### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

REPORT OF THE PEMBROKE CONVENTION

The Catholic Women's League of the diocese of Pembroke has reason to be proud of the success attending its fifth annual convention, which ok place Thursday, October 22nd, at Renfrew.

AFTERNOON SESSION

In the afternoon the business dent, Mrs. F. A. Parent of Arnprior, in the chair.

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Forty officers and delegates answered the roll call, and these represented eight of the ten district subdivisions. The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada," and with prayer.

On behalf of the Renfrew subdivision the President, Miss Martin,

the past year the ten subdivisions by their combined efforts had raised approximately sixteen thousand four hundred dollars.

This money was made chiefly by bazaars, teas, concerts, card home cooking sales and tag days. Much of it was dispursed for the various needs of each parish,

officers and delegates of the Pem-

1925-26, and the result of the elec-

ville; Second Vice President, Mrs. ever keep in mind and put into J. R. McDonald, Sand Point; Third practice this advice of His Lord-

annual convention.

The meeting closed with the sing-

ing of "Holy God We Praise Thy Name," and "God Save the King."

In the evening about two hundred people assembled at Hotel Renfrew as guests of the Renfrew subdivi-

Music was provided by an orchestra composed of ladies of the parish, while Miss Celina Wadsworth was heard in a piano solo, and Miss Helen Gallant in a vocal number. These ladies by their efforts helped to make the evening a

At the conclusion of Mrs. Parent's report, Mrs. J. J. McGuire of Egan-ville and Miss M. Martin of Renfrew rose to read an address and to make her a presentation of a life membership in the Catholic

Mrs. B. C. McCann, the National President, gave a most compre-hensive and inspiring address. Under the headings, Organization, Education, Social Service, Magazine and Immigration, she dwelt on the various purposes and activities of the League as a National Unit. meeting of the Executive was held in the club-rooms of the Knights of Education and Immigration, Mrs. Columbus, with the Diocesan Presi-McCann gave an outline of the great amount of good that is being accomplished throughout the ized the extent and the possibilities of the work that is yet to be done. Catholic immigration is today the greatest problem of the League. To help solve this problem the community of the Sisters of Service was division the President, Miss marting, extended a hearty welcome to the women who were assembled from tion of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the convention of the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In coming to the Rev. Father Daly, C. SS. R. In com all parts of the diocese of Pembroke to assist in making the work of the Catholic Women's League a success.

The Convention was honoured by National Executive, and her words the presence of the National President, Mrs. B. C. McCann, who was introduced by Mrs. Parent. arious diocesan committees.

These reports showed that during subdivision, with a sheaf of chry-

His Lordship, Bishop Ryan, in rising to speak, expressed his gratitude for the good work that had already been done by the Catholic Women's League in the diocese of Pembroke, and again he voiced a sincere wish that the League be well established throughout his while a share went also to aid in the work carried on by the Diocesan women on the results attending and National Councils respectively. their efforts since they have been While the convention was in progress a telegram was received from the Hamilton Diocesan Executive portance that is being attached to bringing best wishes for success. the subject of Immigration. He This was much appreciated by the said "To meet and welcome the immigrant who lands on our shores, roke Diocesan.

The last item on the agenda was leaves behind every tie that binds the election of officers for the year him to his native land, is indeed a 1925-26, and the result ion was as follows:

President, Mrs. Ed. Scott, Renfrew; Past President, Mrs. F. A. of unity and self-sacrifice, and the League would indeed be a success and every member would indeed be a success. ever keep in mind and put into

Each guest on entering the hotel was handed a number, and during the evening a souvenir of the convention at Renfrew was presented to the holder of the lucky number. This souvenir took the form of the League emblematic pin, and was won by Miss Esther Foy of Egan-

### OBITUARY

REVEREND J. EDWARD TALLON, C. S. B. Rev. Edward Tallon of the Conefforts helped to make the evening a success, and their music was much appreciated.

Mrs. F. A. Parent, who is Past President of the Pembroke Diocesan, and who is also the Third Vice President on the National Executive, gave a summary of the work accomplished during the past year by the Catholic Women's League of the diocese of Pembroke.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Pavent's Appreciated.

gregation of St. Basil, a recently ordained subdeacon and a member of St. Michael's College staff, died on Oct. 16 from pneumonia which set in after an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Tallon was the son of Mrs. J. E. Tallon of Cornwall, Ont. and belonged to Monsignor Corbett's parish of that city. He was the second son of that family to become a victim of appendicitis, and he was the second sub. family to become a victim of appendicitis, and he was the second subdeacon of Monsignor Corbett's parish to die this year within a few months of the priesthood.

Mr. Tallon came to St. Michael's Mr. 1811on came to St. Michael's College in 1915 and graduated a Bachelor of Arts in 1919. He attended Ontario College of Education in 1920 and spent a year teaching at Assumption College, Sandwich. Just as he had nobly responded to the call of his country in sponded to the call of his country in those hectic years of 1917-18, he hearkened to the voice of his Divine Master when He called him to become a religious He entered St. Basil's Novitiate in 1921 and devoted his energy and talents to the education of Catholic youth and to his own preparation for the priesthood. He taught a year in St. Thomas College, Houston, Texas and returned to Toronto to complete his theological studies.

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The circumstances of Mr. Tallon's death were particularly distressing. Only eighteen months ago a younger brother, Vincent, who was attending St. Michael's College at the time, died from appendicitis. This loss was a very bitter one to his family, but the soreness of their hearts was gradually being healed by the expectation that at Christmas, God would compensate them with the dignity of having a son and brother a priest. But God willed otherwise! Edward, having been thoroughly prepared, breathed his last at St. Joseph's Hospital,

hope of his parents were blasted suddenly by the hand of Death.

His funeral was indeed very sad.

Vested as a subdeacon, he lay in the sanctuary surrounded by his sorrowful parents and his grieving relatives, by his fellow-teachers and brothers in religion, and by his devoted nursile Very Rev. F. brothers in religion, and by his devoted pupils. Very Rev. F. Forster, Superior General of the E. Lowrey as subdeacon. Father Bellisle gave a very beautiful than eight years. Two doctors, one and touching tribute to his memory a non-Catholic, have since examined asone of the most promising and most admired members of the Commun ity. The deacons with whom he was to have been ordained bore their dead confrere to the hearse and conducted him to his last resting place. Father E. J. McCorkell Superior of St. Michael's College read the services at the grave in Mt. Hope Cemetery and thus forever passed from our midst the mortal remains of a heautiful character and

a splendid example of virtue. The heartfelt sympathy of the staff and students of St. Michael's After the reading of the minutes and correspondence, a report was presented by each district subdivision, and by the convenors of the various diocesan committees.

Interest in the pursuit of all that division with a sheaf of chry-like goes out to minute stricken parents; to Sister Eulalia, of stricken parents; to Sister Eulalia, of St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto—his sister; to Sister Pauline, his aunt; to William, a brother who is to Kelly, on behalf of the Renfrew graduate from St. Michael's next subdivision with a sheaf of chry-like goes out to minute stricken parents; to Sister Eulalia, of St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto—his sister; to Sister Pauline, his aunt; to William, a brother who is to Kelly, on behalf of the Renfrew graduate from St. Michael's next graduate from St. Michael June; and to the other members of the family. May God grant them grace to bear up perseveringly under this sad bereavement and may He enable them to say resign-edly—Thy will be done!

#### SISTER MARY SHEILA

The Ursuline Community Chatham lost a young and valued member in the death of Sister Mary Sheila who departed this life er 10. Although she had not November 10. been in good health for some weeks, her death was unexpected by all but herself. With admirable resignation to God's good pleasure she offered her life to her Creator when-ever He should be pleased to take it, and she loved to repeat:

My fate is in Thy Hand, My God, I wish it there; My heart, my life, my health. I leave-entirely in Thy care.

Her cheerful disposition, together with a deep, unobtrusive spirituality, made her loved by all who knew her. Of her it may be said that "in a short space she fulfilled a

On Wednesday morning, October 14, the solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in the Convent Chapel of The Fines," by a cousin of the eccased Sister, the Rev. Father Reid, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Montreal, assisted by the Rev. F. X.

Where heads are bowed in prayer In the tender clasp of his fingers The Host lies pure and fair;

And the hearts of Christ and the Christian Meet there, -and only there.

O Love that is deep and deathless

O Faith that is strong and grand! O Hope that will shine forever O'er the wastes of a weary land! Christ's Heart finds an earthly In the palm of the priest's pure hand!" heaven

### ASCRIBES CURE TO ST. TERESA

New Bedford, Mass.—Miss Alice Toomey, of this city, attributes the cure of an injured foot, after eight and a half years of suffering, to the

Women's League of Canada. The Diocesan of Pembroke took this opportunity and this means of showing its appreciation of the honour which has come to it through the election of Mrs. Parent to the Third Vice Presidency on the National Board.

Mrs. B. C. McCanp. the National He was buried exactly two months before he was to be ordained to the priesthood. The ambition of his young life and the hope of his parents were blasted Board.

Mrs. B. C. McCanp. the National He was buried exactly two months after receiving subdeaconship, and two months before he was to be ordained to the priesthood. The inith day she rode to the shrine of hope of his parents were blasted suddenly by the hand of Death.

Mrs. B. C. McCanp. the National

church, however, she was able to make the fifteen-minute walk to Congregation of St. Basil sang his Solemn Requiem Mass assisted by Rev. E. C. LeBel as deacon and Rev.

The swelling and pain have now dis-The swelling and pain have now disappeared for the first time in more the foot and certified it to be normal, and an X-ray photograph

#### CHRISTIAN LOSS IN GERMANY

taken recently shows a normal con-dition except for a slight swelling

By Dr. Frederic Funder (Vienna Corre-pondent, N. C. W. C.)

Two notable effects of the Freethinkers' Movement in Germany are recorded in the twelfth volume of the Church Handbook for Catholic Germany, edited by Father Krose, S. J., and Joseph Sauren, which has just been published. They are the heavy losses to Christianity that the movement wrought in the years 1919 to 1923, and the increased number of mixed marriages by Catho

Protestant churches were by far the heaviest sufferers in the losses of the Christian groups. They were the first to feel the effects of the baneful new propaganda, which first struck them in 1908. From 1919 to 1923 alone, Protestantism lost 1,017, 000 members, from which are to be deducted only about 66,000 as re-conversions. Catholics over the same period suffered separations of 161,567, but conversions and reconversions bring the number down to roundly 100,000. The separations were largest in 1920, when 44,704 occurred, but the number has been declining steadily since. In 1923 the relatively small number of 18,074 separations was recorded.

Thus the proportion of losses for the four years stands: Protestant, 950,000; Catholic, 100,000. The population of the country may rightly be given as 40,500,000 testants and 20,500,000 Catholics. the figures being correct as for 1922. It will therefore be seen ow much more heavily the Free thinkers' propaganda struck Protestant churches than it did the

Catholic. The increase in the number of mixed marriages by Catholics is regarded as more serious than the separation problem, which apparently is being overcome and is only Laurendeau, Pastor of Our Lady of temporary. In 1910 there were the Lake, Ford, as Deacon, and the 46,205 such marriages, but the Rev. P. A. Mahoney, St. Peter's number rose to 83,297 in 1919 and Seminary, London, as Sub-Deacon. to 90,822 in 1920. In 1921 it was The Rev. P. J. Harrigan, Blessed Sacrament Church, Chatham, was married, 13.4 took non-Catholic Master of Ceremonies, and assisting in the Sanctuary were also the Rev. G. Blonde, Ford; the Rev. half a million Catholics solemnized

was taxed to its full capacity until there was not even standing room available.

This gathering was honoured by the presence of His Lordship, Right Rev. P. T. Ryan, Bishop of Pembroke, and by the National President, Mrs. B. C. McCann, of London. Very Rev. Mgr. French kindly consented to act as chairman.

Music was provided by an Mass taxed to its full capacity until the conclusion of the program in the Sanctuary were also the Rev. Blonde, Ford; the Rev. To the bereaved family and to the Ursuline Community we offer our sincerest sympathy.

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Mecklenburg-Schwerin it is worse, the proportion being 68 out of 100 in 1913 and 76.9 in 1920. In Berlin in 1921 there were 6,446 mixed marriages to 1,663 purely Catholic. Pomerania and Schleswig-Holstein also recorded more mixed marriages to 1,663 purely Catholic. also recorded more mixed marriages than purely Catholic. Conditions in Upper Silesia and Bavaria, on the other hand, are good in this respect. In 1921 of all the marriages solemnized in these districts only 3.8 and 8.5% respectively were mixed. Predominantly Catholic Westphalia, however, has experienced an increase in mixed marriages of from 12.9 to 14.5 for every 100.

every 100.

One of the most interesting points observed in connection with mixed marriages is that these unions promarriages is that these unions produce on an average less issue than purely Catholic marriages. Domestic discord and adoption of birth control methods in the former cases are blamed. In Prussia 16.7% of the marriages of Catholics in 1921 were mixed, but only 8.6% of the children born were the issue of mixed marriages. In Berlin in the same year purely Catholic marriages were only a third of those solemnized in which Catholics were concerned, but more than half the children born were of all-Catholic unions. The situation to an extent offsets the increase in mixed maroffsets the increase in mixed mar-riages, as far as losses to the Church are concerned.

CHURCH BUILT ON SITE OF 204 YEARS AGO

#### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pte. J. J. Rouland who was killed in action in France on Nov. 1st, 1918. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

### DIED

KEILTY.-At a local hospital, following an operation, Mrs. James P. Keilty, nee Maud O'Toole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Toole, 67 College Avenue, Ottawa, Ont. May her soul rest in peace.

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