

OF LOCAL INTEREST

Regular meeting of St. Anthony's Branch No. 10 C.M.B.A. of the Quebec Council, was held last night in Parin's Hall, Selgneur St., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming elections. The branch was honored by a visit from several dignitaries of the order, among whom were the following:--

Grand Officers:--Grand President I. Clere, Grand Vice-President, McCaffrey, Grand Treasurer Archambault, Grand Deputy Meek, Supreme Deputy Flannery, and Bros. Butler, Scullion, Marnell, Bain, Lawler and Thom. After the regular business had been transacted and the nominations had been proceeded with, the Auditor's report was read and showed the Branch to be in an excellent financial condition. After this a very enjoyable entertainment was given by the members of the Branch, and a splendid time was spent by all those present.

The success of the entertainment was due in a large measure to the good work of Bros. Mace, Morgan and Morning.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the McGill Medical Society, Mr. H. R. D. Gray, one of our well-known and esteemed citizens, Mr. H. R. Gray, took up the question of Narcotics and the People Using them. Mr. Gray's paper showed, in a clear, readable and careful preparation, and was a credit both to himself and the Society. The essay illustrated his paper by specimens of drugs and various forms of pipes, which added still more to the value of his excellent paper.

At a meeting of the executive of Division No. 3, of the A. O. H., presided over by Ald. D. Gallery, reference was made by Messrs. M. J. Brogan, John Hughes and T. J. Kavanagh to the sad death of Mrs. B. Harkin, wife of one of their fellow members. A resolution of condolence was passed by the meeting offering the sympathy of the members of the Division to Mr. B. Harkin.

The annual Church parade of the divisions of the A. O. H. of this city will be held on Sunday next, to St. Jean Baptiste Church, where a special service will be held, and a sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, Assistant-chancellor of the Archdiocese.

The members will muster at their central rooms, Notre Dame Street at 2 o'clock, and march along the principal streets to the Church. The Mount St. Louis Cadets with their splendid band have also been invited.

After the sermon, a Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given, at which Rev. Father Casey, who has charge of the English-speaking section of the parish, will officiate. The choir of the church will render a special programme with orchestral aid.

The anniversary demonstration in commemoration of the Manchester Martyrs will be held at the Windsor Hall, on Wednesday next, under the auspices of Division No. 1 of the A. O. H.

The Rev. Mr. Pepper, an eloquent Methodist minister of Cleveland, O., will be the orator of the evening. He ranks high as a platform speaker. The Ladies' Auxiliary in connection with this division are working very enthusiastically for the affair which promises to be as successful as similar entertainments in former years.

Those among the children of St. Patrick's parish, who have made their First Communion, were received into the League of the Sacred Heart on Sunday last. Rev. Father Driscoll gave the instruction and explained the objects and benefits to be derived from membership; after which he presented to each of the children a badge of the League, and then altogether read the act of consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The congregational singing of the teachers and children, which closed the ceremony, was very impressive.

Rev. Charles P. Beaubien, parish priest of Sault au Roccollet, has just issued a five hundred page volume, being a history of his parish since the earliest times of the colony down to the present day, that is including the period from 1610 to 1895. The work is dedicated to the Archbishop of Montreal.

The fifteenth anniversary of the organization of Branch 26, Catholic Mutual and Benefit Association, was most fittingly celebrated on Wednesday evening, in their hall, Alexander Street, by a grand concert and an address from that gifted orator, Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P.

A most select programme of vocal and instrumental music had been carefully prepared and was rendered in a manner which reflects great credit upon all the ladies and gentlemen who took part. The entertainment as a whole was a vivid illustration of the excellence and versatility of talent that are to be found amongst the Irish Catholic youth of Montreal, and especially that of St. Patrick's Parish.

Mr. D. J. McGillis, 1st vice-president of the Branch, opened the evening.

DYSPEPSIA is the cause of untold suffering. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla the digestive organs are toned and dyspepsia IS CURED.

Club, which is composed of Misses Catherine and Rose Doyle, Isabel and Marie Valois. Their mandolin and banjo selections, with piano accompaniment, were much appreciated by the audience and received well deserved encores. Miss Nellie McAndrew followed with a song in her rich soprano voice, and was well applauded. A recitation from "Ben Hur," entitled the "Charlot Race," was cleverly delivered with force and spirit by Mr. John Kahala, and although it was his first appearance before a Montreal audience, Mr. Kahala proved himself to be a master of the art of elocution.

Miss Morrison, the well-known vocalist, next gave a song in her usual finished style. She was succeeded by Mr. John Kennedy, in "Break the News," and by Miss McAndrew in another song. A serio-comic song by Mr. S. J. Callaghan was well received.

The chairman then called upon Mr. M. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., M.P., who was warmly received. Mr. Quinn in the course of an eloquent address said:-- "When I look around me, I feel that the work which Branch 26 has done is one of which they and all of us may well feel proud. The idea of organization and unity is not a new one for the people who are resident in this country. We can recall the time when the Catholics of the country were obliged to organize themselves together in order to secure their civil and religious liberties. At that time they worked arduously and lived frugally to make things meet, and to enable them to assist their friends in the Old Country. They also saved enough for the education of their children, to enable them to occupy leading positions, both in the business and professional world; and it is owing to these individual efforts of their fathers that many Catholics occupy proud positions to-day. Our friends who differ from us in religion possessed many advantages over us. There were Freemasons, Knights of Pythias, Oddfellows and other societies, and the consequence was that they came to have a brotherly feeling which resulted in their acquiring control of the interests of this country. Then the Catholic people were really behind in the commercial and professional world; although they were better qualified. Later on they saw that in union was strength, and they determined to establish mutual societies for their friends, and as a result, we have the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, established all over the Dominion.

Mr. Quinn then proceeded to point out the many advantages to be derived from membership in such an association, and closed a stirring and practical address by an appeal to all the young men to become members of the organization. The programme was then continued. Miss Ward cleverly executed a piano solo. Then followed the Orpheus Vocal Quartette, which is comprised of Messrs. W. Murphy, J. Penfold, M. Mul-larky and Ed. Quinn. Miss Morrison next gave another song, and was followed by Messrs. St. John and Gregory in a mandolin and guitar duet which merited a recall. Mr. Malden, who possesses a deep bass voice, next rendered a solo and was much applauded. A clog dance in costume by Mr. Thomas Hogan, was greatly enjoyed and called for repeated encores. A bass solo by Mr. Walter Cowan, and more selections by the Rose Marie Club and Orpheus Vocal Quartette, closed a most enjoyable evening.

The officers and committee are to be congratulated on the success of their celebration, which is due largely to their good management. Following are the names of the officers of Branch 26, and the members of the committee:--

Officers:--Mr. M. J. Egan, president; Mr. J. J. Costigan, secretary. Committee:--Mr. John P. Curran, chairman; Messrs. A. J. McCullough, Owen Tansey, J. H. Malden, P. J. D'Arcy, treas., J. Kennedy, S. J. Callaghan, F. Collins, secretary, T. Christy.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, and his daughter Aileen, attended High Mass at St. Patrick's last Sunday. They occupied seats in the pew of Sir William Hingston.

A very successful social was held in the Catholic Sailors' Club, under the auspices of the committee of management on Saturday. The committee was composed of the following members:--Lady Hingston, Mrs. Casgrain, Mr. F. B. and Mrs. McNamee, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Bond, Miss Coleman, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Tabb, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Sadler.

Among those present were H. J. Kavanagh, Q.C., Mr. C. F. Smith, M. T. Casey, Dr. Hackett, Mr. J. Foley, Rev. Father Kavanagh, S.J., Rev. Father Donovan, S. J. Those who contributed to the programme were:--Mrs. Monk, Mrs. and Miss Turner, Miss Peron, violin and piano solo, Miss Daly, Miss Francis Murphy and Miss McAndrew. Rev. Father Kavanagh addressed a few words by those present on the good work accomplished by the club during the year, and urged those present to support it in the future.

Tea was then served to all present, after which it was announced that there would be two more weekly concerts.

At the next concert it is to be hoped that all friends will be present.

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From the "Leader and Recorder," Toronto Junction.

The Editor of the "Leader and Recorder," during a recent holiday trip through the counties of York, Peel, Dufferin and Grey, spent a few days at the old parental homestead where he was born and spent many happy years. The old homestead is in the township of Euphrasia, Grey county, about one and a half miles south of the village of Heathcote, and about ten miles from the town of Meaford. It is occupied by the writer's youngest brother, George J. Fawcett. The latter was the picture of health, and remembering that when he came from Detroit, where he had been living for several years, and took possession of the homestead, he was in such feeble health that his life was despaired of, the writer suggested that the bracing climate of the northern regions must be the best medicine in the world for a shattered constitution. The reply made contained statements so remarkable that we consider it a pleasure as well as a duty to give them as wide publicity as possible through the columns of the "Leader and Recorder."

A severe attack of malaria, contracted whilst in Detroit, brought the writer's brother to death's door, from which he recovered only to find himself the victim of a complication of troubles which unfitted him for work. He was attended by some of the most eminent physicians in Detroit, but he received little or no benefit from their treatment. Change of air was finally recommended and he removed with his family to the county of Grey. A slight change for the better was noticeable at first, but he soon relapsed into the old condition and again sought help from the leading doctors of the district in turn. Sleeplessness took possession of him and soon he was wasted away to a mere skeleton. Then the doctors declared they could do nothing more for him, and advised him to go to California. During all these weary months, he read the papers from time to time, and laughed at what he termed the "miracles" wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had no faith in such remedies, and it was only when the physicians told him that they could do no more for him that, like the drowning man that catches the straw, he thought he would try a box of the pills. To his great astonishment his sleeplessness had vanished before he had been using the pills a week, and he slept like an infant. Gradually his strength returned and his appetite improved, and soon he felt like a new man. A few months after taking the first dose he was as well as ever. For more than two years past he has not taken any medicine whatever, and today you will not find a sturdier specimen of mankind in Grey than Geo. J. Fawcett. "What do I think of Pink Pills?" he queried with a smile: "why I think there is nothing like them on earth for building up the system; but for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I do not think I would be alive to-day."

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The reports coming from France are to say the least, far from being favorable, to the view held by many that the retirement of Major Marchand, from Fashoda, would be the means of assuring peaceful relations with England.

The Gaulois, Paris, in a recent issue, after referring to the Philippine question as presenting serious complications, says:--

"The thing to be faced is no longer a renewal of the conflict between America and Spain, owing to a rupture of the negotiations, but a general European conflict. The Fashoda incident is only the prologue to a big drama which is soon to occupy the theatre of inter-European politics, and on reading the papers of Berlin, London and Madrid one feels that something uncomfortable is in the air."

Continuing it says:-- "Spain knows that resistance upon her part, isolated as she is, would have no chance of success, and she is looking for a friend in Europe. Before Fashoda, any such search would have been useless; but, now England is anxious to satisfy her ambitions in the far East."

In the opinion of the Gaulois writer, Great Britain is trying to bring about an offensive and defensive alliance with the United States, of which alliance Great Britain alone would reap the benefit.

"England's programme, according to the Gaulois is the following:-- She will induce the United States to refuse any concession to Spain, and to refuse coaling stations in the Philippine Islands to Russia and Germany. A conflict breaks out, England, as America's ally, intervenes, which forces the other powers having interests in the East to take up arms. The question becomes no longer that of the Philippines, but that of China, and finally a European war breaks out."

The Paris correspondent of the New York "Post," in a despatch on Monday, hints that there is some possibility of a hitch taking place in the negotiations now going on. He says:--

At the next meeting of the commission the Americans will learn the definite attitude of Spain on any proposition thus far made. The Spaniards however, in this presentation will not declare all negotiations closed. They will insist that the sovereignty of Spain over the Philippine Islands is beyond question, but will announce Spain's readiness to yield that sovereignty for an adequate equivalent, and will then invite negotiations under the Spanish construction of the protocol.

The American commissioners may then communicate their final attitude to the Spaniards, but the Americans are expected at a future meeting to present a carefully prepared conclusion of their contentions and conditions. Should they be no different from those already presented, the time will then have arrived when Spain will declare herself helpless though steadfast, and will await the next step of the United States, whatever it may be. The Spaniards say that they will be able to say then to their creditors that Spain has done her utmost, and that the issue must rest between them and the United States.

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