

THE POPE AND THE VATICAN.

NON-CATHOLIC VIEW

OF LEO'S SOCIAL AND LABOR PROBLEMS, AND THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

(From Leslie's Weekly.)

Among the great men now living, Pope Leo XIII. is undoubtedly the most prominent and most interesting figure. His influence on the politics of Europe during the past ten years has been immense, and increases every day. To be received by His Holiness, or at least to have a glance of him, as he is to be the chief desire of all those who visit Rome. Among the thousands who every day beg for admission to the Pope's Mass are not only Catholics, but Protestants of all denominations, Jews, Mohammedans and Buddhists; men of every rank and station in life, diplomats, artists, statesmen, princes, kings and emperors. And no matter what your religious belief is, or whether you have any belief at all, you will find that nothing is more impressive than to be near this august old man. It is well known that the Emperor of Germany was so perturbed when he entered for the first time the room where stands the throne of St. Peter that he trembled like a child and dropped his silver helmet from his hands.

I had the honor of seeing Leo XIII. twice, the first time being on Easter morning, two and a half years ago. The invitation was simply to attend His Holiness' Mass in the Sistine Chapel at 7 o'clock a.m. As it took three-quarters of an hour to drive from my hotel to the Vatican, I left at 6 o'clock in an open carriage—the only kind to be had. The streets were already well filled by people, many of them walking or driving in the direction of St. Peter's. When we arrived near the bridge of St. Angelo a large number of carriages, also on their way to the Vatican, were proceeding and following us. At last, frozen half to death, we reached the plaza of St. Peter's. It was covered with people, thousands of whom were rapidly entering the immense church.

The Vatican palace is to the right of the plaza. It is an immense three-story building, as high, however, as one of our six or seven story houses. There the Popes have lived ever since 1877. The Vatican was not then as large as it is to-day. As for its size, one can readily appreciate what it is after learning that it contains twenty open courts, eight principal staircases and two hundred staircases for the service. The first and second stories are occupied by the museums and libraries, with the exception of His Holiness' private apartment, which faces the plaza of St. Peter's. To one appreciative of art it takes weeks and weeks to take in all the treasures of the Vatican.

The name of the Pope is Joachim Vincent Count Pecci, and he was born at Carpineto, Italy, on March 2, 1810. Pius IX., his predecessor on the throne of St. Peter, did not leave Leo an easy task by any means. At the time the Vatican was in strained relations not only with the Italian Government, but also with those of Russia, Germany, Switzerland and England. The very night of his election the Pope, announcing the fact by telegraph to the foreign sovereigns, expressed in his dispatch to the German Emperor his personal regret at the misunderstanding which separated Russia and the Holy See, and the hope that friendly relations would soon be re-established. Ever since it has been the Pope's policy to bring the Vatican nearer Russia, Germany and England.

Twice already has Emperor William visited the Pope. It is well understood in the official world all over Europe that a visitor to the royal palace of the Quirinal, a guest of the King of Italy, will never be received by the Pope should he be a Catholic. For this reason Catholic princes who are on friendly terms with King Humbert and Queen Marguerite never visit Italy. Thus it is that the Emperor of Austria has not yet returned the visit paid him some years ago by the King of Italy. It will also be remembered that a short time ago the King of Portugal, having accepted an invitation from the Italian court, canceled it at the last minute.

Germany, like nearly every other power, has two embassies in Rome—one accredited to the King, the other to the Pope. The two ambassadors of these countries never see each other, never visit each other, never communicate with each other. They could not be more separated if one was in Peking and the other in Washington. As, according to ceremonial, the Pope passes before the emperors and kings, his legate or legates or nuncios (ambassadors) always pass before other ambassadors.

It can truly be said that there are two men in Leo XIII.—the theologian, absolute in his faith, and the Italian diplomat. On all questions, religious, social, and political, he has shown his interest, and grasps them all with his tremendous activity. His letters, protocols, encyclicals on all the great questions of the day, are masterpieces. Two matters have especially attracted his attention—the social and labor problems and the maintenance of peace in Europe. His dream is a general disarmament by all the great nations. He deprecates this "paix armée" (armed peace), which costs hundreds of millions every year. "Think," says Leo XIII., "of all the good that could be done with this money, or with only a small part of it. Consider that while the war of 1870 has cost France nearly six billion dollars, the Suez canal, the Panama railroad, the tunnel of Mont Cenis, and the Pacific railroad, these great humanitarian works together have hardly cost five hundred million dollars." In one of his speeches he further said: "If there was ever a time when the ideas of peace answer to the desire of the people, it is undoubtedly now that the words of fraternity, brotherhood, peace, and tranquility are on every man's lips. The sovereigns and their ministers agree all over the world to declare what they wish and desire, that the continual object of their efforts is peace and concord. And they are approved by all the people at large who have nothing but hate and repulsion for wars and their consequences. Such a reputation is legitimate and holy, for it is sometimes necessary to peace itself, it always carries along with it innumerable

and terrible calamities. And war would be at the present time much more horrible than it ever was, favored as it is every day in its work of destruction and progress in the art of killing by the variety, the precision, the power of both the fighters and the instruments which they use." Many believe that Leo XIII. will soon call upon the sovereigns of the world to disarm and to form an international tribunal, to which all discussions may be referred.

The Pope has always taken the keenest interest in American affairs, and he has again and again expressed his love and admiration for this country. He is always more than kind to the Americans who visit him.

C. M. B. A. OF CANADA.

BRANCH 50 HOLDS AN ENJOYABLE OPEN MEETING—AN ADDRESS ON EDUCATION.

Branch 50, of the C.M.B.A., held an open social meeting in their hall, 329 St. Antoine street, last Wednesday evening, at which P. Sheridan, B.A., B.C.L., delivered a very interesting lecture on Education, in which he treated systems of education at the different periods of the world's history, and commented on the ideas held by the different authorities on education. He drew attention to the attitude which Catholics should take in the education of their children, on which depended all their future.

A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer, and his views were endorsed by Mr. T. J. O'Neill and Mr. T. M. Reynolds.

The following gentlemen took part in the entertainment:—W. T. Clancy, songs; D. Shea, comic songs, and J. J. R. van, who was repeatedly cheered.

Chancellor T. J. Finn explained, in his usual clear and able way, the beginning and growth of the organization known as the C.M.B.A. He traced its progress, and showed the advantages of belonging to such an organization. He showed the wisdom of separating the financial responsibility of the Grand Council of Canada from that of the United States, as during the time of their connection with the United States, the number of assessments reached as high as twenty-two assessments in the year, while since separation the highest number had been fifteen.

Chancellor T. P. Tansey, in moving a vote of thanks, paid a high tribute to the work Mr. Finn had done for the Association. Dr. Hackett endorsed all Mr. Tansey had said, and offered to examine fifty applicants between now and May next, free of charge. This practical expression of interest was gratefully accepted.

THE S. A. A. A. FANCY FAIR.

THE IDEAL ENTERTAINMENT TAKEN UP BY THE LADIES—THE 18TH OF APRIL THE DATE OF THE FAIR.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the ladies, at the offices of the Treasurer of the S. A. A. A., 186 St. James street, last Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of carrying into effect the resolution passed at a preliminary meeting some time ago, to the effect that a Fancy Fair should be held, in order to assist the Directors of the S. A. A. A. to pay off a portion of the large debt incurred in the construction of the various works, at the new grounds, on St. Lawrence street. Mrs. T. F. Moore, who had been unanimously selected as President at the preliminary meeting, occupied the chair. Among those present were:—Mrs. T. F. Moore, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. M. J. Polan, Mrs. G. A. Carpenter, Mrs. James Morley, Miss B. Jones, Miss Browne, Miss M. MacAnally, Misses McAndrew, Miss Lunny, Miss Emerson, Miss Maggie Neville, Miss Gertrude Stafford, Miss Mullins, Miss Alice McKenna, Misses Murray, Miss Flynn, Miss O'Brien, Misses Grace, Miss Davins, Miss M. Burns, Miss L. Moore, Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Street, Miss Costello, Misses Stafford, Miss Hays, Mrs. James Gillen, Miss Egan, Miss N. Brophy, Miss M. Kearney, Miss Lizzie McGugan, Mrs. R. J. Anderson, Mrs. F. O'Reilly, Misses Cooke, Miss Milloy, Miss Conway, Mrs. F. O'Reilly, Mrs. J. P. Clarke, Mrs. P. McKenna, Mrs. Joseph McCoy, Miss Bartley, Mrs. E. Elliott, Miss M. McNeil, Mrs. C. A. Neville, Miss Hayes, Miss Heffernan, Miss Finn, Miss M. O'Connor, Miss Doherty, Mrs. Gannon, Mrs. Gallery, Miss Sullivan, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Lyman, Misses McVey, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Large and others. The gentlemen present were Messrs. P. H. Bartley, Vice-President of the Association; J. P. Clarke, ex-President; B. Tansey, C. A. Neville, Honorary Secretary of the Senior Shamrocks, and the Treasurer of the Association.

Mrs. Moore, in opening the meeting, stated that, in consequence of an appeal made to the ladies by the Directors of the Association, it was important that the ladies should enter into the spirit of the work with enthusiasm. Mrs. Moore also referred to the fact that everyone could contribute something in the form of a fancy article, if not in money, and that she would be glad to receive any contributions sent to her at the offices of the Association.

Mr. Bartley, on behalf of the Association delivered a short address, during the course of which he expressed the great pleasure it afforded him to behold such a large attendance of ladies. He said that the Directors did not like the idea of making public appeals in such a manner, neither did they have any wish to place such a burden upon the ladies who were good enough to express a wish to assist them, but the circumstances were of such a nature, in consequence of the large liability assumed in connection with laying out the new grounds, facing grand stands, club house, and other portions of its equipments, amounting to over \$30,000, that there was really no other course to pursue than to adopt the idea of a public appeal through the ladies. Mr. Bartley referred to the many advantages to be derived from the maintenance of such an establishment for young men, and pointed out the fact that it was not organized for the special benefit or gain of any individual or number of persons, and that its constitution and by-laws contained no restrictions of a sectional or class character, but that it was founded upon the broad lines of developing the muscular manhood of the country, and from a standpoint of physical culture, to endeavor to uphold the

reputation of the land in which it was located, and where they all lived enjoying full freedom. He closed, by stating that, if the Association had not been burdened by such a large debt which the purpose of fitting out a house which would stand as a handsome monument in this city, the Directors would, under no circumstances, have attempted to appeal, as they were obliged to do at the present moment.

Mr. B. Tansey also referred to the necessity of placing the S.A.A.A. beyond the possibility of any difficulty in connection with the new grounds. The Directors were anxious, he said, to reduce the debt to a figure which would only impose an obligation upon the Association of \$1,000 annually for interest. He concluded by pointing out the great usefulness of such an organization and the good work it has done in the past in creating a bond of good fellowship amongst all classes.

The arrangements were made to secure the Windsor Hall for the 18th of April. A committee was also appointed to wait upon Lady Aberdeen with a view of requesting her to open the Fancy Fair and to take some interest in having a special display of Irish lace. Everything now points towards success for the Shamrock Fancy Fair.

THE LENTEN SEASON.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SEASON IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Catholic regulations for Lent, promulgated by Mr. Fabre, are as follows: "All the work days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, 19th inst., to Easter Sunday, April 5th, are fast days of precept, on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

"The Church excuses from the obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat, except in special cases of sickness), the infirm, those whose duties are of an exhausting or laborious character, women in pregnancy, or those nursing infants, and all who are enfeebled by old age.

"The following dispensations are granted for the archdiocese of Montreal by the authority of the Holy See:

"First—The use of flesh meat, as also, of eggs and white meats, is permitted at every meal on the Sundays of Lent and at the principal meal on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, with the exception of Ember Saturday and every day of the Holy Week.

"Second—A small piece of bread with a cup of coffee, tea, or chocolate, can be taken in the morning.

"Third—Where it is not convenient to take the principal meal at noon, it is lawful to invert the order, and take a collation in the morning and dinner in the evening.

"Fourth—Dripping and lard may be used in the preparation of the kinds of foods which are permitted.

"Fifth—On Sundays, there is neither fast nor abstinence, but fish cannot be used with flesh meat at the same meal at any time during Lent.

"Sixth—Those who are exempt from the precept of fasting may partake of flesh meat at every meal during the day, when by special indulgence, flesh meat is permitted at the principal meal.

The time for fulfilling the Easter precept of Communion in the archdiocese, extends from Ash Wednesday to the first Sunday after Easter.

WOMEN MAY NOT SING

IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES SAVE DURING SPECIAL RETREATS.

La Semaine Religieuse publishes the edict issued by the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris, prohibiting the singing of women in church, except in special circumstances, such as "during the religious exercises of the month of Mary, when the young ladies of the Sodality of the Holy Virgin are allowed to sing. The same rules have been in force in the diocese of Montreal since 1878, adds the Semaine Religieuse; "but it is useful to recall its outline. Several episcopal ordinances prohibit women from singing at the organ in churches on Sundays and feasts of obligation, even at the evening service. Still, they may sing in their own religious retreats, in their congregational meetings, and at the exercises of the month of Mary, and such similar gatherings, but on the condition that there be no men in the choir, not even to play on the organ. Mixed choirs of men and women are absolutely prohibited. Moreover, young girls or women must never be allowed to form part of the orchestra or to sing at masses where the marriage ceremony is performed. The rules and regulations which are intended to safeguard piety among the faithful while they are at church are binding in conscience."

THE TENNESSEE MINSTRELS.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Saturday afternoon, the 15th inst, a grand matinee, and on Tuesday night, the 18th inst, a regular concert, are to be given by the Dramatic Section of the St. Ann's Young Men's Society, in their splendid hall, on the corner of Ottawa and Young streets. Among the numerous specialties to be introduced by the Minstrels may well be mentioned the magic performance of Mr. J. A. Homier. This gentleman has earned quite an enviable reputation for himself, as a magician, a slight-of-hand performer, and a successful entertainer. His name is now familiar to thousands in Montreal whom, at one time or another, he delighted with his wonderful skill. Although an amateur he certainly equals, in some of his tricks and magical feats, the most renowned professionals. He has a good outfit, both expensive and showy apparatus. Many of the illusions that he produces are the result of his own invention. The matinee and concert both are expected to meet with a grand success.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

At the Biennial Convention of Hochelaga County Ancient Order of Hibernians, held in Hibernian Hall, January 10th, the following officers were elected by acclamation:—County President, Andrew Dunn; county vice-president,

George Clarke; county treasurer, Lawrence Breen; county secretary, James Melver, 329 St. Antoine street. Reports from the different Divisions showed the Order to be in a flourishing condition numerically and financially, and making such rapid progress in this city that in the near future the Irishman not enrolled in its membership will feel exceedingly lonesome. The committee on arrangements for the St. Patrick's Day celebration, this year, promise to introduce some new features in the parade and concert.

HONOR FATHER THERIEN.

ADDRESSES PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE BOYS OF MOUNT ST. LOUIS—A DRAMA.

A tribute of love and respect was paid to Rev. Father Therien, the chaplain of Mount St. Louis Institute, last evening, when the declamation classes presented the four act classic play, "Sir Thomas More," in honor of the Reverend Father's annual feast. Those who have had the pleasure of witnessing former productions of the classic drama by these classes will be pleased to know that all previous efforts were eclipsed last evening, and the general success reflects great credit upon the Brothers of the Institution and upon Mr. Edwin Varney, the professor of this particular branch of study. All the characters were well presented, special praise being due to H. Demontigny, who portrayed the persecuted Chancellor to perfection; C. Conrad, who presented the unrelenting Henry VIII. with vigor; P. Downes and C. Adams, as the two ministers to Henry VIII., were very successful in their efforts, while E. Cummings, as the son of the injured More, was equally successful. The minor characters were all presented in a most worthy manner.

After the play, addresses were presented to Rev. Father Therien, in both languages, to which he responded.

The cast of the play was as under:—

Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor, H. Demontigny; Henry VIII., King of England, C. Conrad; Duke of Norfolk, Prime Minister, P. Downes; William, More's son, C. Adams; E. Cummings, Cromwell, a courtier, C. Adams; Sir Alfred Alberton, Judge in King's Bench, J. Adams; Judges of King's Court, J. T. Whelan, H. Benoit, J. Hays, J. Dooley; Ushers, J. L. Lavoie, J. Leonard; Guards, Sons of More, Witnesses.

LENTEN SERVICES.

During the Lenten season the special services with English sermon will be resumed at the Church of the Gesù. The instructions will commence promptly at eight o'clock each Sunday evening, the preacher being Rev. Father Stevin, S.J., a prominent member of the order, connected with the New Orleans mission. It is expected that the same ecclesiastic will preach the ladies' retreat, which will probably be held during the fourth week of Lent.

At St. James Church, on St. Denis street, the Lenten services will be preached by the priests of the parish in turn.

At St. James' Cathedral Lenten services will be held every day, at which the priests will preach in turn.

A Notre Dame Church during Lent Rev. Father Tropeur, of the Dominican Order, will preach, starting on the first Sunday of Lent. Special sermons will be held on week days for ladies.

PERSONAL.

Mr. J. K. Foran, editor of THE TRUE WITNESS, left for Ottawa yesterday morning, called away to the death-bed of his father, who has passed a long life in the Capital, where he is very well known and much esteemed.

The Rev. J. Barque, of Peru, Clinton Co., N.Y., paid a visit at this office yesterday. The rev. gentleman is looking hale and hearty and speaks highly of his parishioners, who are composed of Irish and French Canadians.

Rev. J. A. De Rome, of St. Chrysostome, P.Q., called upon us last week, and we were exceedingly glad to find the reverend gentleman looking so well and hearty. We trust that he may long enjoy these blessings, in order to continue his splendid life-work for God's glory and the good of souls.

Mr. M. H. Lemay, the well-known lumber merchant, sailed from New York, on the steamer Umbria, last Saturday. He goes to England for the purpose of making arrangements to extend his business there next season, and will be absent about five or six weeks. We wish him bon voyage.

Mr. Thomas O'Connell, hardware merchant of 137 McDougall street, is making giant strides to the front, and it is generally conceded that as a practical plumber, gas, steam and water-fitter, as well as electrical and mechanical bell-hanger, he is one of the most prompt and reliable tradesmen in the city. He was fifteen years employed in Mitchell's establishment as a practical workman, and his experience is consequently extensive. Mr. O'Connell is a member of St. Ann's Young Men's Society and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. His activity and zeal have combined to render him most popular amongst his fellow-citizens. We wish him all manner of success in his newly opened out business.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

Mr. Fabre held an ordination service at the Hotel Dieu on Sunday morning, at half-past eight o'clock. He paid a pastoral visit to St. Laurent on Tuesday, and presided over a religious profession at the convent of the Marist Sisters of the Holy Cross. Also on Sunday afternoon His Grace visited Laval University.

The Montreal Gazette had, in an issue of last week, the following very pertinent editorial note:—

"Roman Catholic bishops are being severely condemned, in some sections of the press, for instructing the voters of their Church as to their duty in connection with the Manitoba school question and the bye-elections. There is, in many minds, a feeling of jealousy towards clerical influence in state affairs, which is not without its justification in history. We would, probably, make no more mistakes if left without clerical advice in dealing with temporal affairs."

than we do under the present system of frequent admonitions. The Protestant clergy, however, are just as ready to give the electors advice as the Roman Catholic. To go no further back than last summer, both Methodist conferences and Presbyterian assemblies put themselves on record on the Manitoba school issue quite as pronouncedly as any of the Catholic prelates have done. The fact that they took a different view to the bishops does not affect the principle sought to be inculcated by the critics of the latter, which is that the Church should not meddle in elections."

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MISS KANNON.

We learned with deep regret of the death of a most estimable and greatly beloved young lady, in the person of Miss Mary Kannon, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Kannon, of this city, and sister of our esteemed and popular fellow-citizen, Mr. M. Kannon, the well-known veterinary surgeon. We desire to convey to the relations and friends of the deceased lady the expression of our sincere sympathy, and we join in solemn prayer that, at the funeral service in St. Ann's Church, was offered up for the repose of the soul departed.

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

At the regular monthly meeting of this society, held in their hall, on Thursday, the 6th inst., it was moved by Daniel O'Neill, seconded by John Power,

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, to remove from our midst by the hand of death, Mrs. James McVey, beloved wife of our much esteemed secretary-treasurer, Mr. Jas. McVey, be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of the Irish Catholic Benefit Society, in session, tender to Mr. McVey and family our sincerest and most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and pray that Divine Providence, in calling to her reward a beloved mother, a devoted wife and a zealous Catholic, will enable Mr. McVey and family to bear their cross during life and to look to reunion in that better land where there is no parting. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. McVey and family and transmitted to the press for publication, and entered in full on the records of the society.

SNOWSHOEING.

SHAMROCK LADIES' NIGHT.

The people who attended the last ladies' night of the Shamrock Snowshoe Club were treated to a veritable surprise when they entered the quarters of the Shamrocks at the new grounds. Many were the exclamations from those present of astonishment when they beheld the large and well-lighted hall in the second story of the building.

The general opinion expressed was that the hall and its appointments were superior to anything of the kind in the city. Next Friday the boys of the Snowshoe Club are going to have another of the pleasant ladies' nights, as they are seemingly very earnest in their desire to prove it to their friends and supporters that they have quarters in which even the greatest crank can enjoy himself and make his life worth living.

The committee of the club, under the keen eye of that veteran snowshoe administrator, R. J. Cooke, the president of the club, are working very enthusiastically to make the evening a gala one.

The trip to the club house is made in well heated cars, and does not occupy more than a half hour from any point in the city when connection is made at Wiseman with the Park and Island cars.



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THE IRISH PARLIAMENTARY PARTY.

SIXTON DECLINES THE CHAIRMANSHIP—DILLON OR BLAKE SPOKE OF IT.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Thomas Sexton has declined the chairmanship of the Irish National Federation which was tendered to him by the council of the Federation at their quarterly meeting in Dublin on Sunday. Mr. Sexton has written to Sir Thomas Esmond, member of Parliament for West Kerry, and chief whip of the anti-Parnellite party, conveying his regret that he is unable to accept the proffered honor, and expressing the conviction that no public advantage could be gained by his acceptance, which, under the present circumstances, would subject him to a strain entirely beyond his strength.

It is thought the chairmanship will now be offered to John Dillon, though Edward Blake, the Canadian, is also prominently spoken of in this connection.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, which was held on Sunday, was largely attended. Mr. M. Sharkey presided. Considerable business was transacted. The Rev. President, Rev. J. A. McCallen, who was present, delivered a brief address. It was unanimously decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society by attending, in a body, the grand lecture and concert for the benefit of the poor, to be held at the Windsor Hall, on Thursday (tomorrow) evening on which occasion the Rev. J. A. McCallen will be the lecturer, and his subject will be "My Tour Through Ireland," illustrated with seventy-five fine light colored views imported specially from Dublin. The affair promises to be a grand success.

REAL ESTATE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association was held last Thursday in the Monument National, Mr. John Barry presiding. Several matters pertaining to the welfare of the city were discussed, among others the rate of taxation, as compared with that in force in cities of the United States.

Mr. A. Leveque moved, seconded by Mr. John Kane, "That the Association now records, with the deepest sorrow, the loss which it has sustained in the death of the late Mr. Joel Ledue, one of its main founders. Sincerely attached to the work which we have undertaken, Mr. Ledue has, on all occasions, shown himself to be one of its most ardent defenders, and has greatly contributed, through his sense of justice and the wisdom of his counsel, to guide our conduct in the combats which we had to sustain in order to defend a cause upon which the salvation and the property of the City of Montreal depended."

It was also decided to transmit copies of the above to the family of Mr. Joel Ledue.

It was also moved that a Committee of the Association be appointed to verify the correctness of figures contained in one of the City Treasurer's statement.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Relief was given to 574 persons during the week ending Sunday, February 9, at the St. Bridget's Night Refuge. Four hundred and ninety-four were males and 80 females.

MARRIED.

McCarthy—Murphy—On February 10th, at St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. Canon Leblanc, assisted by the Rev. Father Quinlan, John George McCarthy, M.P., son of the late Thomas McCarthy, M.P., of Sorel, to Grace, daughter of the late Hon. Edward Murphy.

DIED.

Kannon—In this city, on the 7th inst., at her mother's residence, 106 Colborne street, Mary, eldest daughter of the late John Kannon, and sister of M. Kannon, V.S. Interred at Cote des Neiges Cemetery, on Monday, 10th inst.

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