O. M. B. A.

Breckville's New Branch. The members of Branch No. 45 Brockville, held their first meeting, on Feb 6th.
When the hour for opening arrived they
feand a large number of members from
the slater branch in Prescott present to
tasist in installing them in their new
quarters. Among those from Prescott
were: P. C Mardock, Thos. Kielty, P.
McAuley, Jas Mooney, Jas. Fitzgerald,
W. H. Freeman, J. McDermott, L Red.
mend, and D. P. Horan. After a pleasast time had been spent in the hall the
level members accompanied their visilevel members accompanied their visiant time had been spent in the hall the least members accompanied their visiters to the Revere House, where further hespitalities were extended and a pleasant time spent. On Tuesday morning a Recorder representative, piloted by Mr. C. K Fraser, the obliging secretary of the local Branch, visited the new reoms and found them just what the members said, one of the esdest and most elegant meeting rooms in Brockville. The rooms, which are spaced one enough for all requirements of the branch, are situated on the third floor of Comstock's new block on Court House avenue, and comprises an anter room and meeting room proper. The latter is fitted up with exceeding teste, the floor is handsomely carpeted, and the walls and windows are hung with rich and elegant hangings, the front with liegare, and the side walls and rear win dows with turcomans and chenilles. The farniture throughout is in keeping with the rest of the room. One very commendable feature is a reading room in

Last Wednesday night a large audicase assembled at St. Mary's Church,
Barrie, Mulcaster street, to enjoy an
entertainment under the auspices of the
G.M. B. A. The entertainment con
sisted of a service of sacred song and
inatrumental music, and a lecture of instrumental music, and a lecture on "The Crusadea" by Rev. J. J. M. Cann, of Toronto. Very Rav. Dean O'C nnor acted as director of ceremonies. A of Toronto. Very Rav. Dean of Short asted as director of ceremonies. A part of the musical programme was given before the lecture. The Dean introduced the lecturer of the evening in a few sentences, com-plimentary to his acknowledged ability phimentary to his acknowledged ability
as a lecturer. The rev. gentleman
mounted the platform in front of the
altar and delivered his lecture without a
mete of reference. He is a young man,
apparently not far from thirty years
either way, with dark hair and complex
ies, inclining to stoutness, with Milesian
features, pleasant, genial countenance,
a good voice, and just a little of that
rich intension which renders an edu

Sazon ears.
So much has been written about the Crusades that to the historical students anything that can be said about them in a milk be familiar enough, but the asything that can be small as under the lecture, will be fimiliar enough, but the way in which old thinks can be presented by a clever man, will have a freshness and a charm that will always interest.

Father McCann gave a sketch of the

Father McCann gave a sketch of the Grussdes, why they were undertaken, and the entbusiasm which preaching them inspired in the people throughout Europe. He sketched the rise and progress of Mahom etanism and what might have been the world's history had not Christianity checked its western progress. In describing the f-eling which animated the hearts of the Crussders as they went from point to point in the animated the hearts of the Crusaders as they went from point to point in the Holy Land, how every mountain, valley and stream, hill top, tree and flower, reminded them of Him whose tomb was descerated by the infidel's tread Moslem cruelty, the lecturer drew some exquisitely beautiful word pictures and painted scenes of life like reality.

Fatner M Cann speaks with measured

deliberation, sometimes rising to earnest elequence, and his language is well chosen and accurate. He was listened to with close attention and gave to his hearers evident pleasure.
The following is the musical programme, which was admirably rendered:

Chorus

Choir.

Clarionet Obi
Mr J Henderson.

Dao—"Spinal Mi."

Dao—"Spinal Mi."

Misses McGuirk and Byrne
Solo, Bast—"Pange Lingua,"..... Pauseron
Mr O'Mara.

Chorus—"Magnifisat Ar," from 12th Mass ...
Choir. [Monart.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. Annual Re-Union of Branch 41, Mon

treal. The members of St. Ann's Branch No. social in Sc Ann's hall on Moncay even ing, Feb 6 h. About 8 30 these present

ast down to a sumptuous repart.

President P. O Richy of Branch 41

eccupied the chair, the vice chairmen
being Coancellor Juo. D Quinn, 1st Vice

Pres C J. Doberty, and 2nd Vice-Pres.

John Hoobin.
Among these present were Rev. Fathers

Mek, President of Branch 26; T. P.
Tanery, of Branch 50; and C. Flatagan, of Branch 50; and C. Flatagan, of Branch 50.

After ful justice had been done to the good things provided by caterr Dixon, the chairman arose and after thanking those present for their attendance, in a few well chosen words proposed the first teast, then the by R. Father Stribbe, who in his means able manner communication of the papers at the present time with what it was some few years since when the Vicer of Circt had no one among the monators of the earth to look to him for advice Now, the rev speaker said, ne is asked to decide differences between nations and it is expected that

he will soon be called upon to arbitrate between England on the one part and the Irish people on the other, and should that day arrive, as a almost surely will, all nations will look on and applied the just decisions of His Hojiness.

At the conclusion of the rev. gentle man's address Mr. M. J Quinn sang "Anchored" and received well deserved and less than the production of the rev.

applause.

'The C M B. A" was next proposed, and Vice President Fine, of the Grand Council, and Deputy O'Brien responded. Brother Fine gave a short sketch of the organization and its workings in the different Grand Councils, and Brother O'Brien referred to the benefits derived from membership in the C M B. A Mr. W. Clancy sang "Moreen, Moreen" with sood effect. with good effect.
"Canada" and "The Land of Our Fore

The Press' was responded to by Bro.

Which and elegant hangings, the front with liegare, and the side walls and rear windews with turcomaps and chenilles. The farniture throughout is in keeping with the rest of the room. One very commendable feature is a reading from in connection, which already embraces a library of 700 volumes. On the whole the members of the C. M. B. A. have reason to feel proud of their new quarters.

Entertainment at Barrie.

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made known in the CATHOLIC RECORD which had always place i its columns at the disposal of our Society.

A cornet sole by Mr Fauteux was well rendered, and Brother Finn proposed "Branch 41," which was responded to by President O'Reilly, who stated that the membership in St Ann's branch was steadily increasing, and with the cordial assistance of the Rev. Fathers o' St. Ann's church it would continue to increase. He also said that although this was the first time they had ladies at any of their meetings, it was the intention of the Branches to hold annual reunions of a like nature. He then proposed the toast of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. J C. fley of St. Anthony's Branch No 50, who regretted that one of the married who regretted that one of the married members, who certainly were more competent to speak on behalf of the fair sex, was not chosen for the duty. Although he was young and inexperienced he would say on behalf of the ladies that there were some secrets which the there were some secrets which they could keep as well as their brothers of the C M. B A. He was pleased to see the warm manner in which the toast was received, and as the fair sex were not accustomed to speak much in public, he would as their representative,

the toast and retire.

Miss Berry's sung "The Exile from Our Sister Branches was next proposed by President O'Reilly. This was responded to by Presidents Meck, Tansey and F and ghan. Bro Meek referred to the hard strug-gle it was to introduce the C M B A in Montreal, when he was one of four who met on a cold winters evening and waited patiently until nearly 10 p. m. In describing the feeling which ed the hearts of the Crusaders as ent from point to point in the and, how every mountain, valley ream, hill top, tree and flower, led them of Him whose to the mount of the method base followers were tortured by a cruelty, the lecturer drew some telly beautiful word pictures and gree continually, until at last there were the tenants were evicted last summer, the tenants were evicted last summer, for others who had promised to attend a meeting for the purpose of organizing. They then, however, held a meeting among themselves and after it was over and the minutes read one would be a would nearly 10 p. In the tenants were evicted last summer, the tenants were evicted last summer. The tenants were evicted last summer, the tenants were evicted last summer. The tenants were evicted last summer. The tenants were evicted last summer, the tenants were evicted last summer. The tenants were evicted last summer. The tenants were evicted last summer.

said prayer the party broke up well pleased with the evenings entertainment. Holland's Orchestra discoursed sweet music during the dinner. Mr. Snea pre-

music during the dinner. Mr. Shoe posited at the piano,

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, streamers &c. At the street entrance to the hall the large electric gas lamp was pointed with the C. M. B. A emblems. Everything in connection with the entertainment reflects great credit on Branch 41.

Among hose present were Rev. Fathers

Strubbe and Godis of St. Aon'e; Bro. T

J. Finn, 1-t Vice President of the G and
Coucet; Bo. C. O'Brien, Grand Deputy;
Bro. OS livan of Toronto; Bro. Jas
Meck, Pres dent of Branch 26; T. P.
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to by R. V. Father Sambbe, who in his
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Received from M. P. Flynn, Received Recreary of Branch 41 of the Cattholic Mutual Benefit association, \$2.09: in rult for beneficiary due to Mrs. Coleman by said association, on the death of nie bruter, Michael Coleman, into a member of said Branch with Coleman.

with good effect.

"Canada" and "The Land of Our Fore fathers" were the next toasts and were responded to jointly by Bro. C. J. Doherty, who referred to the deep love all citizens of this great country should have for it as the freest country under the sun, but while being loyal to our Canadian institutions the Old Land should not be forgotten, and every one should at least give their sympathy if they could not give material assistance to their friends at home in the great struggle for liberty.

Mr. Burns' "No Johnny," provoked considerable merriment.

"The Press" was responded to by Bro. O'Sultivan of the Toronto (Jatholic Review He spoke of the great influence the press of a country wielded, and said that the Catholic newspapers were second only to the clergy in the amount of good done for the Cauch. He also stated that the Cauch. He also stated that the country wielded to with extend

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH

Messre. Brunner and Rowntree, Liberal members of Parliament, propose to accompany Mr. Shaw Lefevre to Loughres where he is to speak at a meeting of the tenants of Lord Clanricarde.

tenants of Lord Clanricarde.

Arabi Pasha has written a letter from Ceylon to Lady Ann Blunt strongly con demning the barbarity of the Government towards Ireland, and expressing the warmest sympathy for herself and Mc Blunt. He says that the borrible this greepertrated in Ireland, are "not to be make with among barbar us nations, yet they were enacted by a free Government like that of England." He adds a hope that Ireland may obtain that justice which Mc Blunt is endeavoring to obtain for her.

Mr. Labouchere, M. P., writing in Truth, styles Mr. Baltour, the Cutef Secretary for Ireland, "Comwell the

Mr. Parnell has expressed great Mr. Parnell has expressed great anxiety about Mr. S-x:oo's healto, of which the reports that he constantly received are not as encouraging as he could wish. He has recently paid a high compliment to Mr. Sexton's "great granus and position in the House of Commons and in Ireland, his energetic and laborious disposition, and the bril liancy and finish of his work." Mr Parnell earnestly trusts that Mr. Sexion

The long-continued dispute between the landiords and tenants at Bodyke, the source of untold misery and frequent disorder, has at last been settled. Fin ally brought to bay by the persistent definance of his tenants and the strength of the boycotting combination brought against him Col. O'Callsghap, the land-lord of the estate from which nearly al the tenants were evicted last summer

more than enough to start Branch 26 which now numbers nearly a hundred, and thege were three other Branches organized and the probability of three more in a very short time.

organized and the probability of three more in a very short time.

Bro. Tansey stated that Branch 50 was now second in membership in the city, and that its members would never rest satisfied until it was shead of all the other city branches. He spoke of the work done by the little branch in St. Ann's (laughter). Well, Ladies and Gentle men, I said little branch, and I mean it. There are only about forty

insers on the following and the subject of a question in getter party, as circum-tances suggest, he states that he would rejoin the After the Rev. Father Strubbe had all prayer the party broke up well dessed with the evenings entertainment.

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The wover, evidency with an eye to join for party as circum-tances suggest, he states that he would rejoin the debate, to make way for which the debate on the Address must stand post did with those of Mr. Gladstone. Lib

ment's course in Ireland. He is likely to be heard from soon on the subject. Considering the high opinions which Land. Duff-rin has won by his past career, the eigond reason to thick that the above is correct Land Landowne will now have a golden opportunity to try the Laggacuran and Co-reton tactics in India; and where Lords Ripon and Daff-rin succeeded in getting the Rij-ha to rival each other in aff-ring sub-antial proofs of their loyally to the British crown, Lord Landowne should succeed in stirring up another Sepoy reb-lition, we shall have a tangible evidence of the beauties of Coercionist rule. And of course it may reasonably be expected, in that event, that the coerced Irish will exhibit their gratitude to the Crown, by enlisting in the army by thou-ands, for service in India, Dublin, Feb. 11—The trial of the action of Mc Wiifrid Blant, who was recently convicted of violating the Crimes Act, again-t the police for \$26 000 damages for illegal arrest, was begun in this city to day. Mr. Blant was present in the Court-room wearing the prison garb in der his overcoat. Lady Blant was also present. The Court-room was crowded. The case was and journed.

The landiords of the Kingstown estates have granted all the reductions demanded in 1886, under the Plan of Campaign, and have agreed to reinstate the evicted tenants, including the

demanded in 1886, under the Plan of Cappaigo, and have agreed to reinstate the evicted tenants, including the Mitchellstown shopkeepers, and to forego all the legal costs. They will also off-r the property for sale

Fourteen persons, including two members of the monicipal council, have been arrested at Galway for disorderly conduct on the night of the arrest of Mr. Blunt. They were bailed. Other arrests are expected, Great excitement prevails.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The Queen's speech to Parliament was read as usual at the opening of the ses-sion on the 9 h inst. Hope is expressed sion on the 9 a last hope is expression that peace may be preserved in Europe, and it is regretted that the efforts of the English Government did not avert war netween Aby-s nia and Italy. Parlia-ment is congratulated on the "satisfac ment is congratulated on the "satisfac tory" legislation accomplished for Lie-land last session, and new measures are

Ireland, and to facilitate an increase in the number of proprietors of the soil." A bill will be introduced to give local government in England.

Mr. Gladatone was loudly cheered on entering the House, and Lord Hartington went to him, and after stacking bands with him entered into an animated conversation which justed some time.

with him entered into an animase of oversation which iasted some time.

Mr. Parnell gave notice of a bill to amend the "Irian Laud Law Amendment Act." The object of the bill is to give to tenants further rights on improvements, and to reduce the time for judicial.

officers of the National Party

The Government, not content with the arrest of Mr Cox, M. P., at Charing Cross, has arrested Messrs. Gilbooly and Pyne.

Mr Glhooly was arrested while leaving the House of Parliament, and Mr. Pyne white close by Parliament House, Mr. Patrick O'Brien will move in Parliament that a breach of privilege has been commuted, and as he was arrested by mistake for Mr. Gilbooly he has a remarkably strong case against the Government. By their crease their majority in the house, if members of parliament will supinely per mit such trampling on their privileges; but it is more than likely that such absolutism will arouse the dormant split of parliamentary independence, and it may be that every Irish member of parliament arrested, will be the signal for a leartone member to cross over to the speaker's left. tion.' Rev. Wm. Everett, in a Thanks giving day sermon: 'The education impartial member of pallament arrested, will be the signal for a least one member to cross over to the speaker's left. If such should be the result, by the time the eighty-ix Irish Nationalist members are under lock and key the flower member. Parliamentary maj rity will have about disappeared, and they will have to rely on their own votes, perhaps even the Speaker's vote, to retain them in their

eral Unionist views, he says, are not merely tested by the course of the Government.

Lord Claricarde is bent on waging in Parlament on Monday last Testing in Parlament on Mo The question of the arrest of Mesers. Lord Clanricarde is bent on waging with his tenants a war to the knive. His agent has boasted that he will spend money without stint to crush the tenants. He has applied for two hundred ejectment decrees within a few days. Owing to Mr. Shaw Le'erre's course, Mr. Baltour will be obliged to choose between another eviction campaign for Lord Clanricarde, and the imprisonment of the ex Minister of the Crown, Sir J. Carmichael, late private Secretary of Mr. Gladstone, and Messrs. Bruner and Rowntree, members of Parliament.

A Last Tribute.

Besti mundo corde quoniam ipei Deur Birdilke she lies, clothed in ner misty veil,
Tho' she wears no spousal 'iog,—
A "Harp" of El. ssoms waits her there.
Though she may not touch a string!

A knot of sweet blue violets Nestled softly on ner breast, Blue as the Robe Our Lad, we In which we love Her best!

Two flowers blossomed on one stem, And one is left !-O God of Love Strengtheu Thy Child 10-day!

Sweet Mother of the motheriess, Nor e can comfort us like thee Shield in thy Heart Imma-ulate Thy lone anfant de Marie!

LIBERAL PROTESTANTS

TAKE GROUND WITH CATHOLICS UPON THE

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PULIC SCHOOL QUESTION.

Conservative Protestants everywhere, will, we hope, in the course of time, come over to the ancient church. This they will have to do if they wish to be faith ful to the teachings and tradition of Caristanty as it was founded. *In the matter of the danger to our common Christian. of the danger to our common Christianity from public schools, as they must necessarily be conducted to please all, believers and nub-lievers, one by one these conservative Protestants take sides

with as.

Quite recently one who proves himself as brilliant a writer as he is a deep and honest thinker, a Mr. Julius A Palmer, Jr., of the city of Boston, has been writing articles on our educational system for the Transcript of his city. He was raised a strict Puritan, but recently honest a Catholic as Brownson did. He became a Catholic as Brownson did. He has been industrious, however, and adduces much Protestant testimony on

adduces much Protestant testimony on the workings of our common schools as follows:

"The thing which the State has to dread is the liability of the individual to fall into the groser crimes. I am not speaking now of the obligation to observe the golden rule, to which is bound mor science, I recognize, at the moment, only cases where the individual becomes a danger to his fellows. Now, Protestant authorities, absolutely unquestioned, have a serted this very danger to be the most prominent in the public school system.

Mr. George T. Angell stated at a Sara-

Mr. George T. Angell stated at a S-ratoga Social science convention, that crime had more than doubled in the State inten years, that it was thirty three percent higher than in Ireland. A report of the Masachusetts board of chailies contains these words: 'There is hardly a country in the civilized world where atrocious and fing ant crime is so common as in Massachusetts.'

G vernor A. H. Rice, when chief magis G vernor A. H. Rice, when shief magis-trate, in an address upon public education, arated that from that which came to his official knowledge, there was something radically wrong in our educational system, and expressed the hope that we should come down to the vital essence of Caris-tianity and carry it into our system of education. At a Baptist ministers' meet ing Dr Banvard said, 'Particular attention should be paid to the dectrinal instruction of our young people. The Catholic (laughter). Well, Ladies and Gentle men, I said little branch, and I mean it. Force are only about forty members here and there should be at least one hundred and fifty. I know that this re union of the members with many young men of the parish will have the sift of increasing your member-hip greatly, (a votee "We will get a head of you") All right if you can, but you will have to walk mighty fast. After a few remarks on the benefits arising from membership Bro. Tansey sat down and applause.

Atter the Rev. Father Strubba had said prayer the



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In our last ceilidh I spoke of the Bishop who presided over the districts of Mon treal, the Red River, Upper Canada, an Prince Edward Island, with New Brun wick and the Magdalene Islands, as aux iaries of the Bushop of Quebec. Perha a clearer account of the state of the church in the British North American colonies the early part of the present century m be of interest to some readers of t From the first establishment of Chris

salty in the districts already nam

had been within the ecclesiast limits of the diocese of Quebec. Wi in 1806 Monseigneur Joseph Octo Plessis ascended the episcopal thro he found himself charged with immense jurisdiction, extending fr the southern boundary of the Cana to the wild coasts of Labrador and prairies of the great North West. Pleasis was a great man and a bishop, ranking second only to the gr old founder of the See of Quebec, L de Montmorenci. But proportionat his talents were the difficulties which he had to contend, difficu which in these days of peace and to tion we should almost forget, it not that the Mail, with tendency to 'progress backwa keeps constantly, and perhaps un sciously, reminding us of the na minded bigotry which in the first of the present century characterize Government of Canada. Monseig Plessis found that it would be u impossible for him to travel over immense extent of country include his diocese. He saw also that his F Ganadian children were pushing way westward and northward, it and further still, so that not ev prophetic mind could grasp the of country which they were de to populate. In Upper C

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward there were numerous new color Scotch Catholics who spoke a la utterly unknown to the Quebec Se ies. From these families cam soliciting an education and train the priesthood, while in Quebe treal and Kingston, bands of Iris grants were yearly arriving. Plessis framed his designs, but them out he had first to convinc and then to conciliate Engls Quebec a strong party, goaded o energetic Mr. Ryland, with th and open support of the gover James Craig, were endeavo debar Mgr. Plessis from us title, which they declared only to Dr. Mountain, the Bishop of Quebec. A title man had been borne by the Catholic Quebec for more than one hundred years. In these pretensions, they were not upheld by the Severnment. In 1813 Lord Be

messeded General Craig as "I have to inform you that
Mighness, the Prince Regen
same of His Majesty, desires
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Bishop of Quebec be one
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pies that place, as well as of
members of the Catholic cle
Province."

writing to General Prevost, (

This was the first official r of the Bishop of Quebec as henceforth Mr. Ryland was sive him his title, which, hi

Mgr. Plessis had for year necessity of dividing his im cese into several Vicariates and in 1816, Rev. Alexander his Vicar General for Upper C to England to induce the consent to this arrangement

In the month of July, Scotia was separated from constituted a Vicariate, of Edmund Burke was name Apostolic. Father Barke we in Quebec in 1818, under Bishop of Sion, i. p. i. Att the Court of Rome erecte Vicariates, one consisting o ada, the other of Prince E New Brunswick and th