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Ottawa, May 8th, 1884. DEAR SIR AND BRO.—At the regular meeting of Branch No. 28, held last evening, it was moved by Mr. T. Tobin, seconded by Mr. John Pelletier and carried unanimously, That the members of this Branch having learned with deep regret of the affliction which it has pleased Almighty God to visit on the home of Bro. Jas. Gordon, in the death of his wife, beg to tender him their sincere sympathy in his distress, and That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Gordon and to the official organ for publication, Yours fraternally, EDWARD T. SMITH, Rec.-Secretary Branch 28. List of Officers of Branch No. 33, Morrisburg:—Thomas McDonald, President; Abraham Lalonde, 1st Vice President; Alexander Denney, 2nd Vice Pres.; Wm. A. Denesha, Recording Secretary; Francis Fox, Treasurer; Edward Donegan, Financial Secretary; Gregorius Bronstater, Asst. Rec. Sec.; James Fox, Marshal; Napoleon Leblanc, Guard; Nicholas Bronstrader, Michael King, Jean Baptiste Cardinal, Trustees; James John Connolly, Spiritual Adviser and Chancellor.

DUNDAS SEPARATE SCHOOLS. Hamilton, May 10th, 1883. To the Board of Separate School Trustees, Dundas. GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the regulations of the Education Department, I have the honor to report on your school in the following particulars: 1. As to the School House. The building has a neat, substantial and well-kept appearance, and occupies a very pleasant and healthful situation. The windows, walls and ceilings are apparently in good condition and the whole interior very clean. The desks, seats and blackboards are of new designs, of good material and well made. There is also a large supply of maps of the latest editions. The facilities for light are plenty and tolerably well regulated, and the ventilation is as good as any window system will permit. The school yards are very large, affording ample space for exercise and recreation. Surrounded by trees and open fields, away from the annoyance of traffic, with sloping grounds high above the level of the town, and with drainage almost perfect, few school premises possess advantages as conducive as yours to the health and enjoyment of the pupils. The yards are well fenced, water supply good, and the closet system sufficiently provided for and well kept. Some necessity exists for an outhouse in each yard as a protection for the pupils in rough weather; also, the construction of a moderate gymnastic apparatus in the boys' yards would be beneficial. In general, the extent of the accommodation is fully adequate for the number of the pupils.

2. As to the Pupils. The standing of the pupils in general is quite satisfactory within the limits reached in each subject. In the senior department of boys the proficiency of the classes examined is indicated as follows: Arithmetic, Grammar, Penmanship, History and Singing, good; Reading, Spelling, Composition and Geography, fair; Christian Doctrine, excellent. In the senior department of girls: Arithmetic, Grammar, Penmanship, Composition and Singing, good; Reading and Spelling, senior class, excellent; junior class fair; Geography, fair; History, seniors fair, juniors bad; Christian Doctrine, excellent. In mixed department: Reading fair, Spelling good; Writing good; Arithmetic excellent; Composition fair; Singing good; Christian Doctrine excellent. It will be seen that the foregoing makes a very creditable exhibit. There is some degree of backwardness in a few cases, but may be chiefly attributed to irregular attendance. The state of discipline, order and management in the various classes and the school as a whole may be justly expressed by the single word excellent. The departments above mentioned were visited on the 1st and 2nd instant. On the 9th I visited the Orphans' School at the House of Providence, and found a large attendance well provided for in all essential matters. The class room is adequately furnished with new desks and good blackboards, is well ventilated, light-some and clean. The pupils were examined in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Composition, Singing and Christian Doctrine, and their standing found satisfactory. The same may be said of the order, discipline and management of the school. It is scarcely necessary to observe that the grounds are spacious, healthful and beautiful.

3. Remarks and Suggestions. The non-existence of the advanced classes, corresponding with the fifth and sixth, is a matter of regret. The fault does not lie with the school, because the facilities are sufficient to maintain, and its teachers competent to conduct such classes. The explanation is found in the prones of parents to allow their children to exchange the school room for the workshop at a very early age. The longer children are permitted to remain under the superior moral and mental influences of the school the better will be the security for their future welfare. As the mixed department is large and constantly growing, and as you have a spare class room, I respectfully suggest that this department be divided into two parts as soon as you can make it convenient to do so. I take the liberty of suggesting also that, occasionally, lessons be given in Domestic Economy for girls, and short lectures for all in the Laws of Health and Elementary Science. Although the abilities of the teachers and other school authorities can be favorably inferred from the foregoing report, still, if further information on this subject be required, it will be furnished on application. Your attention is also called to the regulations of the department defining the duties of teachers and pupils, a copy of which is sent herewith.

Wishing your school all success, I remain, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, CORNELIUS DONOVAN, Inspector.

DEATH OF A PRIEST'S MOTHER.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD. DEAR SIR:—I am sure your readers will all deeply sympathize with the Rev. Father Cummins, P. P. of Corunna, and with his father and brothers and sisters when they hear of the death of his aged and highly respected mother in Wawanosh Township, on Thursday morning last, the 8th inst. Mrs. Bridget Cummins endured with admirable Christian fortitude and resignation a long and painful illness, to which she at last succumbed on the day above mentioned, fortified with the last sacraments which our religion furnishes as a means of grace to the dying at that moment when they so much need divine assistance. The funeral took place this (Saturday) morning, and was attended by the largest concourse of people ever seen in the Church of St. Augustine.

The Rev. Father Ronan, of Corunna, sang high Mass for deceased, assisted by Rev. G. R. Northgraves, as deacon, and Rev. B. Waters, as subdeacon. The other priests present were, Rev. Jno. O'Connor, pastor of the parish, Rev. J. Corcoran, P. P. of Teeswater, and Rev. Father Cummins. After Mass the Rev. J. O'Connor preached from the text, "He that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live." (St. John xi. 25). The sermon was eloquent and earnest, and was full of solid instruction and pathos, bringing tears to the eyes of many in the assembled congregation. Father O'Connor pointed out the necessity of being prepared for death. We are to die but once, and on the character of our death depends our lot for all eternity. We cannot afford, therefore, to die badly, and if we wish our death to be happy we must live in this world so that we may be prepared at any moment for death. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

He next proceeded to point out that the Catholic Church desires us never to forget the departed in our prayers, particularly those who have been near and dear to us on earth. This union of prayer constitutes the Communion of Saints spoken of in the Apostles' Creed. This means that the Saints in heaven pray for us, while we invoke them, and that our prayers for the souls in Purgatory shorten the time of their suffering, hastening the time when they will form part of the Church triumphant in heaven, when they will be in a position to assist us in turn.

The Rev. Father then remarked that it is not the intention of the Church in her funeral services to praise the dead, but to pray for them. By doing this, and not by the former course, we may be of use to them. Nevertheless the fervent Christian life of deceased is so well known to all that it is no mere flattery to say that she was an example to Christian mothers; and it were well that many should know and follow the good example she has given. Her life was a constant preparation for death. Her family were reared in the love and fear of Almighty God, and it was her great consolation for all the sacrifices she had made for that purpose, when she first assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered up by her son. It was the wish of her life, as it was of St. Monica's that she might see the day when she should have a son who would in offering up the Holy Sacrifice remember his mother in his petitions to Almighty God, and her wish was realized.

He then called upon all to unite in praying for the deceased, and for the souls of all the faithful departed.

FLETCHER.

Plaindealer, Ridgetown. The large Catholic population here will replace this summer the old school house with a large building, brick veneer. The attendance at the separate school is large, averaging upwards of 50. Miss Shea is the teacher. Last year three pupils from this school passed the High School entrance examination at Chatham. The Catholic population here worship at St. Patrick's, 10 concession of Raleigh, three miles south. This congregation numbers about 500 members, 100 families and 300 communicants. This congregation, drawn from the large district between Lake Erie and the river Thames, is organized as a temperance society under Squire Dillon's presidency. There are 120 names on the roll. The pledge is strictly observed and contributes largely, no doubt, to make sobriety an almost universal virtue in the neighborhood. Opposite St. Patrick's Church is a separate school ably taught by Mr. R. O'Neil.

The Bishops of the Province of Quebec are to meet at Quebec on the 13th instant.

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DEATH OF MRS. JOHN NEALON.

We are sorry to record the sad demise of the wife of Mr. John Nealon, and sister of the Rev. Father Casey, of Campbellford, which sad event occurred at the residence of her husband near Campbellford, on Tuesday, April 29th. The funeral took place on Thursday, May 1st, and proceeded to St. Mary's church, where a solemn requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Casey, brother of deceased, assisted by the Rev. Fr. Towhey as deacon and Rev. Fr. O'Connell as subdeacon. The choir rendered their services very efficiently, having as leader the Rev. Fr. Spratt, of Wolfe Island, Mrs. Kelly of Campbellford being the able organist. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. Fr. Twohey, chancellor of the diocese of Kingston, taking for his text St. Luke, chap. 7, verse 11th to the 15th. The eloquent sermon was one of the finest we ever heard, having affected many to tears. He was listened to attentively by the very large number of all denominations who assembled in the church to pay their last tribute of respect towards the deceased, who was scarcely a year married ere God had chosen her as His own, but during her short residence amongst us had won the affections of many kind friends and acquaintances. The sympathy of the community is extended to the husband in the loss of a kind and affectionate wife, also to the afflicted parents of the deceased. To our Rev. Pastor we tender our heartfelt sympathies, which was also shown by the rev. clergy who came to assist at the solemn ceremony. In conclusion we trust that their earthly loss will be her heavenly reward. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

MARRIED.

At Port Lambton, on the 5th inst by Rev. P. Colovin, Capt. Fitzgerald, to Miss E. Colovin. At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Robt. McGahey, in the Township of Mountain, County of Dundas, Jane Pierce, widow of the late Peter McSweeney. She was a native of Maria Town, River St. Lawrence. Died March 6th, 1884, aged seventy-six years and six months. May God have mercy on her soul.

DIED.

At the residence near Campbellford, Ont., on Tuesday the 27th of April, Catherine, wife of Mr. John Nealon and daughter of Mr. R. Casey, Smith's Falls, Ont. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

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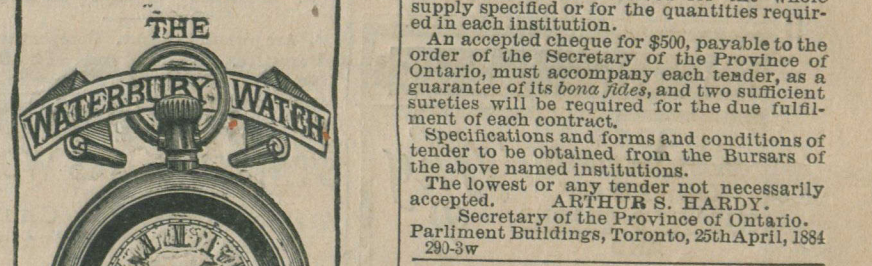
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