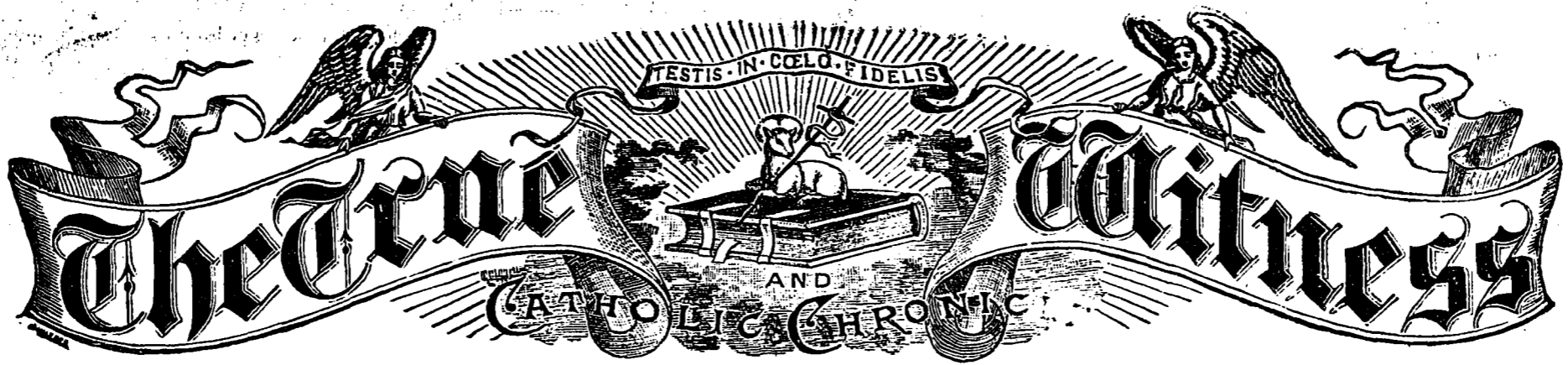


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ST. ANN'S JUNIOR YOUNG MEN

A Most Successful Entertainment—Judge Curran's Able and Timely Address.

In our last issue we referred to the successful entertainment, given in St. Ann's Hall, by the junior young men of the parish. The society was organized by the Redemptorist Fathers in 1895. It includes in its ranks the boys of their parish under the age of 18. Those who have left school, together with the boys of the first class, form a Reading Circle, and meet every Sunday afternoon to give an account of their week's work. By this means they are kept under the supervision of their pastor and teachers, and the pious practices inculcated in the school room are made to bear fruit. The parents are in perfect harmony with the work, a fact proved by the numbers that assist at any public entertainment. The play, "Two Crowns," was an ably presented and elegantly staged drama. In the acting of the young men evidence of great care in preparation was manifest, and their histrionic, as well as elocutionary attainments, reflected credit not only on the actors, but on their teachers and their special master, Prof. Varney.

Tuesday night, Jan. 14, will long remain memorable in the history of St. Ann's entertainments. Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald played the part of the Visigoth King with great dignity. He was ably supported by the other members of the society who took part in the drama. Mr. F. J. Doherty, who had the part of "Hermigild," having fallen seriously ill, Mr. Frank Gallagher, in a few hours, took the role and played it to perfection. Mr. A. P. O'Leary's "Reared" was ably portrayed. Mr. William M. Liston made a most excellent High Chancellor, and M. F. Hogan an equally successful son of that dignitary. Mr. T. J. Foy played the part of the Duke to perfection. Messrs. Thos. Gleeson and M. J. Scott were ideal Ambassadors. The playing of Mr. P. McGuire, in the role of tutor, deserves a special mention, as does that of the three friends of Hermigild—Messrs. J. McKeown, Jos. Dowd and F. J. Burns. Mr. J. Supple was a real, solid sentinel. As the Blacksmith of Seville, Mr. J. Hussey was a marked success. Difficult as was the part of the traitor "Frodelgel," and little as was the sympathy such a character could expect, Mr. James McGuire's rendering of the difficult part marked him out as a magnificent impersonator of character.

At the close of the drama, Hon. Judge Curran, who was greeted with loud applause, spoke to the young men and large audience. He thanked them very cordially for their kind invitation to be present and expressed the hope that he should be their privileged guest on many future occasions, where so many of his old and tried friends would meet, as they had met that evening, to witness the rapid strides their young men were making in the path of true progress. The drama they had so much enjoyed was entitled the "Two Crowns." It was a very appropriate title for that happy meeting, one crown for the Christian Brothers, the teachers whose labors had been so successful; the other for the young men who had given proof of talent and perseverance and a desire to profit by the care and patient attention bestowed upon them. [Loud applause.] At so late an hour it would not be right to detain the audience, but there were one or two things which he thought should not be left unsaid. Firstly, to endorse heartily the plan adopted of establishing a junior young men's St. Ann's society. From its ranks the older or parent organization, now so successful, would draw its recruits and be able to maintain the prominent position it now held, he might say, the foremost amongst young Irish Catholic societies in Montreal, for the promotion of religious sentiment, love of country, embracing Canada, the land of their birth, for most of them, and dear old Ireland, whence their fathers came, and which they should never cease to love. [Applause.] Their programme of objects included literature and other useful studies, and as time rolled on the young men now giving such evidence of talent and proof of zeal in promoting these studies would be bright ornaments of a still strong and useful St. Ann's organization. In those days it would seem as if all the powers of darkness were leagued to disclaim against Christian education. Nothing was left undone to vitiate the systems and prove by all manner of means that Catholic schools were inferior to all others. In St. Ann's for many years, owing the devotion, zeal and unsparring energy of Brother Arnold, the schools were of a high order of merit; now, under the supervision of his successor, one of the most able men in the brotherhood, the members of St. Ann's parish had the gratification of seeing still greater progress being made and all the old efficiency maintained. Throughout the country those under whose care the cause of education had been placed, in so far as Catholic schools were concerned, had, indeed, a grave responsibility. Upon them devolved the duty of keeping up the standard of the schools. Teachers must feel how deplorable it would be if, through incompetency or neglect, they allowed room for unfriendly critics to make attacks upon the system generally, and the pupils everywhere ought to understand that not only for their own advantage, but for the honor of their religion, it was their bounden duty to make every effort to advance in their studies that they would present in their own success and irreproachable conduct the best evidence of the truly

Christian character, as well as the efficiency of the establishments where they had been trained. [Applause.] St. Ann's would always give a good account of itself. The genius and talent of the Celt, although transplanted, had lost none of their vigor or brilliancy; and the devotion of the teachers would have the reward they most desired—that of seeing the pupils take their places as good and true citizens, worthy Catholics, intelligent, trained and patriotic men. [Prolonged applause.]

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Katzer, mother of Archbishop Katzer, died in Milwaukee on December 23.

The noted diva, Melba, sang two arias at the Pontifical Mass on Christmas day at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

The Jesuits have decided, at the urgent request of Bishop Schwebach, to reopen their college at Prairie du Chien, Wis.

The Very Rev. Father Bernard (Jennings), O. S. F. C., has been elected Minister Provincial of the Irish Capuchins.

St. Boniface's congregation, (Manitowoc, Wis.), voted to build their pastor, the Rev. J. W. Piel, a residence to cost \$8,000.

The new Infirm Priests' Society of St. Louis will be maintained by annual \$10 contributions of each secular priest of the diocese. Benefits entitled to \$50 per month.

Miss Daisy Gorman, the daughter of Senator Gorman of Maryland, has been married to Mr. Richard Johnson, who is a Catholic. The marriage ceremony was performed by Cardinal Gibbons.

In the will of Theodore Sheekels, of Washington, D. C., he gives \$500 each to the pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, and to Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The ecclesiastical library of the late Rev. John H. Duggan, of St. Patrick's parish, Waterbury, Ct., has been shipped to the Catholic University in Washington, in accordance with the provisions of his will.

Father Michele Unia, an apostle of the lepers at Agna di Dios, Colombia, has died at Turin. Father Unia, who was only forty-six years of age, went to Turin to recuperate, and hoped to return soon to his poor lepers. He was a Salesian.

The golden jubilee of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Kansas City, Mo., was recently celebrated with becoming ceremonies. Bishop Hogan celebrated pontifical high mass, and Bishop Burke of St. Joseph preached an appropriate sermon.

The Vatican has decided to nominate Mgr. Averdi as Apostolic Visitor to Mexico. He will shortly start for that country. His mission is to the clergy, and he will have no diplomatic relations with the Government of Mexico. Mgr. Averdi will be consecrated as titular Archbishop.

Venezuela is, of course, a Catholic country, and of its entire population, some 2,300,000, all are Catholics. Its capital and chief city, Caracas, has a good Cathedral and about fifteen other churches which are very handsome ones, and the piety of the people is attested by the devotion with which they attend to their religious duties.

Archbishop Janssens of New Orleans, on December 4, consented to allow the Sisters of Charity to act as nurses and take charge of the leper colony at Indian Camp, La., on condition that the commissioners would agree to put a Catholic priest to perform the religious services for the Sisters and the lepers. The offer was at once accepted.

Ohio is to have two large new convents. One is the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis, near Hartwell, which is to serve as a training school for the novices of the order. It will also serve as an asylum for the older Sisters. The other convent is a substantial addition to the Mother house of the Sisters of Charity, at Mount St. Joseph, in Hamilton County, north of Cincinnati.

According to a dispatch, the persecution of Catholics in Poland is being revived. A serious conflict has arisen between the officials and the clergy there. The governor ordered the priests, under severe penalties, to announce in the Russian language from their altars the birth of Grand Duchess Olga, daughter of the Czar. This the priests refused to do, and they have appealed to the Vatican to protest against the order.

The Hartford diocese has suffered severely by deaths of its priests lately, three of them having been called away in quick succession. The latest loss was that of Rev. John F. Lencelan, rector of St. Francis Church, Naugatuck, whose death was announced last week. Father Lencelan was a New Haven boy by birth, and made his theology at St. Mary's, Baltimore, where he was ordained nineteen years ago last month.

Recent statistics of the Roman Catholic population under Russian jurisdiction give the following figures: In Russian Poland there are 6,653,651 Roman Catholics, and in the other governments about 4,000,000. In Poland, where the Catholics are persecuted, the Catholics represent seventy-five per cent of the inhabitants. In St. Petersburg there are 36,550 Roman Catholic residents; in Moscow, 14,112. There are 150,000 Catholics serving in the Russian army.

Kate Field, the noted Washington journalist, appeared in a concert recently

given at Honolulu for the benefit of the Molokai lepers. The noble Sisters who have consecrated their lives to the education and religious training of the afflicted girls on Molokai were not forgotten either, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Miss Field. Before she would consent to appear in the concert she secured an agreement to the stipulation that a certain proportion of the proceeds should be set apart for the benefit of the Sisters.

In the organization of the Maryland Legislature Jan. 1 two Protestant ministers were proposed for chaplain of the Senate, one compensation to be divided between them. Senator Wilkinson (Rep.) of St. Mary's county insisted that the Roman Catholics should be recognized and proposed that Rev. William Brick should be placed on the list as the representative of the Catholic Church. After considerable debate the amendment was agreed to—13 to 12—and the trio of divines will alternate in looking after the spiritual welfare of the Senators during the sessions.

BEQUESTS TO CHARITY.

HON. EDWARD MURPHY LEAVES LEGACIES TO MANY INSTITUTIONS.

The will of the late Hon. Edward Murphy shows that, in disposing of his possessions, he did not forget the charitable, educational and religious institutions that were dear to him in life. Following are the bequests:—To the parish priest of St. Patrick's Church, \$1,000, toward the erection of the proposed Catholic High School in connection with St. Patrick's Church, "provided the school be erected and ready for occupation within five years"; to the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, \$500; to the St. Bridget's Home and Refuge, \$500; to the Irish poor in St. Patrick's parish, \$500; to the St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, \$200; to the Irish poor of St. Ann's parish, \$400; to the Home of the Aged, kept by the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$100; to the Irish poor of St. Mary's parish, \$200; to the Irish poor of St. Anthony's parish, \$100; to the Irish poor of St. Gabriel's parish, \$100; to Notre Dame Hospital, \$500; to the Sisters of the Congregation Notre Dame Villa Maria, \$200; to the Grey Nuns of Nazareth Asylum, \$200; to the Sisters of Providence, St. Catherine street, for the poor, \$100; to the Sisters of Providence for the Deaf and Dumb, St. Denis street, \$100; to the Sisters of the Bon Pasteur, Sherbrooke street, \$100; to the Montreal General Hospital, \$500; to the Sisters of Mercy, Dorchester street, \$100; to the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, \$300; to the Montreal Dispensary, \$100, and to the Montreal Maternity Hospital, \$100. The total amount of these bequests is \$5,900. The executors are Mr. W. S. Murphy, Rev. John Quinlan, and Mr. Chas. D. Monk.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH NOTES.

CONFIRMATION CLASS.

The examination in St. Gabriel's Sunday Catechism class for the past term was in its result a most fruitful source of consolation both for the beloved pastor and his curate, who is charged with the religious instruction of the different schools at the Point. The questions proposed were such as would indeed be counted sufficiently difficult for students in Theology to properly answer. All the matter treated of in the explanations given by Father Hellerman as well as the matter propounded from the pulpit at the children's nine o'clock mass each Sunday was contained in the questions asked. The examination was a written one, one week having been allowed in which to hand in the papers. The students were permitted to consult whomsoever or whatsoever authors they wished. It was, in truth, really pleasing to the kind parents to see the interest taken in this difficult examination by their children, who in the not distant future must fill their place, a thing which they cannot properly do unless animated by those sentiments which religion well explained and understood alone can instill. Assuredly the priests of St. Gabriel's have reason to feel proud that their efforts prove not fruitless. God grant that they may long be in our midst to cultivate, as they verily know how, this favored part of the Lord's vineyard, in the fervent wish of us all.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S ACADEMY.

On Monday afternoon last there was held, in the 3d English class of St. John the Evangelist's Academy, St. Gabriel's Parish, an examination in orthography. Wonderful indeed it was to see ambition's effects on the different students, striving as they did to outdo one another in order to secure the prizes. Naturally, all could not be first, so it fell to the lot, after a sharp and bitter contest, of Miss Mary Vauthier in the first division, and of Miss Annie McCarthy in the second, to carry triumphantly away the laurels of victory. Much praise is due the Rev. Pastor and his assistant, who leave nothing undone to stimulate the students of the different schools, in order that they may be enticed to perform well their duties towards God, their neighbors and themselves. In the near future it is expected that there will be a grand competition among the different schools of the parish.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME.

At St. Gabriel's, on Sunday last, was celebrated with great pomp and splendor the feast of the Holy Name. At the early masses was seen a great number of the parishioners approach the Holy Table. Grand Mass was chanted by the Rev. Pastor, whilst the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. F. Hellerman. In the evening at 7 o'clock grand vespers were chanted and solemn Benediction of

the Blessed Sacrament given, at which a vast concourse of people assisted. Miss Maggie O'Brine presided at the organ both in the morning and evening, whilst the choir was under the leadership of Mr. Jas. Ellis, who kindly consented to replace Mr. J. P. Shea, who has been indisposed for the past few weeks.

REV. FR. O'MEARA'S FEAST.

On Friday last the students of Sarsfield School anxiously awaited the arrival of their pastor, Rev. Wm. O'Meara, whom they, in the person of their efficient principal, Mr. Anderson, had invited to assist at an entertainment carefully prepared for the occasion, which was their own celebration of the pastor's feast. Too much praise cannot be given the different participants, who, one and all, received well-merited applause. The most pleasing feature of all, however, was the reading of an address by Master Jas. Brennan, and presentation of an elegantly carved English-silver tea-service—a mark of their appreciation of the zealous pastor's unwavering efforts in whatever concerns their temporal or spiritual affairs. The Rev. Pastor, on arising to respond, was greeted by volleys upon volleys of applause, after which he thanked them for their marked consideration and assured them that it always was and would be a great pleasure for him to see success attend upon their efforts, which, he said, could not be otherwise, blessed as they were with such a competent staff of teachers, under the presidency of their highly esteemed and deeply beloved principal, Mr. James Anderson. He trusted that they would ever prove themselves good and obedient scholars, dutiful and assiduous, which, if they were, would be a sure sign that their path through life would be lined with the sweet-smelling rose-bushes of success. After the discoursing of sweet music by the school-band the gathering dispersed well satisfied with the day's enjoyment. Needless to say they were heartily granted a grand holiday.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH NOTES.

UNMARRIED LADIES' RETREAT.

The retreat for unmarried ladies, announced by us for the first week of Lent, will take place the week before Lent. The Reverend Redemptorist Fathers, who are to direct the mission, having previous engagements for the time first announced. The first exercises of the retreat will commence on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

BEAUTIFUL NEW WINDOWS.

While the ensemble of St. Patrick's church is attracting the admiration of all who visit that beautiful temple, we might say that the magnificent and artistically designed windows, lately placed in the church, add, perhaps more than anything else, to the lightness and richness of the edifice. We have already given a description of the large memorial and monumental windows that came from Europe. Since then other and equally useful as well as ornamental windows have been added to the improvements, and they complete, as it were, the whole system of lighting the interior of the building. Between the two organs in the large central tower is an immense round stained glass masterpiece of design. Being in light colors it gives a splendid flood of brightness to the whole vault and nave of the church. In the centre is a representation of the Dove, rushing down in white-winged swiftness to the scene of prayer. The whole piece of work is admirably designed to suit the lighting requirements of the temple. In and over the lateral porches is a profusion of yellowish stained glass with numerous designs, amongst which may be noticed the Mitre, crozier and episcopal staff on one, and the tiara and Papal arms on the other. These windows may be really called the crowning of the magnificent decorations that have so transformed old St. Patrick's.

ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD.

On Sunday last the beautiful devotion to St. Anthony of Padua was established, with appropriate ceremonies, in St. Patrick's church. A very fine statue of St. Anthony, with a child in his arms, has been placed on the Epistle side of the church, and the box for requests is beside it. There is a peculiarity about this devotion; the promises of donations to the poor, made to St. Anthony, are not to be fulfilled until the request made is granted. In our next issue we will give a full history of the devotion. It will interest us well as instruct all our readers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY. At a meeting of St. Mary's Y. M. S. held in St. Mary's Hall on Sunday, 19th January, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Director, Father P. F. O'Donnell; president, Mr. J. A. McCaffrey; 1st vice president, Mr. H. J. Codd; 2d vice president, Mr. T. Burns; recording secretary, Mr. J. E. Brennan; corresponding secretary, Mr. W. Brennan; financial secretary, Mr. T. J. O'Neill; librarian, Mr. P. Doyle; marshal, Mr. T. Hinton; chairman of hall committee, Mr. J. Hinton; chairman of audit committee, Mr. F. Croke; and chairman of membership committee, Mr. E. Karns.

ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT.

THE YOUNG IRISHMEN'S L. A. B. A. On St. Patrick's Night the dramatic section of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association, will present, in the Queen's Hall, the thrilling and patriotic drama entitled, "Arach-Na-Pogue." The leading parts of "Shann the Post" and "Michael Feeney" will be taken by Messrs. J. J. McLean and F. J. Gallagher respectively. Later on we will be enabled to give a fuller notice of the splendid entertainment just in course of preparation.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Father Shea, the zealous curate of St. Mary's left the city on last Monday for a two week's trip. He will visit his many clerical and other friends in Bellows Falls, N. Y., Brooklyn, and Jersey; he will return by way of Niagara, London, Hamilton, Toronto and Kingston. We wish him a pleasant and successful journey and a safe return.

CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS.

New York, January 18.—Within a short time a band of Catholic missionaries, whose endeavors will be confined solely to preaching Catholic doctrine to Protestants and others who are not members of the Catholic Church, will be at work in this city: The Paulist Fathers

head the enterprise. Archbishop Corrigan has warmly commended the project, and has asked for volunteers among the priesthood to carry on the work. In the West, Father Walter Elliot and other members of the Paulist order have been successful in missionary work among non-Catholics. To ascertain if there is field in this city for Catholic preaching to Protestants, a mission to non-Catholics was held last week in the Paulist Church. This was so successful that it is certain an organized crusade to win converts to the Catholic Church will be begun here immediately. These missions are to be a regular feature of Catholic Church work in this country.

C. M. B. A.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES BRANCH, NO. 81 SMITH'S FALLS.

On Tuesday evening, the 14th instant, at the regular meeting of this branch, an interesting event took place: It was the presentation of a beautiful arm chair, accompanied by the following address, to the retiring financial secretary, Mr. Thomas Cushing. The address was read by Mr. Wm. Edgeworth, and was as follows:

Dear Sir and Brother:—This being the occasion of your vacating the office of financial secretary, and being installed as president of the branch, we cannot allow it to pass without showing you in some manner how your services have been and are appreciated by this branch. We believe the healthy condition of the finances of this branch at the present time is largely due to your careful attention. Your regularity in attending meetings has also been noticed. Now that you are about to be installed as president, we ask you to accept this chair as a small recognition of your services in the past, and also as a token of the esteem in which you are held by the members of this branch. That you may long be spared to enjoy it, and be blessed with the presence of your wife and family, is the heartfelt wish of the members of branch 81 of the C. M. B. A., Smith's Falls. Signed on behalf of the branch, W. EDGEWORTH, J. MEEGHAN, J. MALLOY.

Mr. Cushing, though taken by surprise, replied in a pithy and able speech, covering the different features of the address and giving a resume of the work done during the last year. The annual installation of officers then took place, the following being a list of the officers elected for the year 1896: Spiritual advisor, Rev. M. J. Stanton; president, Thos. Cushing; 1st vice president, Wm. Edgeworth; 2nd vice president, John Munson, rec. sec., P. Delaney, assist. sec., Jas. Babcock, fin. sec., Dan. Halpin; treasurer, James Keilly; marshal, Patrick McNulty; grand, Louis Bennett; Board of Trustees—Richard Nolan, M. Ryan, for two years; Thomas Salmon, John Malloy, Patrick Delaney.

At the last regular monthly meeting of Branch No. 9 C. M. B. A., Grand Council of Quebec, held at their hall, 113 Notre Dame street, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year, by Grand Deputy Bro. J. Meek and past Chancellor Bro. H. Butler: President, John Halpin; 1st vice-president, M. J. Shaw; 2nd vice-president, Ernest Barril; recording secretary, R. P. Welsh; assistant recording secretary, B. McDonald; treasurer, M. O'Flaherty; marshal, Jas. Shaw; guard, Jas. Barry; chancellors, H. Butler and P. Flannery; trustees, J. B. O'Hara, Jno. Sheehan, A. Purcell, Jas. McKeown, M. E. Johnson. After the installation of officers, the retiring treasurer, Bro. John Sheehan, was presented with a gold-headed cane, as a souvenir for his untiring labors for the Branch, and also Bro. John O'Sullivan, financial secretary, with a gold ring, for the clever manner in which he takes care of the finances of the Branch, which is in a flourishing condition.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 10, C. M. B. A., Grand Council of Quebec, the following officers were instituted for the ensuing year by Grand Deputy Meek:—President, M. Lynch; First Vice-President, A. Duggan; Second Vice-President, T. F. Moore; Recording Secretary, J. E. Holland; Assistant Secretary, H. McGee; Financial Secretary, M. J. Walsh; Treasurer, E. Curnugh; Marshal, R. Bishop; Guard, M. Dwyer. Trustees—J. Dwyer, M. Dwyer, F. H. P. Brown, C. J. Flannigan, Edward Clurkin.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. James Flood, ex-President of the Y. L. L. & B. A., was united, in the holy bonds of matrimony, to Miss McAleese. The happy couple, amidst the showers of friendly congratulations, left for the West on their wedding trip. May it be a joyous one, and may happiness and prosperity attend them through life.

ANOTHER PRIEST DEAD.

The Rev. Abbe Jean-Marie Mathieu, parish priest of St. Basile le Grand, county of Chambly, died last week. The funeral took place on Friday, and was very largely attended by members of the clergy and parishioners.—R.I.P.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

We are requested to announce that Honorable Senator Sir William Hingston has kindly accepted the position of Honorary President of the Catholic Truth Society of Montreal. We congratulate the society on the strides it is making and upon the good fortune of having secured Sir William as Honorary President. Bright and prosperous days are in store, we are confident, for that admirable association.

THE OBLAT ORDER.

Rev. Father Lanzon, of the Oblat Order, who has been Superior of the Oblat Mission at Hull for the last six years, is coming back to Montreal to be Provincial Superior of the Order. He will be replaced at Hull by Rev. Father Leonard.

IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

The Rev. T. Canon Holland, pastor of Innishannon, died on Dec. 26.

At the Cork Police Office on Dec. 27, Constable John Stanley was presented with a bronze medal and the certificate of the Royal Humane Society for having saved a child from drowning last July.

A large meeting of the parishioners was held in Mullinahone to consider the best means of showing in a permanent way their regard for the late Rev. P. Ryan, parish priest. It was decided to form a committee to take the matter in hand. A subscription list was opened and several subscriptions handed in.

The Earl of Huntington has headed the list of subscriptions in the Sharnavogue district in connection with the National testimonial to be presented to James M. Ryan, the champion high jumper. The flourishing National School, of which the champion is head teacher, is close to the Earl's King's County seat.

The tenants on the Pomeroy estate of C. G. B. Kennedy, J. P., Mullencan, Stewartstown, have purchased their holdings under the Lord Ashbourne Act at seventeen years' purchase. The tenants on Kennedy's estate, near Stewartstown, are making negotiations for the purchase of theirs. Six tenants have purchased their holdings at nineteen years' purchase.

Maurice Lenihan, editor and proprietor of the Limerick Reporter, and author of a well known history of Limerick, died on Christmas Day. He had reached the age of eighty-five years. Mr. Lenihan was an ardent follower of the Liberator and took an active part in the Emancipation movement. In latter-day politics he was a Liberal and Nationalist.

A unique claim under the Act of Parliament, regulating claims for compensation for malicious injuries, has been lodged with the secretary of the Kerry Grand Jury. The amount sought for is £14, and the claimant, Michael Warren of Killarney, alleges that a cow, his property, was "destroyed by a small pack of mail placed maliciously in her food and which she swallowed."

At Castlemaine, on December 27, a demonstration was held in celebration of the return of the pastor of the district, the Rev. J. Conlan, from America, where he had been collecting funds for the purpose of building a church. A bonfire was lighted on the quay, and during the course of the festivities there a young man named Thomas Frederick, son of a farmer, fell into the water and was drowned.

Francis Egan, of Ballinakill, Lehigh, died on the 17th ult., at the age of ninety years. He was the father of the Rev. Patrick Egan, pastor of Duniry; Sister M. Alphonsus, of the Mercy Convent, Loughrea; Laurence Egan and Martin M. Egan, Poor Law Guardians, and the latter the organizer of the Irish National Federation for County Galway. He was also a brother of the late Rev. Laurence Egan, pastor of Ballinakill.

The trouble over a farm on the Gasshill estate of Lord Digby, from which a tenant was evicted four years ago, has been settled. The holding had been in possession of a well-to-do farmer named Paul Coghlan and was reckoned one of the best on the property. The tenant died some years ago, denuding his interest to his nephews, who some time afterwards became involved in difficulties with the agent and were evicted. Since then, Samuel Hill, from Longford, has lived on the farm. The house and land had assumed a most dilapidated and neglected appearance. An ex-policeman, named Charles Gowing, having purchased the evicted tenant's good will for £70, a fine of £100 being paid to the landlord and £20 to Hill for disturbance, the matter ended.