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#### This Century and Its Saints.

The shibboleth of the Nineteenth Contury is liberty, equality and fra-ternity, says the Afonitor. In the natural order it is hard to conceive of a more perfect ideal than that which is comprised in these terms. In this ideal democracy there is no room for dividing lines of discriminate contingencies. It is so perfect in itself that it demands a high degree of perfection on the part of its devotees and holders. Whether the nineteenth century originated this perfect concept of social obligations; whether the spirit of the nineteenth century can supply the condition for the attainment of this ideal, these are questions not to be dealt with here. It wearies Catholics to hear the constant iteration of the claims of the fin de siecle spirit. This spirit is mostly negative and evinces itself in a continual craving and undefined longing, a sense that something is wanting for our repletion, but what that something is not even those who are most conscious of the void can determine. Humanity wants that which science cannot give it, and cries in anguish for something human, something which appeals to its human instinct, its loves and fears, its joys and sorrows, its hopes and its despair, its impulses and its passions. He whose burden is heavy calls for it to be lightened. He who is in sorrow craves for sympathy. He whose horizon is bounded by the annihilation of the tomb strains his eyes to look beyond. The fin de siede spirit has made the world so weary and so desolate, that even Zola has been made to say: "It seems as if the world has lived too long and will be forced to retrograde to the Middle Ages with their mysticism, which was more than a religion, being part and parcel of their existence." Where there is such vagueness and lack o definite desire how can there be that strength and cheerfulness so necessary to the attainment of good? The nineteenth century desires well enough, but has no means to achieve the ideal of brotherhood of man. Jesus Christ, the Divine Founder of the Catholic Church, originated the idea of the common fraternity of men. He has set the example and left the precepts by which it may be attained. Notwithstanding all caviling and carping, it is in the lives of the children of the Church the idea of a perfect democracy is almost nearly realized. St. Joseph Labre, starving in the Colosseum and begging alms for the Roman poor; St. Vincent de Paul, in the galleys and picking up the waifs of a wicked, disordered city; the thirty thousand of his spiritual daughters continuing his work to-day; St. Francis of Assisi, bacing himself of his garments to give warmth to the wretched tramp; St. Charles Borromeo facing the horrors and leatherms greatesles of Miles in and loathsome spectacles of Milan in the clutches of the plague; St Frances the widow of Rome, bearing the prunings of her vineyard on her shoulders to make fires for the freezing peasants of the Campagna; St. Joseph Calasanctius, incorporating a body of men to teach the lost and outcast children the gutters of a mediaeval city; Cardinal Manning, fighting for the rights of the East End dockers against the combined plutocracy of the British Empire; Father Damien giving his youth and strength to the outcast lepers of the Pacific Islands; Cardinal Lavigerie on the burning Saharan sands making a crusade for the miserable slaves of the Arabs; these are the spiritual phenomena that give guarantee of the reality of the love one bears to another. By their fruits shall ye know them, and nowhere can there be found such examples of heroic self-forgetting, steadfast love and undying desire which approach so near the attainment by the Nineteeuth Century—the perfect brotherhood of

man .- American Catholic News.

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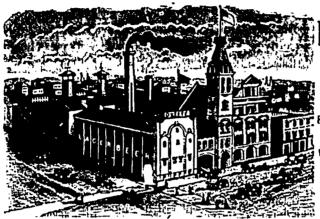
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But friends forbear to drop a tear. The spirit lives in love divine : A beauteous circie it adorns, Bedecked in majorty aublimo. To dwell within that sacred fold, In splendor ever grand and bright, To ornament that hallowed spot, Embellished with immortal light.

Lockton, Jan. 21, 1993.

#### Condolence.

Brantrone, January 22, 1893.
At the last regular meeting of Branch 5, C. M. B. A., held Monday, Jan. 16th, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:
Moved by Brother Doyle, seconded by

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Whereas Almighty God has seen fit to afflict our Brothers, William and Thomes
Fleming, by taking to Himself from one a
dearly beloved daughter and from the other
days slater in the version of Sixter Jose. dearly beloved daughter and from the other a dear sister, in the person of Sister Josephine, late of St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, and late personally known to many members of this Branch, and of St. Basil's congregation, and justly esteemed and revered by all for her saintly piety, the bright example of charity and religious fervor she has set, and the many good deeds she has left as monuments to her life of self-sacrifice and dovotion in the service of her Master. Be it resolved that this Branch, in regular meeting assembled extend to Brothers William and Thomas Fleming and the sorrowing family their heartfelt sympathy with them in the hour of their bereavement, and trust that the knowledge that showhom

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hereafter.
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Moved by Bro. Sinon, seconded by Bro. Doyle:

Whereas it has been the will of our Heavenly Father, to which all bow submicsively, to visit with deep affliction our Brother, Wm. Comerford, in removing by the hand of death his kind and loving father, who, though not a member of our Association, was well known by nearly every member of this Branch, and justly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact for his noble and sterling qualities:

Be it resolved that we tender to Brother Comerford and the afflicted family our unspeakable sympathy with them in the great loss they have sustained. Words are poor and inadequate to express the sorrow and commiseration we feel, and, which we

and commiscration we feel, and, which we believe is felt by all the members of St. Basil's congregation, of which Mr. Comerford was one of the oldest, as he has been one of the most faithful adherents. We trust that Divine consolation may be extended to our bereaved Brother and family.

Be it further resolved that we extend to our worthy Financial Secretary, Brother James Feeny, our sympathy in his loss, not only of a brother-in-law, but also of a kind and true friend, whose death we all so deeply mourn; and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to Bros. William and Thomas Fleming, and Bros. William Comerford and James Feeny, and to the official journals for publication.

WENDLIN SCHULER, Secretary, Brauch 5, C. M. B. A.

### A. O. H.

The Provincial Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Mr. John McGarry, has received from Mr. J. Howard Hunter, registrar of Friendly Societies, a certificate of registry of the order, declaring that it is "accordingly registered for the transaction of insurance against sickness and death in the province of Ontario for the term beginning on the 22nd day of December, and ending on the first day of June, 1893, subject to the aforesaid act" (insurance corporation's act, 1892).

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