

C. M. B. A.

Official Notice. Grand Secretary's Office, London, June 25th, 1888.

Brothers:—You are hereby officially notified that the next convention of the Grand Council of Canada of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association will be held in the city of Toronto, Ont., commencing on the second Tuesday of August, 14th, 1888, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Full particulars regarding railroad fare in due time. Yours fraternally, D. J. O'CONNOR, Grand President.

Secretaries are requested to have said credentials filled out and returned to the Grand Secretary not later than July 20th.

Branches are requested to send their reports of amendments to the Constitution to Mr. J. Barrett, Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, Box 1034, St. Thomas, Ont., on or before August 10th.

Winnipeg, June 18th, 1888. Thomas Coffey, Esq., Prop. CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor, and I may be permitted to add pleasure, of conveying to you a resolution of this Branch, passed at its last regular meeting on Monday evening, the 25th inst., and to request that you kindly allow our official organ, the CATHOLIC RECORD, to publish it.

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A PEEP AT THE SEMINARY OF NICOLET.

REMINISCENCES OF BISHOP PLEISS—A CHARLEBENTH CLOCK—MUSEUM CURIOUS—LIBRARY TREASURES—A MILE OF PARK—ARTIFICIAL LAKES—A NEW KIND OF BIRD—ST. JOSEPH'S LILIES—ADIEUX.

The sun was high in the heavens on the afternoon of a glorious day in July, when we, a party of four, drove into the beautiful little town of Nicolet, Quebec, the chief town of the county of that name, situated on the eastern bank of the river Nicolet, a small tributary of the St. Lawrence. It can boast of a population of nearly four thousand, who, "far from the maddening crowd," till their heads, guide their saw-mills and pursue their various avocations in peace and contentment. The chief history of the town, an old-fashioned and comfortable-looking house, was our first stopping place.

Before conducting my readers through the portals of the seminary gateway, I shall give them a short resume of the history of this old town. In the year 1750 a young priest, named Louis Marie Brassard, was named curé of Nicolet, which parish, in connection with that of the Bay du Fevre, he faithfully served until the year 1800, when he died, leaving his house and land to Nicolet, to be used for a parish school. In October, 1805, Monsignor Desautel, Bishop of Quebec, erected into a little seminary the elementary school founded by the Curé Brassard. This institution was half-way between two great seats of learning, the grand seminaries of Quebec and Montreal, and Mgr. Pleiss, who succeeded Mgr. Desautel in the See of Quebec in 1806, believed that it would be an assistance and a source of strength to them both. In the year 1807, he wrote concerning Nicolet:

"I have nothing more at heart than to see these different houses propagating the reign of God in this part of the world; and it is possible that the growing school at Nicolet may become through God's own mysterious ways, a means of supplying the other two; which, being more known and more important, are more likely to excite the envy of the enemies of religion."

In 1807 Mgr. Pleiss added a new wing to the old house of the Curé Brassard, and up to the day of his death the college was to him an object of special interest and affection. He drew up the rules, traced out the course of study, and from his own purse purchased for it additional land. He exercised a sort of paternal supervision over its various departments, and received from time to time reports of its progress and conduct of the scholars, so that he might judge as to whether or not they were worthy to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders.

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able to visit the house?" and on a cheerful "yes" being given, off we started. Now, the little conversation that we had overheard was not reassuring, and our scruples were augmented when we heard that "the pain" was from an ulcerated tooth which had that day been extracted with sundry misfortunes in the way of breakage of fangs and forceps, leaving the sufferer very weak and ill. However, with a ready courtesy he insisted on being our escort, and there was nothing for us to do but gratefully follow him, though we wondered why his compassion and not his wisdom in the way of the oil-called "C".... who came not, nor made response. Along the broad and airy corridor three hundred feet in length; and up the staircase we followed the Rev. Mr. G.... who first introduced us into the museum, where there is a fine collection of many things, wherein your correspondent is not learned—electric batteries and wheels, for instance, and various woods, and specimens of rock and precious stones, and birds and beasts and fishes, and the microscope, with its many wonders, and coins—a rare and rich collection, and graceful antlers and curiously wrought and carved articles, various odds and ends that go to make up a museum of eighty years' existence, as is the one of the college of Nicolet. From the museum to the library, which in divisions and sub-divisions, all duly classified and arranged, are eighteen thousand books, more or less, irrespective of the library of the college.

In a cursory glance it is impossible for a lover of books to take in such of the extent or value of a library, but it seemed to me that the historical section of Nicolet Seminary is rich indeed. There is a wonderful number of old pamphlets which have been collected and bound in small, easily handled volumes; there is also a collection of bound manuscripts, among which I may mention the diary of Bishop Pleiss's voyage to Europe in the years 1819-20, written from dictation (so I was told) by his secretary. Many valuable works there are here duplicated, and a fact which collectors would do well to note. A feature of this library is its catalogue—not a long divided and sub-divided list—but a collection of small boxes, with backs to simulate books, all lettered and numbered, and each one full of tickets, telling its location, number, locality, position, size, shape and color of the book you desire to find.

From the library we went to the chapel, where there are some very rare old oil paintings, which possibly are among those that Canada received from the Abbe Desjardins, Grand Vicar and Archbishop of St. Genevieve in Paris, a friend of Bishop Pleiss, who, at the time of the sacking of monasteries, convents and churches during the French Revolution, purchased at auction for a mere trifle, a number of fine works of art which he sent out to his brother, then chaplain of the Hotel Dieu at Quebec. After a peep at the class rooms, wherein two hundred boys receive instruction at the hands of eight priests and twenty ecclesiastics, we descended the staircase, and regaining our starting point left the college by a door via a tunnel to the grounds of the seminary, which leaves a broad court yard, through a little gate, and we found ourselves at the edge of a beautiful wood. Through this wood run many broad roads, and under the grand old trees the brickwood has been cut away so that the beautiful little wood-piers peep through their leaves in all directions. The avenue through which our route is conducted us to a lake, across which a rustic bridge is thrown, made of interlaced wood, without one single nail; in the lake are fairy islets, and on the islets snow white statues of angels; here and there was moored a tiny boat, their leaves which our eyes caught, like admiration of its own fairness, green ferns grew all round the margin of the lake, and trailing blue vetch climbed over the railing of the little bridge.

Altogether it was a fairy scene—a lovely spot. As we walked on new beauties developed—grand and shapely trees, delicate shrubs, delicate blossoms, speckled berries, and then another bridge, and another bridge. On this latter were seated some young men and maidens, for on Sunday the park is thrown open to the public. "Do you admit lovers?" asked a lady of our party to another young ecclesiastic who had joined us. "Kindly," said he, "what is that; is it a lover's nest, or is it a fairer nest, on a verdant isle, green as that of his adoption, stands a statue of St. Patrick in full canonicals, which would scarcely be convenient were the saint present in the body in this arched spot. On another islet is a statue of our Lady—indeed there are several of her images in different parts of the park—and it was very pretty to notice the recollection with which our semi-clerical escorts always doffed their virettas in passing them by. There is also a statue of the Bonne Ste. Anne and one of St. Joseph. In the heart of the forest is a tiny Swiss chalet a sort of miniature Versailles, its various rooms for recreation prettily furnished with musical instruments, easy chairs, pictures, colored drapery, etc. Over the door is a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart. From the chalet we both took a road that led through a bright parterre of wild flowers, hattercup, daisies, white stars, conchoidal, and feathered ferns, which brought us to a croquet ground, thence we proceeded along in the shadow of some century pines until we emerged into an open play ground, where a brass band was discoursing sweet music. Up the steps, through the corridor, with its spacious and well-lighted apartments for teachers and pupils. Our most courteous guides conducted us to the garden, where bloomed a dazzling array of St. Joseph's lilies; hundreds upon hundreds of these blossoms, for which in Montreal we pay a dollar a stem, here raised their lovely heads and scattered their delicate fragrance over the green clear, and in their midst, clear, cool fountains threw out its fairy jets of water, glittering like so many diamonds in the sunset glow. The loveliness of this garden of lilies was such that it seemed a sacrifice to break any of them off for us; however, those most generous ecclesiastics insisted on our accepting a branch.

In the garden of the lilies we did not forget to say that the entire work of the laying out of the park, the building of the bridges, making of the roads, and even the construction of Versailles is the work of the students and ecclesiastics of the institution, done in their hours for exercise. In the garden of the lilies we did not forget to say that the entire work of the laying out of the park, the building of the bridges, making of the roads, and even the construction of Versailles is the work of the students and ecclesiastics of the institution, done in their hours for exercise.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. FROM OTTAWA. Father Wagner spent Sunday, the 15th inst., with that isolated portion of his congregation residing on Pelee Island. He returned to Windsor Sunday night, owing to the happy chance of an excursion party calling at the island, otherwise he would have to remain on the island until the weekly boat returned on Thursday, with the dangerous alternative of rowing, in open boat, eight miles on Lake Erie, across to Pat-in-Bay Island, where Detroit steamers call daily. The necessity of more frequent communication between the inhabitants of Pelee Island and the people on the main land is a very strong plea to our Government, and for the Education Department at the scales of that institution. The wood must be of good quality, the lumber by the proportion of not less than one-half maple and the residue of beech or alder equally good.

For the tender and other information can be had on application to this department. Tenders will be received for the supply of the whole or for the supply of coal and wood separately, and separately for Toronto and Pelee Island. The house fixtures of two sufficient quantities will be required for the fulfilment of the contract, or for each of the contracts. W. EDWARDS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Ontario, July 15th, 1888.

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Table with columns: Institution, Coal (cords), Wood (cords), etc. Includes Government House, Parliament Buildings, etc.

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Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. BISHOP CLEARY VISITS TWEED. On Saturday, July 14th, Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston, paid a visit to Tweed for the purpose of inspecting the new Catholic church, now in course of erection there. His Lordship, who arrived by the afternoon train from London, Ont., was met at the station by Father Fleming, and conducted to the Presbytery. During the evening the Bishop inspected the building and expressed himself as highly pleased with the way in which every thing is progressing; in fact he did not at all expect to find the work so far advanced as being about the 20th May when the contractors began laying the foundation stone. On Sunday His Lordship assisted at the parochial mass in Hungerford Church, after which he delivered a most eloquent sermon on the greatness of the work of building temples to the honor and glory of the living God. He congratulated the people and the pastor of the parish of Tweed on the grand success attending their labors in the building of the magnificent edifice which would very soon be completed and which would stand for long generations on its beautiful site as a memorial of their great piety and devotedness to God. He then imparted to all present, as well as to all the faithful of the diocese of Kingston, the Papal Benediction of His Holiness Leo XIII.

On Monday the Bishop returned to Kingston, being accompanied by the C. P. R. station by Father Fleming, and Father Quinn, of Madoc, who conducted to his respects to His Lordship.

LOOK OUT FOR IT.—The extension of the C. P. R. Main Line from London to Windsor, will