

C. M. B. A.

Answers to correspondents.—Branch 26 Montreal.—There is no section in our constitution compelling members, that are not officers, to attend the regular meetings of the Branch.—Section 1 Article 10 governs the attendance of the officers at Branch meetings.

In some branches the Financial Secretary will not accept any money from members except at the time stated in the "order of business." This plan helps to have better attendance at meetings.

Your argument is good. It is difficult to understand how a member can fulfill that part of his obligation where he says, "He will use due diligence in becoming acquainted with all the laws of the Association," if he does not attend his Branch meetings occasionally.

Branch 49, Toronto.—The President was right. The Constitution does not require the president to ask the Branch "What is the wish of the Branch regarding application for membership." The Branch takes no action except merely to have the application read, entered on the minute book, and referred to Board of Trustees. This is provided for in Section 3 Article 11 page 65, Constitution, and is imperative. If the reports from the Supervising Examiners and the Board of Trustees are favorable, then the Branch takes action by means of the ballot box.

Branch No. 63, St. Mary's, Ont., was organized by Grand President O'Connor on the 6th inst. Rev. Father Brennan, parish priest of St. Mary's, takes considerable interest in the work of our Association, and with him as its first president this Branch must certainly prosper.

List of officers:—President.—Rev. P. Brennan. First Vice-president.—Henry Carr. Second Vice-president.—Patrick McFadden. Recording Secretary.—James Kennedy. Assistant Secretary.—H. Carr. Financial Secretary.—John Fleming. Treasurer.—Rev. E. Brennan. Marshall.—Thomas Teavlin. Guard.—William Hasey. Trustees for one year.—Rev. P. Brennan and J. Kennedy.

Trustees for two years.—James Moir, Henry Carr and Richard Nolan.

Notices of assessment No. 13 were mailed to all our Branches on the 8th inst. and calls for the distribution of \$14,000, of which \$6,000 goes to Pennsylvania, \$4,000 to New York, and \$4,000 to Canada.

Bro. Finn expects to have at least 6 Montreal Branches represented at our next G. C. Convention. Our Montreal Branches are doing well; their Branch membership is constantly increasing, and the manner in which they transact business with our Grand Secretary's office is very satisfactory.

Reserve Fund Statement

Showing the amount transferred to Reserve Fund each Branch in Canada up to the 31st day of October, 1887:

Table with columns for Branch Name, Date, and Amount. Includes entries for Windsor, St. Thomas, Amherstburg, London, Brantford, Stratford, Sarnia, Chatham, Kingston, St. Catharines, Dundas, Berlin, Stratford, Galt, Toronto, Prescott, Paris, Niagara Falls, Ingersoll, Maidstone, St. Clements, Wallaceburg, Seaforth, Toronto, Windsor, Montreal, Ottawa, Peterborough, Guelph, Windsor, Morrisburg, Almonte, Goderich, Port Lambton, Hamilton, Cornwall, Newmarket, Montreal, Woodstock, Brockville, Arnprior, Tecumseh, Walkerton, Arthur, New Germany, Toronto, Montreal, Barrie, Winnipeg, Mount Forest, Montreal, St. Agatha, Hamilton, Orillia, Ottawa, Dublin, Merrion, Canard River, and St. Mary's.

Total \$63391. SAMUEL R. BROWN, London, Oct. 8th, 1887. Grand Sec.

The very highest church in Europe is the pilgrimage chapel of St. Maria de Zitate, in the canton of Graubunden. It lies nearly 8,000 feet high above the forest, near the limits of perpetual snow. It is only open during the summer time of that region, and is used only by the Alpbards, who remain with their cows and goats, and occasionally by hunters in search of the chamois and marmot.

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC RECORD. CHATHAM, N. B.

Chatham is a lively town on the Miramichi River, in the County of Northumberland. About half the population are Catholics. The surrounding country is fertile and will compare favorably with any section in the Province.

But it is the lumber trade that has been the main support of the town. The logs are rafted down from the interior, and four large mills, employing about a thousand hands or more, convert them into lumber of all lengths and widths. Only one mill is now in operation, and in consequence business is somewhat at a stand still. It is expected that the demand for lumber will soon increase and all the mills will be working as usual.

The people of the town have great expectations of future prosperity in the erection of an extensive pulp mill now in the course of erection, and expect to be in working order next spring. It is thought will employ about five hundred hands. It is also intended to have a paper mill attached, so that all things considered the prospects for the future prosperity of the town are very favorable.

About twenty-seven years ago the diocese of St. John, N. B., was divided, the northern portion, consisting of the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Madawaska, Victoria, Northumberland, and that part of Kent County north of the Richibucto River was created into a separate diocese and the present incumbent, Right Rev. Dr. Rogers, was made bishop, episcopate seat being at Chatham. The Catholic population is 50,000. There are three hospitals directed by Religious Sisters, one College, eight Convents, and seven Female Academies directed by Sisters. The number of priests at present in the Diocese is forty-five. Many churches, convents, and presbyteries have been erected and new parishes created since the formation of the new Diocese.

About ten years ago the diocese met with a severe loss in the destruction by fire of the cathedral, palace, college and convent here. The insurance was small; the loss, however, was soon repaired, with the exception of the cathedral, as a cost of about twenty thousand dollars. A wing of the college was fitted up for public worship pending the erection of the cathedral, the excavation for which is made and considerable stone is on the ground. The Sisters of Hotel Dieu have charge of the boarding school, day school and hospital.

There is a temperance and literary society attached to the parish, both of which have a large number of members. They have a fine hall in which is a library and recreation room, and this reminds me that there is a good opening for the C. M. B. A. in the Maritime provinces. I have in an humble way endeavored to make known to many advantages and many expressed themselves pleased with it. Perhaps the authorities of the grand council might take the necessary steps to extend the association in these provinces, and in general I would suggest that a circular summarizing the working, cost, advantages, &c., of the association be printed and circulated where it is not well known. The association has not extended east past Montreal.

Chatham, N. B., Oct. 3d, 1887. L. K.

BISHOP LORAIN

CELEBRATES PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS AND BLESSES THE CHAPEL OF THE CONVENT.

Review Journal, Oct. 6.

On Wednesday morning, His Lordship Bishop Lorain of Pembroke, accompanied by Father Doucet, V. G. of the Diocese, arrived here by the 10 o'clock train, O. P. R. Immediately after his arrival he proceeded to the church where he celebrated the Pontifical High Mass. The English service was preached by Rev. Father Devine, P. P. of Osoeleo, and Father Chané, P. P. of Armprior, delivered a sermon in French, after which His Lordship gave a short discourse both in English and French, to the congregation. The following visiting priests were in attendance: Father Michel, Buckingham; Father Dusserre, south Gloucester; Father Chané, Armprior; Father Dugas, Montreal; Father Devine, Osoeleo; Father Holland, Mount St. Patrick, Father Sourel, Nimes, France; and Father Aynel.

Immediately after the celebration the Rev. Father Doucet was presented with a gold headed cane and address. The cane is a magnificent one the head being magnificently carved and engraved on one side is the Rev. Father's monogram and on the other the following: "To Rev. Father Doucet, P. P., Beaufort, from his admiring parishioners on the occasion of clearing from debt the Church, Separate School and Convent, Oct. 5th, 1887." Mr. Jos. Gravelle made the presentation on behalf of the congregation and Mr. P. Devine read the address. The Rev. Father made a short reply in which he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to those assembled for their tokens of esteem and hoped that the relations between him and his congregation would always be as they had been in the past—the most cordial description. The pastor during his residence here has by his pleasant and affable manner and fatherly kindness in his ministrations won the esteem and gratitude of all his parishioners and the presentation is but the outcome of that policy.

EXERCISES AT THE CONVENT.

At half past three His Lordship accompanied by the visiting clergy, proceeded to the Convent for the purpose of blessing the chapel there. He was met by the Sisters and accompanied to the hall where a number of ladies and trustees and the children of the school had assembled to welcome him. A platform was erected at one end of the hall for His Lordship and the visiting priests. As he entered the room Sister St. Albert played St. Alban's Grand March. When His Lordship had taken his seat the following programme was carried out by the children: Address of Welcome, Miss Teresa Devine, Vocal Chorus, "Welcome," by the children; Floral offering, Miss Libbie Irvine, My Enlarged, Minnie and Katie McDonald and Isabelle Rougier; vocal chorus, "Chant de Fete," by the children; dialogue, "Spirit Protector," Misses Teresa Devine, Corine Bronsseau, Alice Williams, Mary Ellen French, Minnie Fitzmaurice, Minnie Tierney, Amelia Pusey and Katie Fitzmaurice; "Floral Bouquet of Wishes," "Sonnets de l'Enfance"; vocal chorus, "The Greeting," by

ITS GLORY HAS DEPARTED.

The New Haven Palladium, speaking of the Protestant custom of leaving their churches closed for a season during the summer, remarks: "The custom of leaving a church un-supplied or supplied inadequately, during the summer, has a tendency to banish the force of all religious work. The care of human souls becomes a cheap matter, and growth is not to be expected. The Roman Catholic churches are always open. At an hour men or women may enter and pray, and seldom is any church without some one present on his knees. The priests must carry on the services at stated intervals, without interruption. Only in case of absolute necessity, and then by permission of the bishop, can those services be interrupted. The machinery of every church should be kept in motion, and in the best motion possible, without cessation, even if it is needful for those in charge to take vacations."

We hope we may not be considered imprudent if we suggest to our Protestant friends that if they wish to make their churches attractive, so that their people shall realize the importance of keeping them open all the year round, and love to visit them at all times, they must restore the Real Presence and the holy Sacrifice of the Altar which their forefathers so ardently and with such blind fatality threw overboard.

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP LERAY.

A dispatch received from Paris on the 24th ult. announced the decease of Archbishop Francis Xavier Leray of New Orleans. Archbishop Leray was a native of France on religious business. His health when he left home was bad, but his death was unexpected to the clergy of the diocese. His death occurred among his relatives in the little town of Chateau Giron, Brittany. Monsignor Leray was educated in France and Baltimore. He came to America in 1843, and was soon after appointed prefect of St. Mary's College. He was subsequently appointed pastor of the Catholic churches in Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., and served as chaplain in the Confederate Army. In 1876 he was appointed Archbishop of Natchitoches, in 1879 transferred to Archbishop Perche, with the right of the diocese and control of the finances of the diocese, which were then in bad condition. On the death of Archbishop Perche, in 1883, he succeeded to the archbishopric. He had also administered the affairs of the diocese with great ability, he being specially noted as a financial manager. Archbishop Leray paid a visit to Rome last winter. Father P. L. Chappelle, formerly of New York, will succeed to the archbishopric, having been appointed coadjutor with the right of succession last May.

OBITUARY.

Miss Nora Minehan.

The Ottawa papers announce the death of Miss Nora Minehan of that city, daughter of Mr. Patrick Minehan, of the House of Commons permanent staff. The deceased young lady, who had attained her twenty-seventh year, was deservedly held in high estimation by all who knew her. To know her was to be enabled to appreciate gentleness, amiability, fidelity and devotedness. She bore a long illness with true Christian fortitude, willingly meeting death, after being comforted by the consolations and holy rites of religion. Her funeral, which took place on Sunday last, was very largely attended. We may say of this exemplary daughter of the Church that she leaves a memory dear to all her friends—one that will long, and indeed ever be cherished by them. We condole with her relatives in their loss and bereavement. May God grant peace to her soul.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE, MONTREAL.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Montreal Branch of the Irish National League held its annual meeting Oct. 3rd, afternoon, in the St. Patrick's Hall. The President, Mr. H. J. Cloran, occupied the chair. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held. The outgoing President briefly reviewed the work accomplished by the League during the past two years. The record was highly creditable to the branch, and showed how much had been done to advance the interests of national cause and Irish Home Rule. The Davitt and O'Brien demonstrations were events that would live in Irish and Canadian history. And in this regard the chairman paid a warm tribute to the patriotism and national spirit of the different Irish societies and athletic clubs, as well as to the sympathies of the French national and athletic organizations and to the Labor and Hackmen's Union, manifested by one and all on these occasions.

It was to the hearty co-operation of these different bodies that the success of the aforesaid events must be attributed. The chairman concluded by expressing the hope that his successor would continue to meet with the same encouragement in carrying out the objects of the League. He had now done his share of the work and would retire conscious of having done his duty under favorable as well as unfavorable circumstances.

At the close of the chairman's remarks the elections were proceeded with. Several speeches were made urging Mr. Cloran to stand for re-election, and as the meeting was unanimous, with the exception of one, in their solicitations, Mr. Cloran consented to hold office for another year, and he was elected without opposition. There were two candidates for vice-president, but one having withdrawn, Mr. M. Kelly was unanimously elected. Mr. Connaught, whose merits as treasurer were forcibly dwelt on, was also re-elected to fill that office. Mr. W. D. Burns was elected secretary with Mr. J. Darcy as assistant secretary. Mr. J. Roach was elected grand marshal. Mr. M. Hart, Noonan, Donnelly, P. Kehoe and M. Donovan were elected on the executive committee.

After the elections a vote of thanks was passed to the different societies, clubs and Unions for the assistance and sympathy extended to the League during the past year.

Mr. J. Roach then handed in the following list of subscribers, who were duly admitted on the membership roll: Michael Delahanty, \$; E. Elliott, \$1; Jas. McCarthy, \$; Harrison, \$1; G. Harrice, \$; J. C. Foley, \$1; S. Sullivan, \$1; W. Malloy, \$1; J. Crow, \$1; P. Doyle, \$1; S. McKenna, \$; John Foley, \$; M. Rapal, \$; Jas. Roach, \$1.

Mr. John M. Clay, the last son of the renowned statesman, Henry Clay, died at his home near Lexington, Ky., last week, a convert to the Catholic faith.

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My anticipation was justified by the fact, Ingersoll, so talkative generally, maintained a studied silence, though urged by the press and by interviewers in a way that must have been annoying to him. Two years after the appearance of the "Notes," one of his disciples, urged by "multiple requests and challenges," published a "Reply to Rev. L. A. Lambert's Notes on Ingersoll."

From these "multiple requests" it is natural to infer that some response was considered necessary and that Mr. B. W. Lacy was the man competent to give it. Notwithstanding the title of his book, it is in fact nothing more than an essay towards a defense of Ingersoll. In this "Reply" the author plays the part of the bat in the fabled war of the birds and beasts. He fits back and forth between the two contending parties, excepting a whole and a portion of neither. According to his own account of himself, he is an intellectual fog, in a state of suspension between two judgments, patiently awaiting more light. In the mean time, while in this nebulous condition, he is willing to give to all whom it may concern, the benefit of his advice, correction and information. Whatever we may think of his consistency, we cannot but admire his obliging disposition.

In what I have to say of this "Reply" I will follow the same method—that of quotation and comment—which was followed in the "Notes." This method avoids circumlocution, and at the same time gives each party the advantage of speaking for himself, and in his own words. Instead, however, of two parties, as in the "Notes," there will be four in the present discussion—Ingersoll, "Notes," Lacy and Lambert. Without further preface, Mr. Lacy will open the case.

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LETTER OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIII.