

C. M. B. A.

BRANCH 26, ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The regular meeting of the above branch, which was held at Glenora Hall last evening, was very largely attended. The chair was occupied by President Reynolds, and amongst those present were President Martin, Vice President Payette, and Trustees H. Martin, of Branch 226; Bros. A. D. McGillis, J. H. Feeley, J. A. Hartenstein, R. Coogan, B. Campbell, J. A. McDonald, T. Kavanagh, Thomas Fitzgerald, John Murphy, Thos. T. Flynn, T. R. Stevens, H. Martin, Jos. Gould, W. Selby, James Rylands, H. King, Owen Tansey, J. Connaughton, A. Merzies, L. E. Simoneau, J. J. Costigan, B. Tansey, A. Brogan, N.P., Thomas Smallshire, J. H. Sullivan, John Hoolahan, T. J. Finn, H. J. Ward, J. G. Thurgood, Joseph O'Toole, James Callahan, J. E. Shortall and M. Sharkey.

The meeting was opened in due form, after which the secretary presented his reports, which were adopted. Fin-secretary Feeley presented his quarterly report, which gave in detail the receipts for the year, as also the standing of each member. Treasurer A. D. McGuire presented his annual report, which was also a detailed statement, and showed the branch to be in a most flourishing condition financially and otherwise. The finance committee's report was also read. Several applications were read and referred to the board of trustees. The usual routine business having been transacted Chancellor T. J. Finn, assisted by Chancellor Martin, installed the following as office-bearers for the ensuing year: Spiritual adviser, Rev. Martin Callaghan, of St. Patrick's; chancellor, P. Reynolds; president, A. D. McGillis; first vice-president, H. J. Ward; second vice-president, A. Brogan, N.P.; secretary, James J. Costigan; assistant-secretary, T. Kavanagh; treasurer, J. E. Shortall; financial secretary, John H. Feeley; marshal, James Milloy; guard, James Callahan; trustees, Brothers D. J. McGillis, L. E. Simoneau, J. G. Thurgood, Jos. Gould and Thos. T. Flynn.

After the installation President McGillis, on assuming the chair, made a few happy remarks thanking the members for the honor which they had conferred upon him. He would do his best during the incoming year to show his appreciation of that honor and his best efforts would be used to promote the interests of the branch. Association Chancellor Finn moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their valuable services to the branch. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. Hoolahan and was carried by a standing vote. Ex-President Reynolds briefly replied to the motion. President Martin made a short address, congratulating Branch 26 on the progress it had made during the past year, and judging from the efficient staff of officers which had just been installed he felt that the branch was in good hands and its future prosperity enhanced. Vice-President Payette also made a few happy remarks, which were heartily applauded. Short addresses were also made by Brothers Shortall, Feeley, Costigan, Milloy and others. The regular order of business was next proceeded with, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

Branch 26 was founded in 1838, and is the parent branch of the C.M.B.A. in the Province of Quebec and includes in its ranks many well known and prominent persons, such as His Lordship Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield; Hon. J. J. Curran, solicitor-general; Drs. Palardy, O'Connor, and many others.

The branch will hold an open meeting on Monday, January 28th, at which addresses on the association will be given, as also a select programme of vocal and instrumental music.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—BRANCH 54.

The annual installation of officers of Branch 54, C. M. B. A., was held in their hall, 1113 Notre Dame street, the installing officer being Grand Deputy Finn, assisted by Chancellor Purcell. The following are the names of the gentlemen who are to hold office during the coming year:—Rev. director, Rev. P. F. O'Donnell; president, Cornelius O'Brien; first vice-president, Geo. Pittingale; second vice-president, Francis Leightonhead; recording secretary, Francis D. Daly; assistant recording secretary, J. Weir; financial secretary, Jos. J. Maguire; treasurer, Thomas McDonnell; marshal, Thomas Murney; guard, P. Brady; trustees, A. Purcell, E. O. Dowd, J. Cuddy, Jas. McDavitt and Thomas

Kane. The event of the evening was a surprise to the recipient, as well as a genuine gratification to all present. The worthy treasurer, Mr. T. McDonnell, was presented with a magnificent portrait of himself, handsomely framed. Grand Deputy Finn congratulated the branch on their appreciation of so good an officer, and certainly gave an address in every way worthy of the occasion. President O'Brien followed in his genial style, and the worthy treasurer responded in a most appreciative and feeling manner.

BRANCH 1, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The last meeting of Branch 1, Quebec C. C., was largely attended to witness the installation of officers for the next term, which was performed by Grand President P. O'Reilly, assisted by Supreme Deputy J. P. Nugent. Chancellor P. Flannery and Bro. M. Cuddy, of Branch 9 (St. Mary's) were present. The officers elect are: Chancellor, Wm. J. Kerr (retiring president); President, W. J. Innes; First Vice-President, J. Lippin; Second Vice-President, Jas. McLaughlin; Recording Secretary, F. C. Lawlor; Assistant Recording Secretary, T. F. McGail; Financial Secretary, W. J. Scullion; Treasurer, T. J. White; Marshal, P. Connolly; Guard, S. McKenna; Trustees, P. Morninge, J. Kenehan, J. Tierney, P. F. McCaffrey, L. Edmond; Auditors, J. Rourke, P. F. McCaffrey, W. J. Kerr; Business Committee, Supreme Deputy J. P. Nugent, Grand Deputy J. Meek, Chancellor J. L. Jensen.

C. M. B. A. INVITATION.

The members of Branches 132 and 160, Halifax, N.S., beg to intimate to the members of the C.M.B.A., throughout Canada, that any member visiting Halifax will find a welcome in their rooms, Anderson's building, corner Duke and Barrington streets. 27 3

CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Thos. H. Cannon and Theo. B. Thiele, of Chicago, High Chief Ranger and High Secretary of the above Order, will arrive in this city during the coming week, to hold a conference with the officers of the Order. There are now ten thousand members of this grand Order in Canada, among which are many of our leading clergymen. There are thirty-five courts in Montreal with three thousand members. Mr. Thiele, the High Secretary, will be here on Thursday (to-morrow), on the invitation of some members and friends, to take part in the annual drive of the "Piscatorial Coons."

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. D. M. Gee, formerly advertising agent for the TRUE WITNESS, and recently of the Herald, has taken the management of one of the largest clothing and men's furnishing emporium in Canada—J. H. Blumenthal and sons, corner of Craig and Bleury streets. Judging from Mr. McGee's great energy and success in the past we anticipate that he will bring the establishment under his management to a foremost rank in the business arena of our province. We certainly wish him all manner of prosperity and are confident that his zealous and courteous system of doing business will win for him countless friends in the new branch which he has undertaken.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

ST MARY'S COURT, 164, C. O. F.

At a regular meeting of St. Mary's Court, No. 164, C.O.F., held in their hall, January 17th, 1895, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to call to rest the mother of our esteemed and respected Chaplain and Brother Forester, the Rev. P. F. O'Donnell;

Resolved,—That the very kind feelings we entertain to our beloved Priest render it proper that we should place on record our sympathy with him in his sorrow; therefore be it

Resolved,—By St. Mary's Court, No. 164, C.O.F., That while we bow with humble submission to the will of Almighty God we do not the less mourn with him in his great loss.

Resolved,—That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Court and that a copy be sent to our bereaved Chaplain, the Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, P. F., and also to the Catholic Forester, True Witness and Daily Star for publication.

Committee, { JOHN J. RYAN, C.R.,
JAMES MOULEY, V.C.R.,
P. J. SEXTON, R.S.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY

A special meeting of St. Mary's C. Y. Men's Society was convened on Tuesday evening, to pass resolutions of condolence with Rev. Father O'Donnell on the death of his mother.

The meeting being called to order, the Chairman put the following motion:

Whereas,—God, in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to call unto Himself Mrs. Peter O'Donnell, mother of our Reverend Director;

Resolved,—That we, the members of St. Mary's C. Y. M. Society, desire to tender our sincere sympathy to Rev. Father O'Donnell and relatives;

Resolved,—That we offer up our next monthly Communion for the repose of deceased's soul;

Resolved,—That these resolutions be spread on the records of the Society, that they be printed in the True Witness and Monthly Calendar, and a copy be sent to Rev. Father O'Donnell and family.

EMERALD COURT NO. 378, C. O. F.

We, the members of Emerald Court, No. 378, in regular meeting, wish to express our sympathy to our revered and worthy brother, P. F. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Mary's, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his beloved mother; therefore, be it

Resolved,—While bowing humbly to the will of Almighty God, we desire to express to our reverend and worthy brother our most sincere and deep sympathy for him in the loss which he has sustained. Be it further

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our records, and a copy sent to our reverend and worthy brothers, and a copy given to the press for publication.

Committee, { PATRICK REILLEY, C.R.,
JOHN E. BRENNAN, T.,
WM. L. MCINTOSH, R.S.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of St. Anthony's C. Y. Men's Society, held Sunday, 20th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas: Death's sombre shadows have entered and removed from the home circle Mr. Charles Donnelly, beloved father of our revered Spiritual Director, it is fitting that we, as an organization, give testimony to the sorrow we feel for his mourning family; therefore, be it

Resolved,—That in the death of the beloved father of our Spiritual Director, Rev. J. E. Donnelly, we recognize the mysterious and all-wise dispensation of Almighty God, to whom we all owe life, and to whom we must again yield the life He gave. May God's smile dispel the shadows which now hang so dark in their home and bless the memory of he who is gone.

Resolved,—That these resolutions be embodied in the minutes; that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, to Rev. J. E. Donnelly, and one to THE TRUE WITNESS for publication.

BRANCH 132, C. M. B. A., HALIFAX, N.S.

At the regular meeting of Branch 132, Catholic Mutual Association, held this evening, the following resolution, moved by 1st vice-president W. J. Butler, seconded by Chancellor Bro. James R. Cragg, was passed unanimously by standing vote:

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this earth the Hon. Michael J. Power, late Speaker of the House of Assembly of this Province, father of our esteemed brother, James W. Power, be it

Resolved,—That this Branch desires to place upon record its deep sympathy with Bro. Power and his family, in the irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of one who was not only the kind and devoted head of the family, but was also an upright, conscientious and indefatigable upholder of Catholic in-

terests in the many important and high public positions in which he had been so many times placed by the suffrages of his fellow citizens.

His rectitude, urbanity and Christian life have left behind him in the hearts of the people a memory that will not soon be effaced, and which must afford some solace to those from whom he has been severed by the relentless hand of Death.

Further resolved,—That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Branch, and that a copy be sent to Brother Power, and to the official organs of the C. M. B. A. for publication.

(Signed) { JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, Pres.
NOBERT TUEZLER,
Rec. Sec. Hr. 132 C.M.B.A.,
Halifax, N.S., Jan. 15, 1895.

THE LATE MR CHARLES KELLY.

At a meeting of the St. Gabriel Fire and Drum Band, held on the 13th inst., the following preamble and resolution on the death of Mr. Charles Kelly was unanimously adopted:

Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God, to take from amongst us the beloved father of our esteemed comrades, John and Denis Kelly, the members of the St. Gabriel Fire and Drum Band desire to convey to the members of the above family their heartfelt sorrow and sympathy in their deep grief at the irreparable loss they have sustained, and be it further

Resolved,—That a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of this band, and published in THE TRUE WITNESS, and a copy tendered to the relatives of the deceased.

Committee, { J. M. LAMONT,
WM. ORT N.,
JAS. C. CONNOR.

DIED.

O'CONNELL—At her residence, corner McCord and William streets, on January 18th, of pneumonia, Elizabeth Ferguson, widow of the late Thos. O'Connell.

DONNELLY—In this city, on the 17th inst., at the age of 73 years, Charles Donnelly, employee of the Dominion Board of Works, and father of the Pastor of St. Anthony's Church. Deceased was a native of the County Antrim, Ireland. May he rest in peace.

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