

C. M. B. A.

We would call the attention of our C. M. B. A. Branches and members to the fact that we make a very pretty silk C. M. B. A. Badge, nicely trimmed with gold fringe, and costing only \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, and can be used by branches when attending funerals of deceased members, or at a demonstration of any kind, and it is a body of men and women.

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Open Meeting of Branch No. 81, Smith's Falls.

Branch No. 81 held an open meeting in the town hall here, on the 31st ult., which was eminently successful in every respect, for at the close of the meeting some ten or twelve names were taken down, and several more promised, for membership in the association.

The President opened the proceedings, welcoming all and giving an outline of the wonderful growth and ultimate aims of the association, and the object of the meeting, after which he introduced T. W. McDermott, District Deputy, who delivered one of his earnest and able addresses, vividly portraying the benevolent objects of the association.

The guests of the evening were afterwards invited by the members of the Branch to partake of a supper, prepared at the Palace Hotel. The proprietors of this splendid and richly appointed hotel, Mrs. M. Ryan and D. E. Wood, spared no pains in making the evening an enjoyable one for all.

The members of the Branch take this opportunity to cordially thank the invited gentlemen from Montreal for their kind and generous presence, and also those visiting Brothers from Perth, and are extremely well pleased and gratified at the result.

Montreal Notes. We are sure to number 16 Branches in Montreal before Dec. 31st. Several new ones under consideration in large parishes.

Double header No. 1 and 2 to hand. A glance over its causes of death reveals some startling facts which might as well be spoken of openly. It seems to us in this city, and particularly to our medical advisers, that examinations in the United States are not conducted with the same strictness as they are in Canada, or the applicants may have concealed their family history, or facts which, if known, would have prevented them from passing satisfactory examinations.

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following resolutions of condolence were adopted:

Resolved, That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by the death of the beloved mother of our esteemed Treasurer, Bro. John Dorsey, and mother-in-law of Bro. Edward Devereaux.

Resolved, That we, the members of Branch No. 23, C. M. B. A., do hereby express our sympathy to the bereaved family, our heartfelt and earnest sympathy in the sad loss which it has pleased Divine Providence to inflict them.

We commend them to Him for consolation who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, That this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to Bro. John Dorsey and Edward Devereaux, and published in the CATHOLIC RECORD and C. M. B. A. Monthly.

(Signed) JOSEPH WEBER, JAMES J. MURPHY, Committee. JOHN KILLORAN, (Died 7th August, 1888)

At the last regular meeting of Branch 39 the following resolution of sympathy was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove our late Brother, Joseph Esbach, by death, be it

Resolved, that the sympathy of our late Brother's fellow members is hereby extended to his bereaved wife and child in their sad affliction.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be handed to Bro. Esbach, and also to the CATHOLIC RECORD and C. M. B. A. Monthly for publication.

The late Brother Esbach departed this life on the 30th of January, after a long illness, borne with Christian patience and resignation. The funeral took place on the 1st of February and was one of the largest witnessed at the cemetery of the St. Francis Xavier parish, Montreal.

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sermon on death. His remains were taken to Brasby cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. Byrne was detained in Ireland by a family legacy but did not survive to see the legal litigation ended or receive his portion.

John Connolly, Esq., Dublin, Ireland. Of your charity pray for the soul of John Connolly, Esq., of Dublin, Ireland, who, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, departed this life on the feast of the Presentation. He was for many years a prominent member of St. Vincent de Paul's Society, R. I. P.

The deceased gentleman was a brother of Mr. Joseph Connolly, R. O. A., Toronto.

IRELAND'S STRUGGLE.

THE CERTAINTY OF VICTORY. Lord Cairncross, while defending himself from the charge of heartless cruelty brought against him by Mr. T. W. Russell, states that since 1884 he has not received out of his 56,000 acres of land in Ireland even £10 annually; that in fact he has had absolutely nothing out of the vast rent roll which Mr. Russell says he has gathered in. His Lordship is the wealthiest and most determined renter in Ireland, and, having the whole power of the Government to back him, he has evicted 150 families, and has thrown into prison 150 persons, in his efforts at extermination.

If his statement be true, it is not now a profitable thing to be a rack-renting landlord, and from sheer force of circumstances the landlords must soon succumb to the demands of the Irish tenantry, and the Irish problem will solve itself, even if the Coercion policy be kept up. It will be a great encouragement to the Nationalists to know that they are certain of victory, whether the Government of Coercion remains in office or not.

On the other hand, public opinion must be strong, indeed, when even T. W. Russell is seeking for an excuse to quarrel with the landlord party.

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A number of tenants succeeded a few days ago in having a batch of evictions notices quashed by the court at Portman.

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violence; and while they have their authority in their hands, to take what vengeance they can upon those Irishmen who have contributed most towards the utter rout which they must soon experience.

Such a course is contrary to all our ideas of constitutional Government, but for constitutional Government, the present rulers of Great Britain and Ireland have evidently no respect.

When the will of the people is unmistakably manifested it is usual for the Government to show some consideration for the popular will, and to change their measures in accordance therewith. This was virtually the case with the present arbitrary rulers of the Empire to be the proper course when they dropped the Licensing clause of the Coercion Government bill when it was before the House of Commons.

Popular indignation was aroused in several constituencies against the clauses, and the Government gave them up. But have not the people sufficiently manifested their dissatisfaction with the government of Ireland by election? Since the last general election out of nearly sixty constituencies where by-elections have been held, sixteen seats have been redeemed or won by the Liberals, while the Tories have only gained five.

In almost all the other constituencies the Liberals have secured increased majorities, and while the Tories have retained the seats their majorities have been reduced, so that it is reckoned that if the results be similar when the general elections are held, the Liberals will have in the next house a majority of between 120 and 150.

England, Scotland and Wales have all had the opportunity of giving expression to their opinion, and, as far as possible, wonderfully unanimous. With one accord they are against Coercion. The elections for the municipal council of London, resulting in the return of nearly a two-thirds Liberal majority, was a blow given in the very stronghold of Toryism which must have been felt by the Government as the thrust from the dagger of Brutus was felt by Cæsar.

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under Cromwell, and the Irish are susceptible of kindness and full of sentiment, not logical, and inconsiderate of the means necessary to gain desired ends, but easily governed when dealt with in the right way."

Balfour King, Richard III. exclaiming with comic dignity: "O'ff with his hair! So much for Harrington." Another caricature represents him as a barbaric post as a Statesman. The caricatures excite a great amusement in England.

The Irish Tory papers are again endeavoring to make it believed that the meetings of the League as recorded in the Nationalist papers are fictitious, and that Balfour's policy of suppression has been successful. This is positively stated by the Dublin Express. To expose the libel the Nationalists are making the reports more full than ever and publish, as far as can be ascertained, the names of the persons present.

There is hope even for Belfast. To honor the patriotic Lord Mayor of Dublin, Thos. Sexton, M. P. the Belfast Chamber of Commerce has elected him to membership. This coming so soon after the vote of the young men of a Protestant Literary Association in Coleraine in favor of Home Rule, seems to mark a new phase in the political aspect of the North.

On December 7th, a month after his election to the Presidency of the United States, General Harrison signed an address to Mr. Gladstone, expressing hearty sympathy with the Irish people in their effort to gain Home Rule. The address is contained in a testimonial album in which will be the signatures of many eminent American patriots.

The album has been prepared by John J. McBride, the Irish exile who now resides in Buffalo. Coming after the election, the General's act cannot be construed as a bid for Irish votes. It is therefore a sure indication that the sympathy of the new President's Government will be with the Irish people.

The Tory journals express great indignation, but the act is not likely to lead to a war between England and the United States. What will Mr. Joseph Chamberlain have to say about it?

A PROSPEROUS FIRM.

Messrs. R. F. Lacey & Co., the well known manufacturers of boot and shoe uppers, have extended their premises, taking in the factory formerly occupied by Messrs. Stevens, and Messrs. H. H. Job & Co., and made it a department of their extensive factory on Clarence street. They now carry a large and complete stock of harness, sole, calf, cowhide, goat, dogskin and all other makers' harness makers' supplies.

For the retail shoe trade the firm carries a large and complete stock of boots, shoes, ladies, etc. It is pleasing to see Messrs. Lacey & Co. so largely extending their business, and we trust they will continue to prosper in the future.

Mr. Lacey, the head of the firm, is a thorough and business-like man with all his customers and desires the success his is meeting with.

RENNIE'S SEED CATALOGUE.

We have received a copy of the handsome illustrated catalogue issued by Wm. Rennie, the well-known seedsmen of the British Isles. It is certainly the most complete publication of the kind which has reached us since the season.

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