in one grave; let them fight if they will.

You are the only bishop fro Highlands who deigns to write brethren in the mother country, not had a scrap from Dr. Macsince he left Britain and as for Fraser, I don't expect ever to ge from him; he seems to have against writing.

I am sorry to say that we are al ill off for want of clergymen as yo America, so much so, that we ha obliged to take some Irish of whom we are getting tired, I es as I cannot get one of them to word of Gaelic. At this very the forced to put one of them in F liam in place of Mr. Macgregor going to South Ulat as successor Roderick MacDonald, decessed, in God we will get more young in Roderick MacDonald, deceased, in God we will get more young noted now, but the prospect is not than our wants would require general funds are now in computely have been much dilapidate the management of the late Bisheron and Mr. Reld, the Procur is now superseded minus haben, however, a priyate fund in is now superseded minus haves is, however, a private fund in lands, for twenty years back, s. s. society, from which the Highian were excluded. As their funds now to from £3000 to £4000, we expect to be admitted without participation as a near than the something handsome as a near the soller to soller the soller to soller the soller than the solle which we are beginning to collegalas! we will be long a making of

As Bishop Fraser should be As Bishop Fraser should be thing in his power now, I wish thave the goodness to rouse him tion in our favor. I have fu on your exertions. The time yet, when we may be able to meturn, tho' not in money. great sum due for celebrati Americs, which Bishop Fraser to look after, but has not except some you sent me for