

C. M. B. A.

OFFICIAL.

Office of the Grand President.
Brockville, Dec. 26, 1892.

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. in Canada:

BROTHERS,—I notice in the last issue of the C.M.B.A. Journal that a report is in circulation that "a compromise has been reached which will allow of two Grand Councils in Quebec."

Let me assure you that there is not a particle of truth in such report. No compromise of any character whatever has been made with any Council or person in reference to this matter, and no such compromise as suggested can or will be made. There is no authority vested in any person or persons to make such a compromise.

It is also said in the same article that statements are being made by Supreme Deputies and others favorable to a Grand Council for the Province of Quebec, that a charter has been granted, and a telegram just received by me from Supreme President McCarthy confirms that statement. The matter has now been brought to a focus by this breach of our agreement by the Supreme President, and it now remains for us to settle the difficulty in a court of law.

This charter has been granted in direct opposition to the expressed wish of the vast majority of the membership and branches in the Province of Quebec—in opposition to the protests of this Grand Council—in contravention of the terms of our agreement with the Supreme Council—contrary to the advice of the Supreme Solicitor given in his letter to me, and repeated by him to the Supreme President and Trustees at Rochester this month—contrary to the opinion of the Supreme Committee on Laws—contrary to the advice and opinion of every member of the Committee of lawyers appointed by the Grand Council of Canada to deal with this question—and in breach of the promise made by the Supreme President to me at Rochester that he would not grant such a charter on the petitions already presented and that in any event no charter would be granted until after 31st. December instant.

Such being the case the duty of the executive of the Grand Council of Canada is quite clear. We have no doubts whatever as to take every step necessary to protect the interests of this Grand Council and the majority of the Quebec membership who have loyally stood by their votes at Hamilton, and their determination to preserve the unity of the Canadian brotherhood. The majority of members in Quebec who have expressed their desire to remain with the Grand Council can rest assured that no effort will be spared to prevent breach of our compact with the Supreme Council and the attempt to rule a majority with a minority. Those branches which have decided to remain with us cannot be compelled to enter a Grand Council so formed. The Grand Council of Canada, will see to it that their rights are preserved to them.

Fraternally and faithfully yours,
O. K. FRASER.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL.

Christmas Examinations and Announcement of Promotions.

On Friday afternoon there was a grand time at Brother Arnold's school. After the four months of the scholastic year just elapsed, the boys naturally looked forward to some recognition, in the usual way of their successes during that period. As may well be imagined, Brother Arnold did not disappoint them. It is always a pleasure to visit St. Ann's school, but above all at the approach of the festive season, the joy then pictured upon the faces of the boys is an index of the thorough happiness which reigns and the bonds of mutual affection between them and their teachers. It is almost superfluous to speak Brother Arnold's praises, the echoes of our Canadian Catholic Educational sphere are alive with them, and to the ears of all they are as familiar as the notes of a Christmas hymn. As to his able and untiring assistants we can but say that they are worthy of their Director, and participate in his every success; the goodness and experience of Brother Arnold, the ability and prudence of Brother Prudent, and the musical gifts of Brother Austin, combine to elevate St. Ann's school to one of the first boys' educational establishments in the country.

On Friday afternoon the large hall was filled with parents of the pupils, and the

Rev. Father Catulle presided. The programme, given below, was most admirably carried out, and the Christmas tree, at the close, was a novel and amusing feature. All the little urchins asleep awaiting Santa Claus: the old man's arrival; the Christmas tree; the filling of the stockings; and the distribution of the good things to the little ones, all created great amusement.

PROGRAMME.

1. Ochorus—Christmas Hymn..... 5th class
2. Concert Speaking—"King Bruce,"..... 5th class
3. Notes..... 7th, 6th, 5th classes
4. Violin-Piano Duett—Germania Waltz, T. Donnelly, H. Hartford
5. Recitation—"One of the Little Ones," A. O'Leary
6. Notes..... 4th, 3rd, 2nd classes
7. Chorus—"In the Starlight,"..... J. O'Hara
8. Recitation—"Seminole's Defiance,"..... 1st class
9. Notes..... 1st class
10. Santa Claus and Christmas Tree.....

We will now give the names of the boys who occupied the places of distinction for the four months just elapsed. We might remark that the leader of the school, this year, is evidently young Mr. O. Tansey, who, although only fourteen years of age, is certainly as far advanced as many a young man of eighteen or twenty might be expected to be. An evidence of the training received from the good Brothers, and the kind of work done, in the education of youth, by Brother Arnold.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

1st Class—O. Tansey, R. Belanger, A. McGuire, J. Connor, J. Leahy, T. Gleason, J. Manning, J. O'Hara, T. Donnelly, J. Symth, J. McKeown, T. Lafontaine, J. Kenahan, O. Leblanc, H. Galoin, M. Martin, J. Supple, M. Mullins, G. St. Denis, H. Gervais, M. Murray.

2nd Class—G. Lennon, J. Clarke, F. Keough, J. Phelan, G. Parker, M. Murphy, J. Mooney, T. Corcoran, J. Driscoll, F. Flood, J. Mahone, M. Kavanagh, J. Brown, J. Cloran, W. Ryan, M. Mullins, F. Tolan, J. McNamara, J. Tobin, F. Burns.

3rd Class—R. Hart, J. Cherry, G. Brennan, A. Hartford, J. Murray, J. Daze, G. Leblanc, N. Renaud, J. Boyd, J. Scullion.

4th Class—G. Harsgrave, J. Healy, T. Murphy, C. Mulvey, J. Scott, B. Anderson, J. Taylor, W. Walsh, M. Murphy.

5th Class. W. McIntyre, W. Smyth, A. Morin, F. Daze, J. McLaughlin, E. Hall, G. Myers, L. Creamer, A. McCoy, P. Black.

6th Class. E. Kennedy, J. McCarren, H. Hartford, O. O'Neill, J. Murphy, W. Healy, R. Love, W. Morris, J. Benoit, J. Nolan.

7th Class. W. Bailey, J. Barry, L. Benoit, M. McMahon, B. Healy, W. Beaudry, J. Driscoll, T. Parker, T. Dundan, E. Cassidy.

AT THE GRAND SEMINARY.

A Long List of Ordinations by the Archbishop of Montreal.

The following ordinations were made by Mgr. Fabre at the Grand Seminary on Saturday, 17th inst: Tonsure—Messrs. Dosithee Charles Lalanne, Montreal; Charles William McDonald, Antigonish; James Patrick O'Neill, Burlington; Francois Xavier Belanger, Providence; Wilfrid Joseph Jubinville, St. Boniface; George Keenan, Montreal.

Minor orders—Messrs. Joseph Nazaire Dupuis, Thomas Francis Heffernan, Montreal; Duncan McDonald, Alexandria; Thomas Stephen Bannan, Belleville; Edw. Joseph Jungblut, Dubuque; Moise Louis Prud'homme, Grand Rapids; Rudolph Charles Lehmann, John Matthew Mahony, Hamilton; Patrick O'Brien, Kingston; Urgel Joseph Sevigny, Manchester; Albert Louis Gladu, Nicolet; Francis Lawrence French, Pontiac; Charles William Collins, John William Houlihan, Thomas Joseph Nelligan, Portland; Joseph Eugene Hughes, Providence; Alban Joseph Robichaud, St. John, N. B.; Henry Joseph Connery, Thomas Albert McGovern, John Thomas Reynolds, Joseph John Rice, Springfield; Nazaire Joseph Bourbonnais, Valleyfield; Daniel Hughes, Winona.

Sub-deacons: Messrs. Jules Alcibiade Bourassa, Gustave Louis Melancon, Montreal; Donald Mary MacAdam, Antigonish; George Patrick Murphy, Hamilton; John Vincent Jobin, London; Edmond Jean Baptiste Decelles, Misael Louis Letourneau, St. Hyacinthe; Patrick Henry Boland, Springfield; Armand Jules Foucher, Edouard Leblanc, Montreal; Hercule Joseph Touchette, Ottawa; Hilaire Chabotte, Phileas Hamel, Hector Charles Tetrault, St.

Hyacinthe; Adolphe Joseph Hudon, William Henry Coudon, Congregation de Ste. Croix.

Deacons: Messrs. Arthur Joseph Currotte, Albert Abundius Dequoy, Charles Gervais Descarries, Napoleon Louis Dubuc, Alphonse Joseph Jacques, Charles Joseph Lamarche, Emile Joseph Roy, Montreal; Joseph McDonald, Neil McDonald, Antigonish; Edward James Hopkins, Brooklyn; Wm. E. Young, Halifax; J. Thomas, Idaho; Denis Joseph Downey, Daniel Forster, London; Arthur Joseph Beliveau, St. Boniface; Timothy Matthew Donovan, George Francis Flynn, Springfield; Andrew Joseph O'Malley, Toronto; Avila Joseph Beauchamp, Francois Xavier Labonte, Joseph Picotte, Joseph Therrien, Montreal.

Priesthood: Messrs. Alexandre Joseph Champoux, George Alexandre Fonrouge, Joseph Vincent Piette, Omer Joseph Valois, Montreal; Roderick McNeil, Antigonish; William Arthur Banfield, George William Clark, Edward John Dougherty, Edmund Lawrence Dullard, Dubuque; Michael Patrick McCarthy, Hartford; Albert Joseph Loiselle, London; Leopold Honore Comeau, Nicolet; Alexander Francis Kelly, Peterborough; John Patrick Donovan, Pontiac; Alfred Carrier, Hugh Bernard Harrold, Bernard Francis Redihan, Providence; James Jerome Barry, Michael James Leonard, Daniel Joseph Sheehan, Springfield; Gustave Paul Berneche, Henry Martel, Montreal.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS INSTITUTE.

A grand Dramatic and Literary Entertainment in Honor of the Good Director's Patronal Day.

On St. Stephen's Day, in the old country, the boys hunted the wren in the hedges, and then went to the "hedge-school" to hunt that other bird of good omen, an education. In our day, and in our country, the youths of the land celebrate the feast of St. Stephen in another way. They seek for the education, not in hedge schools, but in magnificent institutions, and they honor, in one particular establishment—the Mount St. Louis College—that great feast in an especial manner. It is the patronal festival of the able, energetic and good director of that home of learning, Rev. Brother Stephen.

On Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock, the beautiful hall of the college was gaily decorated, the festive season was apparent in the happiness that filled the air, and the Christmas merriment blended with the New Year's congratulations, as the students presented the subjoined musical, literary and dramatic programme to an audience of several hundred.

As the celebration is scarcely over as our forms go to press, we have but scant time to do justice to each item of the splendidly executed programme. While wishing Brother Stephen many happy New Years and long life and strength to carry on his noble work for the youth of the country, we can but add that each participant in the celebration deserves congratulations for the success of the entertainment.

PROGRAMME.

- Le vaillant Guerrier—P. Clodomir.....Fanfare
- LOS NEGROS CATEDRATICOS.
- L. More—S. More—A. Gonzalez—A. Artez.
- ACT I.—THE REVOLT.
- Saint Michael's Saved—Declamation..... E. Nelligan
- ACT II.—THE SHIPWRECKED.
- La Palme Doree—Van Perch..... Fanfare
- Monologue Espagnol..... M. More
- ACT III.—THE PRAYER.
- Birds of Spring—Duch..... A. Orsall and H. Harrington
- The Night's Toast—Declamation..... Fitzgibbon
- ACT IV.—THE BOND.
- Le Marche—Auber.....Chœur
- ACT V.—JUSTICE.
- Captain Nemo—J. Rollinson.....Fanfare

"LA PRIERE DES NAUFRAGES."

Drama in 5 Acts.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

- Carlos, adventurer, in 3d act marquis d'Antas
- E. McDonald
- Raoul de Lasours, cap. of the Uranie..... E. Cadieux
- Robert (5 years) son of Raoul; later on Ogarito
- E. Gingras and H. Giguere
- Bablas, sailor on the Uranie..... H. Parizeau
- Georges de Laval..... G. Bachand
- Horace de Brionne..... G. Giguere
- Le Comte, father of Raoul..... H. Prenoveau
- Lucien, another son of Raoul..... P. Leduc
- Meloc, master carpenter..... E. Lessard
- Pacome, sailor..... E. Latour
- Jacques..... J. Papineau
- Jean..... M. Gauthier
- The Second..... L. Bellisle
- An Officer..... G. Beausoleil
- A Secretary..... A. Mackay
- An Intendant..... A. Forcheron
- A Domestic..... F. Naud
- Lords, Sailors and Police.

The scene takes place about 1705, in the two first acts, and ten years later in the other three.

BLAKE FOR LEADER.

He "is the Only Living Irishman Who Can Claim Parnell's Shoes."

The London Chronicle has the following on Mr. Blake and the Irish leaders: In Mr. McCarthy the majority finds a titular chieftain of blameless character and of attractive temper. But no one is more keenly aware than Mr. McCarthy himself of the deficiencies which make it impossible for him to guide a great movement over the most critical passages in its history. Moreover, Mr. McCarthy is faced, in the person of Mr. Redmond, by a guerilla leader of singular power, of remarkable eloquence, and with something of his leader's capacity for intervening at striking parliamentary moments. How is a party thus led and thus divided likely to go through the deadly passages of arms which lie before it? We confess we do not feel too confident in the matter. The question remains whether there is not a solution at hand.

We cannot but wish that Mr. Blake appeared as the actual leader of the Irish party. Mr. Blake is the only living Irishman who can claim to stand in Mr. Parnell's shoes, and who, in position, in experience, and in personal attraction, suggests the kind of champion of which a great country stands in need. Moreover, his presence in Mr. Parnell's place will excite none of the animosities which even Mr. McCarthy's gentle character arouses. He had no share in the troubles of Committee Room No. 15, nor in the stormy campaign which followed them. He came into Irish politics at a time when every true patriot was longing for a movement of reconciliation. We do not see, therefore, why his name should not be received by Parnellites, as well as anti-Parnellites as a sufficient pledge of the continued progress of the Nationalist movement in Parliament. Still, better would it be, we think, if Mr. Blake could reunite the Irish Parliamentary Party by formally including the Parnellite section. As a preliminary to this movement of reunion, why should not Mr. Redmond take service under Mr. Blake very much as Mr. Healy acted under Mr. Parnell? Mr. Healy could, of course, prevent such a reunion if he chose, but we have better hopes of his patriotism and good sense. A reunited Irish party would be of enormous value to the Home Rule movement.

A Christmas Spread.

We have the pleasant duty of congratulating Bernard Tansey, Esq., on his usual energy and his great success in securing a splendid Christmas dinner for the poor, the orphans and the widowed. During the last twenty-six years, as certainly as Christmas time came around, Mr. Tansey bestirred himself to procure turkeys and all the other necessities to make up a grand dinner for the inmates of St. Patrick's Orphanage and St. Bridget's House of Refuge. Until two years ago he was ably assisted by the late Mr. Joseph Cloran and Mr. Michael Feron. During the last two years Mr. Tansey kept up the good work single handed, and with phenomenal success. This year he collected 86 turkeys and the spread was a glorious success. Mr. Tansey desires to return his sincere thanks to all the good people who contributed to this real work of charity, and in the name of the young and old, whose hearts were made happy on that occasion, he sends each and all of those kind friends a hearty and grateful Christmas and New Year's greeting.

Let Others Do Likewise.

MR. J. K. FORAN, Editor TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent, having been at the General Hospital, Mattawa, Ont., visiting a dear friend, was very much disappointed in not seeing your very valuable paper there. It is my prayer that such ornaments of our religion may be appreciated, for they are doing the good work of their Master. Please find one dollar enclosed for subscription for the Mattawa General Hospital.

Yours, &c.,
JAMES SAVAGE.

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