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O. M. B. A.

New Branch. Branch No. 123 was organized in Calgary on Jan. 9th by District Deputy J. K. Barrett...

From Alliston. At the last regular meeting of Branch 91, C. M. B. A., Alliston, it was moved by Brother Dwyer...

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To F. J. McGarrity, Esq. on his removal from Alliston. Dear Sir: BROTHER—The news of your intention to leave Alliston has been received by your many friends...

The Post says: "The truly good are great." This is not, we know, the world's view of greatness...

Measured by the rule of a Christian life, or by the unerring rule of a Christian life, you, dear Sir and Brother, have a claim to the title of truly Greatness in Alliston.

Since it has been our good fortune to know you, it has always been your aim to live to earn the esteem of your men...

Well, dear Sir and Brother, you are about to leave us. May fortune smile on you without captives in your new home!

It is our wish that you keep a warm corner in your heart for the men and women of our Alliston friends...

Accept this ring and wear it for our sake. It is a token of our love and affection...

Wm. Dennis, John Sloan, T. D. Hayden, J. J. Cain, Jas. J. Mullen, Owen McHugh, J. C. Gault, Pat. Dwyer, F. P. Carmichael, E. Small, J. Seaman, J. Doyle, E. Cahill, Hugh F. Kelly and J. C. Hart.

Branch No. 1, Smith's Falls. THE EDITOR CATHOLIC RECORD—As Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A., Smith's Falls, is very little heard from it must not be inferred that we are either relaxed or indifferent to the interests of either the Branch or Association.

Father Shea was so overpowered by the kindness of his friends and their expressions of kindness and sorrow at his departure that he was unable to find words to reply, as were most of the deputation.

On Tuesday evening the trustees of St. James' church, some of the congregation, members of the band and other special friends, assembled in the vestry to bid farewell to their pastor, when the following address and purse by the trustees on behalf of the congregation was read...

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER.—With feelings of regret and sorrow, your people of Seaford parish, have learned that you are about to leave us...

Our membership is rapidly increasing; the last number on the roll book now is fifty with applications still coming in.

Our members generally take a pride and a pleasure in forwarding the interests of our Branch which seldom fail of success and always engenders that right and generous spirit so productive of good in so many ways.

Resolutions of Condolence. The following resolutions of condolence were passed at the last regular meeting of Branch 91, Westport, on the evening of Saturday, April 17th:

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DIocese of London. Demonstration to Rev. Father Shea. Seaford Sun.

Our town has had a number of visitors and farewell demonstrations and cordial handshakings on the eve of Father Shea's departure for Cincinnati. All our people of both town and country are very sorry at his departure, as he has been a good, genial friend to all who have come within the circle of his acquaintance...

At the conclusion of the reading, Father Shea could not restrain his tears, and thanked the boys not on his own account, but because of their attachment to the Church of their fathers, in which he hoped to see them grow up good sons and exemplary men full of virtue and charity, which would insure their happiness here and heaven hereafter.

Several hundreds from both town and country escorted Father Shea to the station, where warm, last and hearty farewells were exchanged. From the platform of the coach, the Rev. Father thanked them and prayed God to bless them, when three rousing cheers were given as the train steamed out.

From Irishtown. Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION. To Reverend Peter McCabe.

REVEREND AND VERY DEAR FATHER—The parishioners of Irishtown and Mitchell (through the medium of the undersigned) with discriminating minds and appreciating hearts, discovering your worth and valuing it, take the liberty to approach you respectfully and with that deference which is due to one in the high vocation of the priesthood...

Your power as a preacher has been the subject of most favorable comment; your eloquent, clear and terse exposition of the gospel has inspired in the minds of the people a fervor that we hope will be permanent. Your well-directed care and attention to the religious instruction of the rising generation and your efforts to come to the path which you have chosen, the numerous sinners with which it is beset will no doubt bear good fruit and secure to all who hearken to and treasure up your words of wisdom an old age of virtuous tranquility.

Your great zeal in attending to the spiritual welfare of the sick (unusually numerous this season) admirably displayed your self-denial and singleness of purpose, for, in the darkest night when nature throws its mantle of gloom over the plain, you desisted all personal danger and promptly hurried to the bedside of the dying to seal their eyes in holyunction and illumine their dreary path in the glow of your benediction, and in all cases you preceded the alacrity of death.

Though you are still young and but a few short months in the ministry, and in our midst, yet we have found you a model priest in every respect. The parishioners, recognizing so many services and good qualities, you having unconsciously ingratiated yourself with the mass of the people, who have always acute perception and clear discernment of what is for their good, desire to express their gratitude in a way more tangible than words, and solicit your acceptance of this solid gold watch, chain and cross, and we feel assured that you will prize it more as the free gift of your admiring friends than on account of its material value.

Hoping that you may live long to enjoy it, and may that grace or habitual justice, which is the fulness of Jesus Christ, ever abide in thee and perpetuate thy worthiness to perform the duties of your sacred calling.

only those of your parish, but the people of Seaford of all denominations feel that in your departure they will lose a loving friend and join with us in sorrow and manifestations of love and esteem for you ere you leave for a climate more congenial to your health in the more southern city of Cincinnati. Finally, dear father, we pray that God may grant you a long and happy life and trust that you will sometimes remember the people of Seaford in your prayers, and beg you to accept this purse as a small token of our esteem on the eve of your departure from amongst us. Signed by the trustees on behalf of the congregation, John Dorsey, Treasurer, M. McQuade, Secretary, Thos. Downey, M. McQuade, Thos. J. McQuade, J. Davaux, jr., D. McMillan, R. Devereux, D. Cleary.

At the conclusion of the address there were no dry eyes in the meeting, and Father Shea amid sobs and tears said he had no words to express his feeling and could not use them if he had. He did not think that he would feel so bad or that his leaving would cause such sorrow to his dear children and to his other friends who had met him this evening whom he would not call Protestants, but his dear friends whom he hoped his parishioners would never forget.

The head followed from the church to the priest's house, where they played some of their choicest pieces and were thanked, on behalf of Father Shea, by Mr. John Darwin, when they promised to escort him to the train on Thursday morning, at 7:50. According to agreement the band turned out and played a few tunes to cheer the good father on his way. It is said that a person had to leave a place to find out how much he is thought of. Such was the case with Father Shea. The kindly feeling for him was deep and real. He had been a whole-souled, benevolent, philanthropic man and his acts of charity were by no means confined to people of his own denomination, nor to those of his own country. His charity was as free as the air we breathe—hence all classes turned out to do him honor when he left our town where he had labored so successfully for the past years. We do not think that the rev. gentleman leaves one enemy behind, among either Protestants or Catholics, and we do not think he would be thought of as a traitor by his parishioners.

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