

## SOCIETY HAPPENINGS.

## Other Items of Interest in Cities and Towns.

## E. B. A.

Davitt Branch No. 11, Toronto. The last regular meeting was very largely attended by the members and visitors from other Branches, amongst others the following members of the Executive Committee, D. A. Carey, D. McDonald, A. McGinn and M. Mahoney. After the routine of business the members of the committee made some very able addresses upon the present and future standing of the Association that were received with great applause.

The concert on the 18th for St. Helen's Church was well patronized, each artist receiving well merited applause, and great praise is due Miss E. Graham, Pianist, for the very efficient manner in which she arranged and carried out the programme.

St. Helen's Branch No. 21 Peterborough, are making great efforts to build up their Branch, and during the past six weeks have received 32 applications, and several have passed the medical examination and been initiated.

March the 18th was a red letter day for the Branch, so they held a very successful Concert and a Lecture by C. R. Devlin, Esq., and its needless to say that it was listened to with rapt attention, and great credit is due the committee for the fine programme they prepared for their patrons.

W. LANE, S. T.

## C. O. F.

The regular meeting of Sacred Heart Court No. 201, Toronto, took place Thursday last. John J. Neander, Chief R., presiding. A large number were present; one gentleman was initiated a member of the Order and of this Court—also two gentlemen proposed for membership. Among the many visitors from the east, Montreal and Ottawa, were Bros. Leon Boiteau (St. Dominic Court), J. A. Moran, Treasurer (Capital Court), M. Gulan, (Capital Court), Louis Deloraine, (Capital Court), Joseph Deloraine (Sacred Heart Court). These gentlemen spoke highly of the rapid progress of Catholic Forestry in the east and maritime provinces. In Montreal alone there exist 32 Courts of this Order, which proves the fact that Catholic gentlemen in that city are making provision for their dependants should the strong arm of Father Time chance to call them away; their wife and dear little family would not be left out depending upon the cold charity of the world. This is a sacred duty which devolves upon every Catholic gentleman to make provision for his little family which God has blessed him with; this every man can do at a small per cent. per month in the Catholic Order of Foresters.

These gentlemen in the course of their remarks thanked the officers and members of Sacred Heart Court for their courtesy to them and said they would bear away with them pleasant memories of the Toronto Foresters and of their short visit to that city. Also gave a hearty invitation to the Foresters of Toronto to visit them in the near future.

Bro. Pape of St. Joseph's Court No. 370, Toronto, was also present and took an active part in Catholic Forestry. We are always pleased to meet our visiting Bros., and hope to have the pleasure of entertaining them often. After remarks by several of the Bros., a very sociable time was spent in song, recitation, etc. We request all the members of the Court to be present at the next meeting which will take place April 4th, 1895. Initiation will take place at this meeting. The meeting then closed in the regular form with prayer.

ANDREW KERR, Sec.

## A. O. H.

The last regular meeting of Div. 3, A.O.H., Toronto, was held on the 14th instant. The particular part of the meeting was the presenting of a beautiful locket and an illuminated address to the Rev. Father Tracey, D.D., late Chaplain of the Division and who of late has been transferred to St. Michael's. Long before the time for opening every available seat in the large hall was filled, the Brothers from the other Divisions taking advantage of the occasion, and it is needless to say, they were welcome. Sharp on time Brother Moore, the popular President of Div. 3, called the meeting to order. As the Sentinel was closing the door it seemed to run slow on its hinges and little may we wonder when the Rev. Father Ryan, Chancellor of St. Michael's had his shoulder firmly against it. There was a stay to the proceedings and the Rev. Father Ryan and Father Tracey were escorted to the platform. Business then was proceeded with, all orders being suspended that could possibly be laid over for another meeting. On the arrival of

new business Brother Joseph P. O'Neill read the address and also made the presentation. When your readers know that Bro. O'Neill is a lineal descendant of the O'Neills of Ulster they will not be surprised at his interest in Hibernian affairs. The Rev. Father Ryan addressed the members at considerable length, his long acquaintance with the Order in the greater Ireland, the United States, made his words golden to the ears of the Brothers of Toronto. A short but appropriate address by the popular President of Div. 1, Bro. Rutledge, followed by a song from Father Ryan and an address by Bro. Dr. T. F. McMahon, Medical Examiner for Div. 3. Addresses were also delivered by Bro. John L. Lee, President Div. 2; Bro. M. J. Ryan, Recording Secretary Div. 2; Bro. McClean, Div. 1, and last but not least a song from the popular ex-President of Div. 3, Bro. Daniel Glynn, all of which was most heartily received. Bro. H. Kelly, President of Div. 5, eulogized the Division on their successful meeting and felt always pleased to visit Div. 3 when so much true Irish nationality was expressed. Nor can the writer let the occasion pass without paying a debt of gratitude to Bro. Owens, who did the artistic work on the address. While we know it was to him a labor of love, nevertheless many thanks are due him for his zeal on this occasion. But like all the work undertaken by Bro. Owens it is well done. In every movement for the benefit of his countrymen there will be found George Owens, as he is familiarly called. Possessed of an indomitable courage that knows no defeat and the warm Wexford blood flowing through his veins Hibernianism has become his attraction. With the history on his lips and the strong national teaching from a kind, patriotic mother's knee, little can be our surprise to find him the idol of all who love honor and patriotism. Our only prayer is that as he reaches the fullness of manhood with the good-will of all that the young life so happily begun will continue an honor to his loving parents, sisters and brothers, by whom he is revered.

WM. PERKINS, Rec. Sec., Div. 3, A.O.H.

To Rev. Father Tracey, D.D.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER—We the members of Div. 3, A.O.H. of Toronto take this opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt thanks for your many favors while Chaplain of our Div. Although but a short time connected with our organization, we have had many opportunities of learning your real worth both as a priest an Irishman and a friend. We appreciate your presence at all our meetings and your eloquent, learned and deeply instructive addresses which always manifested a thorough knowledge of every phase of the history and character of our illustrious race. The kind advice and keen paternal solicitude evinced by you in our conduct and deliberations have we are pleased to say produced the most happy results in the remarkably improved attendance of our members at all meetings of the Division and in their zeal for the advancement and well being of the Order.

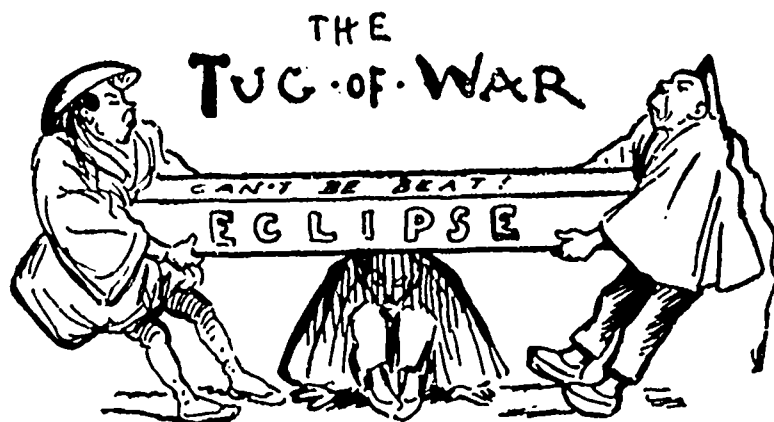
For these reasons and your many ennobling attributes of head and heart you have endeared yourself to us beyond power of ours to express. Impressed with these recollections and aware of the fact that you were actuated by the most disinterested motives in identifying yourself with us in the welfare of our much loved ancestral home beyond the sea it is not surprising that we should feel acutely your separation from us.

But the poignancy of the parting is somewhat mitigated by the reflection that our good friends of St. Michael's will find what we have abundantly discovered in you the gentle zealous and erudite Soggarth Aaron of our race. We pray the giver of all good to grant you a long happy and useful life in the service of our Heavenly Father and when you are offering up to Him the divine mysteries of our holy religion may we not venture to hope that you will kindly remember your old friends of Division 3, A.O.H. Toronto.

Signed on behalf of the Division:—Joseph P. O'Neill, Patrick Dowe, Daniel Madden, Thomas Marshman, George J. Owen,

FATHER TRACEY'S REPLY.

The Rev. Father after thanking the members for the kind words contained in the address dwelt at some length on the three Cardinal Principles of the A.O.H. Friendship is the influence which heaven imparts to those who feel an abiding kindness towards their fellow man. By friendship we become united as brothers; friendship teaches us to be kindly towards each other. Irish Catholic friendship should not only be taught and practised towards our countrymen of our own faith but towards our countrymen irrespective of religion. In the history of the struggles of Ireland for freedom no truer son to her could be found than the Irish Protestant who give up their lives on the scaffold that their country might be free. As the names of Emmett, Grattan, Wolfe Tone, Mitchell, Martin, Parnell and a host of others the applause with which they were received told plainly it was a Irish National Meeting. Continuing the Rev. Father said we have been listening to words from an alien that we should be disunited, that the gospel has been taught by a false teacher. Unity is the guiding star of all worthy endeavor. By unity races rise to prominence and influence



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the destiny of the world. May this unity among Irishmen continue to grow and increase until we reach the goal for which we so long and so patiently struggled in vain; then will we be respected by the nations of the earth. As the Rev. Father took his seat the applause was long and continuous.

WM. PERKINS, Rec. Sec'y.

## C. M. B. A.

OTTAWA.

Moved by District Deputy John P. McCarthy seconded by Bro. W. M. Brophy that

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Brother William Wall, a character member and Chancellor of Branch No. 156 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

Resolved that while bowing to the all wise will of Providence, we desire to extend to the widow and family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their sad affliction, and pray God will strengthen them to bear the great loss which they have sustained.

Be it further resolved that our Charter be draped for a period of five months, this resolution entered in the minutes, and a copy sent to the family of deceased and to the Official organs of this Association.

## C. Y. L. L. A.

The C. Y. L. L. A. held their regular meeting in St. Patrick's Hall, McCaul St., last Monday evening: minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. It was decided that the Association would in future meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

A despatch was read from Her Excellency, Countess of Aberdeen, in reference to the concert to be given by the Association in Massey Music Hall the last week in May, at which Her Excellency will be present. A letter was read from the Sub-editor of the Woman's Globe requesting an account of the work done by the C.Y.L.L.A. for their issue of April 18th.

A committee was appointed to arrange for an entertainment to be given in St. Patrick's Hall, McCaul St., during Easter week. Miss M. S. Hart read an interesting article on Education and Culture.

A vocal solo by Miss Harrington was appreciated, and a piano solo by Miss M. Lawlor closed a very pleasant evening.

## Brockton.

At the last regular monthly meeting of the St. Helen's Sanctuary Society, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to Himself the Very Rev. Dean Cassidy, late pastor of our parish, and

Whereas as Sanctuary Boys, in the close intercourse we had with him, we always found in him a kind and indulgent father, be it therefore

Resolved, that we the members of St. Helen's Sanctuary Society, will always reverence the memory of our deceased pastor and endeavor to put in practice the salutary lessons and good advice he so frequently gave us, be it also

Resolved, that we hereby tender to Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy, the venerable parents of the deceased, and to Dr. Cassidy our heartfelt sympathy and expressions of sorrow in their affliction. It is further

Resolved that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the Society, and that a copy be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy and to Dr. Cassidy.

JOHN MALLOY, Sec.

The Catholic Almanac for Ontario is now to be had from the Office of the Catholic Register, mailed on receipt of price, 25 cents.

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(Rev.) J. M. CRUISE,

JAS. W. MALLON,

Executors.

If a man would keep both integrity and independence free from temptation let him keep out of debt. Dr. Franklin says, "It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright."

Many a true heart, that would have come back like a dove to the ark after its first transgression, has been frightened beyond recall by the savage conduct of an unforgiving spirit.

## New Goods.

The latest brand in carpets is to be found at the well-known house of John Kay, Son & Co., 34 King St. West, Toronto. Just now there are new openings, which include the finest patterns in carpets, together with rare purchases in rugs, curtains, draperies, oilcloths, linoleums, and all the other fixtures in this line which equip and adorn the home. As to quality, there need be no doubt, for the seal of this house is a guarantee that the goods are genuine; and in the matter of price, it will be found in the long run that that charged by John Kay & Co. is the most moderate, judged by the value received.

## Head of Its Class.

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The "Mutual" is a favorite with the hierarchy and clergy of the United States, many of whom (among them the late Cardinal McCloskey) have availed of its advantageous terms of insurance. Some of the clergy of Canada, we learn, have also selected this celebrated Company for life investments; and the enormous volume of its business scattered far and wide, would indicate the firm hold it has on the confidence of the public generally. The local Agent is Mr. H. K. Merritt, whose office are in the Bank of Commerce building. He strictly adheres to the policy of the "Mutual" in holding out the most favorable terms offered to insurers.