

C. M. B. A. PUBLIC MEETING IN KINGSTON.

On Tuesday evening, April 11th, Branch No. 3, C. M. B. A., Kingston, held a public meeting and concert in the City Hall. The chair was occupied by Grand Supervising Medical Examiner Dr. Ryan, Mayor of Kingston, who, on opening the meeting, gave a hearty welcome to those present and explained to them the object of the gathering. The concert consisted of selections by the Citizens band and solos by some of the best talent in Kingston. Of course, the feature of the evening was the address delivered by Grand Organizer Bro. W. P. Killackey. Bro. Killackey spoke for over an hour, and made a splendid impression on the large audience present. His remarks were by no means confined to the insurance element alone, but dealt in the larger sphere of fraternity and the good that must follow morally, socially and religiously to those who obey the tenets of the Association. His fervent remarks were time and again greeted with applause. Before the meeting closed, the chairman urged those present to study closely the work being done by the C. M. B. A., and if it met with their approval then to become members. He also announced that during the week, and on Sunday afternoon the members would be in their hall to receive applications. The result has been that twenty nine applicants have already undergone medical examination, and the good work is still going on. The value of the meeting was not confined to the city, for Sunday, April 15, a meeting was held at Kingston Mills, which was addressed by Bros. Killackey, Behan and Ryan. The result of this meeting was sixteen new applications and a new branch formed there on April 26th by Brother Killackey. And so the work goes on.

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP McDONALD ON SOCIETIES.

"There is another matter, dearly beloved, which we deem our sacred duty to bring to your notice, and it is the reprehensible conduct of those who, wishing to be considered dutiful Catholics, nevertheless have no hesitation in associating themselves to those secret societies which have not been approved by our Holy Church. All the faithful should understand that the Catholic Church condemns the very principle on which secret societies are founded, and has at all times disavowed their existence, while to their more pernicious forms she has meted out an unqualified condemnation."

Bishop McDonald cites the Pope's condemnation of non Catholic societies for Catholics and says:

"There is, then, dearly beloved, no mistaking the doctrine of the Church as explained by the Vicar of Christ, regarding those secret societies which never have met, and never will meet, with her approval, and it is therefore incumbent on the faithful to carefully abstain from the membership of all such associations, and especially when the same pecuniary advantages which they claim to possess, may be obtained with equal facility in Catholic societies approved by the Church. Now, that there be no misunderstanding our position in this regard, we forbid the faithful under our spiritual care from associating as members with all such societies, whether now existing, or to be organized at any future time."

If we love God, the world expects us to be doing something to show it.

THE BANNER BRANCH.

Branch No. 50, C. M. B. A., of Deseronto, Ont., again takes its place as the Banner Branch of Canada, having broken all previous records in C. M. B. A. working by initiating thirty-five applicants on Wednesday evening, 14th April, all secured during April, which, with other initiations during the month, will give this branch the enviable record of having not only initiated the largest number at any one meeting, but also in any month, wholly obtained in that month.

Grand Deputy Bro. E. J. Edwards seems determined to keep in the lead and set an example for all other Grand Deputies throughout Canada.

Who will beat this work in any month this year?

Organizer Killackey, who was present at the meeting, highly commended the work of the members, especially Bros. Edwards, McNeill, Gaulin, Hynes, Hart and Meagher, and urged them to make it fifty before the end of the month. He also delivered a stirring address on C. M. B. A. fraternity as manifested in Deseronto.

PROGRESS OF BRANCH 54.

S. R. Brown, E. J.

Dear Sir and Bro. — The affairs of this branch financially and otherwise are in a very flourishing condition.

The thanks of the membership are given, and deservedly so, to Treasurer Thos. McDonnell for bringing in the last batch of five new members.

Brother McDonnell has been an earnest worker in the past, and to him alone is the credit of bringing into this branch most of those who are now members of it.

The branch attended Holy Communion in a body at Easter.

Our worthy President, C. O'Brien, never fails the branch in any undertaking, and to him in an especial manner is the *esprit du corps* of it due.

The branch intend to have an excursion on Dominion Day, and we trust our friends will range themselves under the banner of Branch 54 on that occasion. Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS D. DALY, Sec.

REV. FATHER WALSH, OF TORONTO, HONORED.

The Toronto Globe of the 26th ult. contained the following report of a very pleasant event which took place on the previous day at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes:

The church of Our Lady of Lourdes was crowded last evening on the occasion of the presentation of an address to the Rev. Father Walsh, who will shortly remove to the parish of St. Helen's, at Brockton. Among those present were Messrs. J. J. Foy, M. P. P., Commander Law, J. J. Cosgrove, T. C. Thompson, Arthur Anglin, T. J. Lee, John Lee, Vincent Hughes, Bernard Hughes, J. J. Welsh, M. D. Ryan, Edmund Foy, Thomas Long, M. O'Connor, R. A. Aymong and Gorman.

The address, which had been prepared by a committee on behalf of the congregation, was read by Mr. Thos. Long. It expressed deep regret at the severance of the ties which had for so many years existed between Father Walsh and the congregation, who had endeared himself to them by his devotion to their spiritual welfare; gratefully acknowledged the interest he had taken in their friendly and benevolent societies; accredited the establishment of the Separate school in the parish to

his efforts, as also the reduction of the debt to his administrative zeal and ability; and begged him to carry with him the heartfelt wishes of the congregation for his happiness and success in his new field of Christian labor. A purse containing about \$170 accompanied the address.

Father Walsh, in responding, said that he felt grateful, indeed, for the very kind expression of esteem and affection which they had voiced in the address. He had desired that no presentation should accompany the address, because he knew that the congregation had always generously contributed towards the funds of the church, and he did not need anything extra. They had always been good and kind. However, as the money has been subscribed, there would always be found means of disposing of it in works of charity and mercy, and he should regard the gift as a generous act on their part, as it represented the good wishes of the people among whom he had found it a pleasure to work for the long period of ten years. When he first came to the parish he had thought it would be a difficult task to take up the work of his esteemed predecessor, but he soon found that the congregation were considerate enough to overlook his inexperience. Peace and harmony had accompanied their relations during the decade, and the fact made the separation more painful. He would never forget the happy time he had spent among them, or the generosity, kindness and affection extended to him from all quarters. Time could not weaken the sympathetic tie which attached him to them. He wished them and their families the choicest blessings of Almighty God.

The members of the congregation then came forward one by one, and, shaking hands with their pastor, affectionately bade him good-bye and wished him success in his new parish.

The Toronto Register of the 27th inst. made the following reference to the exchange of parishes:

From the first announcement of the exchange of parishes between Fathers Walsh and Cruise, it was expected that neither priest would wish to have any formal leave-taking from his congregation. Both are very much loved by the people among whom they have labored, and apart from the severing of the ties that bind priest and people, the change is very satisfactory, being within the city for one thing, and St. Helen's, to which Father Walsh goes, being an important and growing parish. It is interesting to recall the fact that the early associations of the late Archbishop Walsh with St. Helen's parish were always dear to his heart. Brockton was his first charge. It may be said that Father Walsh had therefore a bond of union with St. Helen's people before hand.

THE C. M. B. A. MEMBERS OF TORONTO

Attend Musical Vespers at St. Mary's.

(SERMON BY VICAR GENERAL McCANN)

The services at St. Mary's on Sunday night, May 2, were of an unusually brilliant and interesting character. Grand musical vespers was given, and the members of the city branches of the C. M. B. A. attended in a body, making a fine showing. The celebrant was Rev. Father Dollard, assisted by Rev. Wm. McCann as deacon and Rev. Father Sheridan as sub deacon. The church was full to overflowing by the pious congregation, and the music of

the choir, under the able leadership of Mrs. O'Sullivan, organist, and Mrs. McPherson, delighted and edified all present. Vicar General McCann preached a grand and vigorous sermon on the Glories of Mary, the Queen of May, and was listened to throughout with rapt attention. He urged on the people the necessity of having more faith in her intercession, and advocated a return to the practice of simple and sincere faith in every day life. We are too utilitarian and wrapped up in material and worldly interests. Concluding he spoke words of praise for the C. M. B. A., and for its good work as a society and thanked the members present for testifying their active faith by being present there that evening in such a strong body.

The music rendered by the choir, under the efficient direction of Mrs. Geo. G. McPherson, was all that could be desired. Mr. L. Sijous' artistic singing of Faure's "Crucifixus" was a delightful treat. The choir's rendition of "An Evening Hymn" by Reinecke was decidedly out of the ordinary and reflected great credit upon the skill of the director. Mr. M. Costello's pleasing tenor voice was heard to advantage in the fine tenor obligato of the composition. Pachelbel's "Gloria" was exquisitely sung by Mrs. J. D. Warde. The solos in the vespers were most acceptably sung by Mrs. Wigmore, Miss Haines, Miss Walsh, Miss Memory, Mr. J. D. Warde, Mr. Fulton. Mr. McPherson's dramatic rendition of "Juravit Dominus et non ponit eum, tu es sacerdos in aeternum secundum ordinem Melchisedech" is worthy of mention.

THE CORONATION OATH.

Branch 36, Guelph.

The following is a report of the special committee appointed to consider the communication received from the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa:

Moved by Chancellor Purcell, seconded by Prof. Doherty, that

Whereas at a public meeting held in Ottawa, on the 16th February last, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That the Roman Catholics of Ottawa, as loyal subjects of the British empire, desire to express their regret that there should be required of the sovereign of the empire, at coronation or at any other time, a declaration against Transubstantiation, by which the Sacrifice of the Mass and other doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church are stigmatized as superstitious and idolatrous:

"That they sincerely trust that the spirit of broad toleration which within the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty and the two preceding sovereigns removed this declaration from the statute-books, as far as members of Parliament, peers of the realm, and office holders are concerned, will, at the request of humble but dutiful subjects of the empire, cause it to be repealed in so far as it relates to the supreme head of the State;

"That they believe that the removal of this objectionable declaration would enable the Roman Catholics of the empire to enter with more profound feelings of loyal affection into the spirit of a ceremony which should be the occasion of nothing but mutual esteem and good will on the part of both sovereign and subjects."

It is resolved by Branch 36, C. M. B. A., of Guelph, that the above resolution has our hearty endorsement, and we hope and trust that the laudable