

his twenty-eight years of successful ministry in the parish of St. Thomas. Bro. Odette gracefully expressed the warmth of feeling all the members, as well as the whole congregation, entertained for him, and assured him a hearty reception every time he would feel disposed to honor the branch with his presence.

Bro. Cleary, after extending a hearty welcome, in his own kind, amiable and social way, enumerated some of the many advantages Windsor affords its citizens, and showed conclusively that the inhabitants of Windsor were not lacking in thrift, energy and emulation.

Dr. Reaume, who by request spoke in French, on rising said: Rev. and Venerable Father, Mr. President and Brothers—The words that have fallen from the lips of my predecessors on the occasion of your arrival and first visit to our branch, welcoming you as our Spiritual Adviser, guide and pastor, express my feelings and I am sure also those of the entire parish. In being requested by our esteemed and honored President, Bro. Connelly, to speak in French on this occasion, I can only state that I fully endorse the words so well expressed by Bros. Odette and Cleary. Rev. Father, I desire to draw your attention to the fact that you are not such a stranger in this parish as you anticipated. Your works and devotion in the cause of religion and the zeal you have always displayed for the spiritual comfort of your flock elsewhere have preceded you, and you were, therefore, well known by your present parishioners even before your arrival amongst us. My professional duties often call me to act hand in hand with you. Often at the bed of sickness I expect to meet you. Often have I some duty to perform which are pertaining to your sacred calling. I refer to those occasions when it devolves upon me to baptize new born infants in immediate danger of death, but I never go so far in trespassing on your holy calling as Bro. Casgrain, who desires even to hear the dying confession.

I desire on this occasion to welcome you on behalf of my fellow French compatriots, who highly cherish the liberty of enjoying the free use of their language as well as their religion; whilst they wish to remain loyal British subjects they, however, cherish their French autonomy, with their distinctive traits and traditions.

I respectfully beg to offer you the assistance and co-operation of our Association in any enterprise calculated to promote the interest of the Church and welfare of the holy cause of religion.

The C. M. B. A., as well as the other Catholic societies of this city, will always be found at your back to second your efforts in the administration of the affairs of this parish.

We promise you our obedience and compliance with the rules and teachings of the Church. In conclusion, Rev. Father, may your stay in our midst be characterized by feelings of good fellowship and Christian charity is the fervent wish of your fellow-members and citizens generally.

Judge McHugh spoke briefly. With an easy flow of eloquence he assured Dean Flannery that he would have the hearty co-operation of this society, as well as the other Catholic societies of this parish, in rendering every assistance for the spiritual welfare of all the parishioners.

His Worship Mayor Davis expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present this evening and in common with other

members of the branch extend a hearty welcome to Father Flannery. On behalf of myself and family, he said, I extend you a cordial welcome to Windsor.

Bro. Killackey brilliantly enumerated the many good qualities of head and heart of Father Flannery, whom he had known from infancy. Bro. Killackey paid a glowing tribute to his services in connection with the C. M. B. A., his contributions to literature, and his well-known zeal for the spreading and promulgating of Catholic doctrine. He expressed the hope that the Dean's declining years would be made happy in Windsor.

Bro. McKee said he could endorse every word that had been uttered as fully conveying his feelings and sentiments, and trusted that Father Flannery would long be spared to the people of the parish, who would on all occasions be found ready to assist him in all his undertakings for the welfare of the congregation at large.

Dr. Remi Casgrain said he came here this evening expressly for the purpose of paying his respects to and welcoming Rev. Father Flannery. Not like his colleague, Dr. Reaume, who seemed to have one object in view only, i. e., forestalling himself into the good graces of Dr. Flannery, and offer his good services in time of need. The Dr. made a humorous speech, full of wit and harmless sarcasm, which caused roars of laughter.

Bro. T. A. Bourke, who is styled the father of the Association, said he was pleased to be here to-night, and, with other members of this branch, welcome the Dean, who has been an ardent supporter of this organization and had rendered valuable services in time of need, when it was struggling for an existence. Now the members of the order throughout the whole Dominion manifest a deep interest in its welfare, and the good feeling prevailing everywhere bespeaks continued prosperity. In yourself, Rev. Father, and our late lamented Dean Wagner, this organization had earnest friends and zealous supporters. The progress of the order has been rapid, its practical methods and economical principles commending themselves to shrewd business men of the whole Dominion. The progress made by Branch No. 1 has been in keeping with the general advancement. The membership of this branch includes many of the leading citizens of this city, and this meeting is a fair representation of members occupying high positions in the various pursuits of life. In common with the other speakers, I heartily welcome you in our midst.

At the conclusion of Bro. Bourke's remarks, and amid applause, Father Flannery arose, and, taking a general survey of the large number present to greet him, he said that he felt that he was not deserving of all the encomiums heaped upon him to-night. I am afraid I have not made sufficient use of any talent or ability I may possess. We are all human—*humanum est errare*. I always felt that I never reached the ideal of what a good priest ought to be. We should all of us have charity, mercy, benignity, humility, modesty and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. I am delighted with your kind reception this evening, and I am more than pleased to learn from the remarks made by Bro. Cleary that there are so many men of the true faith in Windsor—men of opulence and wealth and good standing. My long and intimate acquaintance with the founder of your magnificent church, the late lamented

Dean Wagner, who had done so much for this parish, the erection and completion of the Hotel Dieu, are everlasting monuments of his zeal for suffering humanity. Having a long acquaintance in this diocese with His Grace the late lamented Archbishop of Toronto, the late Dean Wagner, and Father Bayard, we have been life long friends and known each other well, and loved each other, all working together for the glory of God and His holy Church. For the few brief years that I may be permitted to remain amongst you, it shall be my utmost endeavor to do all in my power to render what assistance I can for the welfare of the whole parish.

The Dean's remarks were listened to with the closest attention; sometimes solemn, sometimes brimful and overflowing with genuine wit and humor.

In fact, each speaker seemed to be inspired by the spirit of the evening. Each and every member in his own way contributed in no small degree to make the Dean's first visit to our branch pleasant and agreeable.

Ever mindful of his sacred worth, as a priest, he did not hesitate to make his worldly wife

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ORGANIZER KILLACKEY'S VISIT TO WOODSLEE.

The visit of Bro. Killackey, Grand Organizer, to Branch No. 221, of the C. M. B. A., Woodslee, on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, was taken advantage of by the members of the Branch and their lady friends to give Bro. Killackey a most hearty reception. Although the time was short for preparation, yet the alacrity with which all went to work, left no stone unturned in the matter of preparing, and how well they succeeded was best attested by the many encomiums heaped upon the Committee of Management, consisting of ladies and gentlemen, by the large and appreciative audience, assembled to do honor to the distinguished guest.

The chair was taken at 8 o'clock and the carrying out of the well arranged programme of the evening was entered upon. This programme consisted of speeches, music, vocal and instrumental, etc. During the evening a lunch was served by the lady friends of the C. M. B. A.

After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, an address of welcome was read to the guest of the evening, Bro. Killackey, as follows:

To W. P. Killackey Esq. Grand Organizer of the C. M. B. A. of Canada:

Dear Sir and Brother—On this your first official visit to our branch, we deem the occasion a most fitting one for tendering to you a most hearty welcome. Indeed, sir, if we failed to do so we feel that we would be derelict in the performance of a duty which we owe not only to ourselves but to the executive of this noble Association of which you are the worthy and accredited representative, to say nothing of the high appreciation in which we hold your noble efforts in a worthy cause.

The man who is in possession and full enjoyment of an abundance of earthly goods and who has no concern for the condition of his fellow-man less fortunate than he, deserves little of the love and esteem of his neighbors, and we may feel little surprise if he possesses it in a slight degree. So the man possessing, with all its advantages, a membership in the C. M. B. A. and who has no concern for his neighbor, who is in this respect less fortunate than he, and makes no effort to improve in this respect the condition of such neighbor, may be looked upon as far removed from the rank of a benefactor; but you, sir, enjoying as you do, a membership yourself and feeling that your neighbor's condition could be immeasurably improved by his doing likewise, spare neither time nor trouble in the work of enabling him to reach the goal, and that your labors have been successful is best attested by the many

living witnesses who have harkened to your call throughout the length and breadth of this fair Dominion.

When we consider the short time which has elapsed since the inception of this noble and ideal feeling movement, the Association its rapid increase of membership and the moral and social progress through its instrumentality, and when we think through the many hours of the future that are destined to be spent in the future, at such an auspicious time, we may well be proud of our frank admission that we are at a loss for language in which adequately to express our estimate of the debt of gratitude which we owe to a fellow man for such a noble effort in his behalf.

As previously intimated, our Association is a comparatively young one, the work of a few years, but it is to be hoped that it has accomplished its mission, which will be a well-earned and noble one, and will amply testify

How many a heart and a brain has been put to the test, and how many a noble deed has been accomplished, and how many a reward for a well-earned and noble effort has been bestowed, and how many a heart has been comforted and the last breath of an earthly existence with a blessing in their spirit, the founders and promoters of an association which has but only ended them to live after lives, but in addition, even from his grave, that those depending upon them, should be far removed from the trials of a world and that they should be happy when they were their benefactors and promoters were at rest in the celestial abode of the grave.

How many a young man who has been basked in the sunshine of a happy life, made so by the presence of a kind and loving wife, and the prattle of his own children, young visitors who come to stay, have reason to be ashamed of which their life of protection from the date of the formation of the Association and the society of the temperance of the bar, and amongst their order, and how many do we find tettering rapidly to the grave, but under the benign influence of our noble association, in the possession of home whilst living, and secure of Christian burial when they die. But why designate our benefactors by names when we could almost equally apply to all.

The great Architect of the universe placed men here to be employed with the faculties to save his immortal soul and society demands that man in the vigor of youth, should make provision against want for himself and those depending upon him when the strength is removed from his arm and the tottering footsteps of age bear evidence that the beam and workshop shall know him no more.

Since, then, man is a dependant being of the social order, always happiest when associated with his fellow man, it follows that these associations should take place under the most favorable circumstances with respect to both mind and body, or in a word the bark in which he steers across the stormy ocean of life should be removed a safe distance from dangerous rocks or shoals and the person afloat at its helm should have a compass and a sextant, and the letters "C. M. B. A." Trusting that you will be spared long in your present honorable usefulness and that your efforts in the work in which you are engaged may bear fruit in hundred fold. We are dear sir and brother, Yours fraternally,

JAS. J. MERRILL, President
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In his reply, extending over one and one half hours, Bro. K. showed the beauties and advantages of the C. M. B. A. in such a manner as they were never before shown to a Woodslee audience. To say that Bro. K.'s masterly effort was well received by the large audience, many of whom were non-Catholics, is putting it extremely mild, as the thunder of applause with which it was received would amply testify. The other speakers who honored the occasion with their presence and made very interesting speeches were: Reeve Corbett, Maidstone; M. N. Mousseau, Woodslee; M. L. Menard, Esq., Belle River; John Wilcox, Esq., Rochester, and Councilor Paisley, Midstone.

The musical part of the programme was faultlessly carried out by Mrs. Malone, Mr. McNaughton, Messrs W. Lambert, G. Hogan and the Messrs. Murphy, James and Patrick, and F. Hogan. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close, and the guests retired more than satisfied with the proceedings of the evening.