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Guelph, December 2nd, 1887. Received from Mr. E. J. O'Brien, C. M. B. A. Deputy, two thousand dollars for my Beneficiary in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, being full amount due me through the death of my late husband, John Brohman, of Branch No. 35, Goderich, Ont.

Witness, James Keough, Treasurer of Branch 30, Guelph.

CAROLINE BROHMAN

Winnipeg, Dec. 2nd, 1887. To the Editor of the Catholic Record, London, Ontario. DEAR SIR AND BRO—At the last regular meeting of St. Mary's Branch, No. 53, C. M. B. A., of Canada, it was moved by Bro J. K. Barrett, seconded by Bro. Jas. Mahoney, that a vote of thanks be tendered to bro. members of Montreal Branch for their kindness shown and services rendered Bro. M. Hughes during his sojourn there while under medical treatment. Copies to be sent the official organs for publications also to the different Branch Secretaries of Montreal, and recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Yours fraternally, J. H. HEAR, Rec. Sec.

Resolutions of Condolence Passed by St. Ann's Branch, Montreal.

At an adjourned meeting of St. Ann's branch, No. 41, C. M. B. A., held in their hall on Monday, the 28th inst., the following resolutions of condolence were adopted:—Resolved, that branch 41, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, has learned with deep sorrow of the death of their late esteemed brother and trustee, M. Coleman, and desire to place on record the expression of the high esteem in which he was held by his brothers of this branch, and their sincere regret at his early death;

That this branch, in the death of brother Coleman, has lost a valued member and officer, whose zealous devotion to the interests of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, as well as his many estimable qualities, make his loss one which cannot be too deeply felt by all its members.

That this branch desires to express the profound sympathy of its members with the relatives of the deceased in their great loss; and that copies of the present resolutions be sent to the relatives of brother Coleman, and to the press for publication.

FROM BROOKVILLE. At the last regular meeting of the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association the Rev. Dean Gauthier was present and received an address on the eve of his departure for Rome, to which he feelingly replied. The following officers were elected: Very Rev. Dean Gauthier—Spiritual Director, W. Braniff—President, J. Shaw—First Vice-president, T. H. Fitzgibbon—Second Vice-president, O. K. Fraser—Recording and Corresponding Secretary, M. J. O'Donnell—Assisting Secretary, S. J. O'Shaughnessy—Treasurer, W. J. McHenry—Financial Secretary, P. Barnes—Chancellor, R. McNab—Marshall, M. J. Ryan—Guard, M. Kehoe, R. C. McHenry—Trustees.

A VERY FLATTERING REPORT.

THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT OF THE OSHTAWA SEPARATE SCHOOL. Mr. J. F. White, Inspector of Separate Schools, lately visited the Oshtawa Separate School, and was pleased to see a very flattering report, from which we beg leave to make the following extracts. Under the head of Organization and Discipline:—"A well graded school of three departments; Discipline, faultless." As accommodation, everything that can be desired. Equipments, Maps, Globes, and even a very good supply of all." Remarks:—"This school continues under a staff of capable and energetic teachers to maintain its reputation of doing really excellent work. It ranks among the very first of our schools in regard to order and efficiency." Signed, J. F. WHITE.

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DIVORCE CASE DECIDED BY THE BISHOP OF KINGSTON.

Cornwall, Dec. 6th, 1887. The Bishop of Kingston has been engaged here some days in examining a matrimonial case, which excites much interest. The lady petitioner claims divorce from her husband on the ground of injury done to her by his bad language. Several sittings have been held in the presbytery, at which Lawyer Litch appeared for petitioner, and Donald B. Maclean, Q. C., for the respondent. The Bishop delivered his decision yesterday by a formal document, granting the petitioner's demand for separation from bed and board, and assigning her an alimony of \$320 a year during the period of separation from her husband and about \$500 in hand. He reserves to himself, however, the right to cancel this order whenever he may judge that sufficient cause no longer exists for the parties keeping asunder.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARY BUCKE, HAMILTON. It is with regret we announce the death of Mrs. Mary Bucke, wife of Mr. Nicholas Bucke, after a brief illness. Deceased was a resident of Hamilton for the past forty years, and by her kind and Christian character gained the love and respect of a large circle of friends. She was a fervent Catholic, and fortified by the rites of the church she calmly passed into the hands of Him whom she faithfully served in life. The funeral took place on Thursday morning, Rev. Father Heenan officiating at mass and Rev. Father Carre at the grave. Mr. Bucke and family have our heartfelt sympathies in their sad affliction. May she rest in peace.

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It chanced a priest was journeying Through dark and dreary wood, And there, where few came passing by, A lonely chapel stood.

He stayed at his feet, that pilgrim priest, His morning mass he tendered, And kneeling, and in patience waits The peasant's hour of prayer.

When lo! a child of wondrous grace, Before the altar stood, And down beside the ivory priest, The infant wearily knelt.

He serves the Mass; his voice is sweet Like distant music low, With downward eye and ready hand, And foot-fall hastiest and slow.

"Et verbum caro factum est," Ministers thus he hears, Then turning he to Mary's statue, In glory disappears.

So round the altar, children dear, Press gladly to be near, For once to serve at Holy Mass, The infant Jesus came.

CHRISTMAS DAY. A TALE FOR THE YOUNG. "How I do like Christmas!" said little Minny Grenville, on the Feast of the Nativity, which was the day of her first communion.

"Come now, Minny," said Mrs. Grenville, laying aside the book she had been reading, (she, too, had been at communion on that day,) "come now, Minny, why do you so like Christmas?"

"Because it is such a nice time; at this Christmas especially. You know, received our dear Lord this morning, as soon afterwards the sister carried me put the little dress, which I made myself, on the image of the infant Jesus the crib. Sister Martha says I am light the lamp in the little star over the crib, and that no one else must do so, in which I was very glad. Then I am to give that fine big cake at Christmas-box to widow Moore, and I am to make a large handkerchief, which I beamed myself, and the pair of gloves and a pair of boots, to her son, little Willy, 'now glad he shall be. Then I am to a little crib of my own on New Year day, and a new work-box, and a doll; how I do like Christmas!" at last, out of breath, she clasped her little hands with glee.

"Well, Minny," said Mrs. Grenville, "your reasons for liking Christmas are not so selfish as I expected. I am very well pleased indeed, but listen!" The last portion of a Christmas carol, being sung in the street, by a voice which though tremulous and tender, was wonderfully sweet and clear; the scene was unmistakably Irish. Suddenly voice stopped, as if the songster had been stricken down. Both mother and daughter ran to the window, and the little songster—a child between eight and nine years old—was crying bitterly, and looking up and down the street.

Mrs. Grenville's house was the last of a fashionable row, near the outskirts of Bristol, and the inhabitants of all, except hers, were Protestants. Though little fellow had passed unheeded by house to house, he still kept singing on. Even when he came to the last in the row, he tried to continue, but it was vain, and the long pent tears gushed out. This was why the voice so suddenly stopped. Mrs. Grenville sent out for tea, and gave him some bread and tea. The tea he refused, but the bread he ate with avidity, and stuffed into his pocket. He was on the point of running when, as if a sudden thought struck him, (for he was a very sensible fellow among Irishmen,) he said: "Will I do for you, madam?" Receiving an assent in the affirmative, he commenced Christmas carol, in a clear voice. When over the name of Mother occurred, the song, the tears would rush to his eyes, and his voice become quite husky, enough frequently, each time to hide emotion, under pretence of clearing throat. But Mrs. Grenville noticed though she said nothing. When he finished, she asked him why he had so bitterly in the street. "My mother, madam," said he, "ate not since yesterday morning; she is too weak to go out; I have been rehearsing song for the last week, and I was so sure that I'd have lots of things to come home to my mother; for at home, in my own old country, if any person singing of a Christmas morning, he'd hardly be able to carry home all that he'd given to him. So I was thinking of the fine things I would give to mother, and how glad she would be. But I have been singing in vain all morning, and it is now after eleven o'clock. Though no one would mind, I still kept singing on, but when I got to this house and found it was the street, I tried not to cry, but I could not help it, I was so terribly disappointed. Oh! my poor mother, she'd be so glad to see me, and I was so sure that I'd have lots of things to come home to my mother; for at home, in my own old country, if any person singing of a Christmas morning, he'd hardly be able to carry home all that he'd given to him. So I was thinking of the fine things I would give to mother, and how glad she would be. But I have been singing in vain all morning, and it is now after eleven o'clock. Though no one would mind, I still kept singing on, but when I got to this house and found it was the street, I tried not to cry, but I could not help it, I was so terribly disappointed. Oh! my poor mother, she'd be so glad to see me, and I was so sure that I'd have lots of things to come home to my mother; for at home, in my own old country, if any person singing of a Christmas morning, he'd hardly be able to carry home all that he'd given to him. So I was thinking of the fine things I would give to mother, and how glad she would be. 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