C. M. B. A.

We are pleased to note that our esteemed friend, Mr. Thos. Douglass, a member of Stratford Branch, has been elected to fill the position of Alderman in that city for the year 1888. Bro. Douglass will make an excellent official.

Assessments 16 and 17 were issued from the Supreme Recorder's office on January 4th, and from the Grand Secretary's office on 7th. It calls for the payment of 16 Beneficiaries, $28 000, of which $18 000 goes to New York State; $6,000 to Michigan; $4,000 to Pennsylvania, and $4,000 to Canada.

Branches desiring to have the same Medical Examiner for 1888 as they had for 1887 are requested to notify Dr. Hanavan, Supervising Medical Examiner, Stratford, Ont., to that effect.

Where the same Medical Examiner is retained, he will not be required to again fill out the "physician's declaration paper."

Should a new Medical Examiner be selected the President, 1st vice, and 2nd Vice Presidents should have the necessary form filled out without delay and forwarded to the Supervising Medical Examiner.

BRANCH 61, MERRITTON.

On last Thursday evening the officers of this branch were installed by Deputy J. Quillinan of Niagara Falls, ably assisted by the Rev. Father Allain, the respected pastor of the village. Deputy Quillinan was accompanied by Pres. Kelly and four other officers of Branch 18, the party reaching Merritton after a drive of ten miles at 8 30 p. m. The president and officers of Branch 61 were very highly complimented by Bro Quillinan for the precision with which the work of the Branch exercises were carried out, and also its obligations in relation to the Grand Council. Branch 61 being the first he organized, he felt a special interest in its welfare, and was glad to know that no branch of the Association had a better record in the Grand Council for promptness in discharging its duties. Rev. Father Allain and President Horey returned their acknowledgments for the interest which the Deputy manifested in the Branch, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him and the visiting brethren of branch 18.

After the close of the Branch exercises, the members adjourned with their visitors to the Auburn House, where the good hostess, Mrs. Lee, had an elaborate and sumptuous supper ready. Here President Horey presided with the grace and dignity of an old veteran, and a pleasant hour passed by rapidly dispesing of the necessaries and luxuries displayed in such abundance. Whatever might be said of the hesitation of some of the more bashful members when called on to respond to the toasts proposed, it could not be denied that all did their duty nobly while the sumptuary part of the entertainment was under discussion Father Allain eloquently responded to the toast of "The Clergy," and expressed the pleasure he derived from witnessing the warm, fraternal feelings created by such meetings as the present; and trusted the members of the different branches would meet one another oftener in the future. The Grand Council was responded to by Deputy Quillinan, who spoke very encouragingly of the progress of the association, particularly in Canada, a fact which he considered the best eulogium that could be pronounced on the zeal and ability of the officers of the Grand Council. He stated that Grand President O'Connor, although a young man, had proved himself well worthy of the high position he held, and had been indefatigable in his exertions to promote the good of the association. Of Grand Recorder Brown's ability and labors he spoke at considerable length, pointing out how much the success of the "C. M. B. A" depended on Mr. Brown's labors, and expressed the hope that at the next Grand Council session the permanent services of Mr. Brown would be secured, and that he would receive such compensation as would enable him to devote his whole time to the Association. Several other toasts, including that of the hostess and young ladies, were ably responded to by various brothers, when Deputy Quillinan proposed a toast which he hoped would be enthusiastically received, as it deserved, viz, the success of Branch 61 and the prosperity and happiness of its officers and members.

This brought a very appropriate response from President Horey and other members, after which all present adjourned to the parlor, where Miss Leo ably presided at the piano, and nearly two more hours were most agreeably spent in song and music. At 1 o'clock a. m. the visitors started "homeward bound—happy to meet, sorry to part, and anxious to meet soon again."

Address

Presented to the worthy Chancellor, E. H. Henderson, of Branch 19, C. M. B. A., Ingersoll, Ont., before his departure for California.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Permit us on this occasion to present you with this brief address, as we the members of branch No. 19, Ingersoll, could not let you take your departure without showing that respect which we hold for you, you having held the highest offices in our branch, as President and Chancellor, which you filled with great credit to yourself and satisfaction to the branch.

Now you are about leaving for a distant land, and we trust wherever your lot may be cast you will always think of the members of this branch, and the many pleasant hours we have spent together, and we further desire to express the earnest hope that no clouds of sorrow may overshadow your future prosperity; and if you should see fit to return to Ingersoll, you would be received with open arms by the members of the C. M. B. A. The memory of your many good deeds will certainly be always cherished by the members of this branch:

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At the regular meeting held on the 5th day of January, 1888, John O'Donnell and J. D. Callaghan resigned the positions to which they had been elected on the 1st December aforesaid, and in consequence, John J. Landy was duly elected Recording Secretary, and the said John O'Donnell assistant Recording Secretary, and all the officers hereinbefore mentioned were duly installed. J. A. Devlin, the retiring President, passing into the Chancellor's chair, Father Burke, the Chancellor *pro tem*, heretofore appointed by the President, taking his seat as an ordinary member.

J. J. LANDY,
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LETTER FROM ASHFIELD.

The closing examination of S. S. No. 2, Ashfield, was held on Monday, the 19th of December. Rev. Fathers Boubat, P. P., and Aylward, of Wawanosh, were present, as also the trustees and a number of the friends of the pupils. As Miss O'Keefe, who has taught the junior department for the last seven years, was about to resign her position, the pupils availed themselves of the opportunity to present her with a handsome dressing-case, accompanied by the following address.

DEAR FRIEND AND TEACHER,—As time rolls on its ceaseless course, constant changes are being wrought, some sad, some joyful, some that fill us with delight, others that rend our hearts with anguish. It has been decreed by infinite wisdom that the most loving and long-tried friends must part, even though the souls be torn with the most poignant grief and the unbidden tears well up from the throbbing and aching hearts, and give expression to sorrow that will not be quieted. We, your present and former pupils, have learnt with sincere regret of your decision to separate from us, and transfer your labors to some other field. We have, therefore, taken this opportunity of testifying our regard for you, and our appreciation of your untiring diligence and sisterly solicitude during the many years you have devoted to our welfare. We always saw in you a warm and loving friend, a kind and self-denying teacher, though we fear that often in our childish thoughtlessness we sorely taxed your patience. Yet we feel and hope that you will forgive our waywardness and remember us only as your obedient and affectionate pupils and sincere friends. We take great pleasure in presenting you with this little gift, not because it is the custom to make such offerings, but because we are prompted by feelings of the deepest respect and esteem for you.

We conclude by wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy, happy New Year.

Signed on behalf of the pupils,

ANNIE DALTON,
MARY STANDISH.

Mr. Nevin, teacher of the senior department, was also presented with a valuable prayer-book by his pupils.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of St. Mary's Branch of the League of the Cross, Hamilton, held Tuesday evening, December 27th, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That, Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this earthly vale his Lordship Bishop Carbery, the founder of this branch of the League of the Cross, and

Whereas, in the death of our beloved bishop, Holy Church has lost one of her most distinguished and most talented prelates, our diocese a pastor who watched with untiring vigilance and extraordinary zeal over the spiritual welfare of his flock, and our League a kind director and benefactor, be it therefore

Resolved, That this branch of the League, while humbly submitting to the will of an all wise Providence, deeply deplores the demise of our late bishop, feeling that in his death the cause of temperance has lost an earnest advocate. We desire to testify our esteem for his many noble qualities of mind and heart and our deep sorrow at his loss. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be sent to the city press and to the CATHOLIC RECORD, of London, for publication.

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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 flits back and forth between the two contending parties, excepting as a whole the principles 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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