

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Division No. 1, A. O. H.

To the Editor of The Catholic Register.

Sir—With your kind permission I desire to give to your many readers a little sketch of the recent doings of Division No. 1, A. O. H. Entering into the new year the members are looking back with pride at the success they have accomplished for the welfare of the Division during 1896, having added largely to the membership as well as greatly increasing their treasury. The concert lately given under the auspices of the Division was a big financial success and the thanks of the members are tendered to the ladies of Auxiliary No. 1, Daughters of Erin, for the kind manner in which they rendered their assistance which helped to add a big item to the financial part of the entertainment.

The last regular meeting of the Division held in the old year was on Monday night, December 28th, nearly every member being present as also a large number of visiting Brothers. The most important business on the calendar for that evening was the annual election of officers for the ensuing term, which always greatly interests each and every member. When the order of business for the election came up, County President Brother W. J. Moore was invited to take the chair and conduct the election. Many candidates were placed in the field and after interesting contests the following were declared chosen for 1897: President, J. J. Rutledge; Vice-President, M. Richardson; Sec. Secretary, Wm. Ryan; Fin. Secretary, P. Mohan; Treasurer, W. J. McLean. Nearly all the officers elected have served for the last year—which speaks that they had showed a good record, which obtained for them re-election. The first meeting of the new year was held on Monday night, Jan. 11, with a good number of members present. Annual reports were received from the Secretary and Treasurer which showed a great increase in the receipts over the past years and making a large Treasury, the expenditure being very large, including a large amount for sick benefits and other charitable donations, which shows that Division No. 1 lives rightly in accordance to the grandest principle of the motto of the Order, namely, "True Christian Charity." The representatives of the Division on the Union Concert Committee for St. Patrick's night report that all the arrangements are about completed. The Massey Music Hall has been secured for the occasion and some of the leading talent that has ever appeared in the city will compose the programme. The installation of officers for the new year took place last meeting, ceremony being administered by J. J. Moore, after which he expressed in elegant language the duties of each officer and the manner in which they should perform their duties to prove to be true filial and worthy officers, and said he believed it safe to heartily congratulate the Division on having elected an efficient staff of officers. The President Bro. Jas. Rutledge before resuming the chair, in able and well finished style thanked the members for the honor they had seen fit to bestow on him in re-electing him for the fourth term as their President, and hoped that activities would be displayed by each and every member for the welfare of the Division, and if so prosperity was sure to reign in the future as it has in the past. At this vigorous applause was heard. The remainder of the officers also spoke in kind words showing the appreciation they had for the esteem in which they are held by the members.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your valuable space and wishing your paper a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain
Wm Ryan, Secretary.
Toronto Jan. 12th 1897.

C. M. E. A.

BRANCH No. 240, MONTREAL.

The following officers of Branch 240 have been installed at the last regular meeting by Grand Deputy H. Spedding, assisted by Grand Deputies A. Boucher, P. Dandelin and F. P. Tasse, Spiritual Adviser, Rev. A. Lacombe; Medical Adviser, Dr. S. McDuff; Chancellor, M. L. Chartier, President, F. X. Lenoir; first vice-president, Charles Fortier; second vice-president, Joseph Leveillé; recording secretary, George Paquette; financial secretary, J. E. Mailoux; treasurer, Harris Latour; marshal, T. Veaudry; guard, P. J. Black; trustees, T. Paquette, J. T. Gauron, H. Latour, Orlin Fortier, G. O. Messier.

The officers of the C. M. B. A. of Canada, No. 229, Cote St. Paul, have been installed by Grand Deputy Costigan, Spiritual Adviser, Rev. A. A. Brant, pastor; Medical Adviser, Dr. Roy; President, Brother A. T. Martin; 1st Vice President, Bro. F. X. Payette; 2nd Vice President, Brother Ellis Fortin; Recording Secretary, Brother Charles Pratt; Assistant Secretary, Brother J. H. Boyer; Financial Secretary, Brother Thomas J. Evers; Treasurer, Brother Joseph Dame; Marshal, Brother E. Tourangeau; Guard, Brother F. X. Dumothier; Trustees, Brothers Hector Dame, E. Tourangeau, A. Therien, J. H. Boyer, F. X. Dumothier.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.
Whereas, it having pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call from

this life the beloved wife of our esteemed Brother Captain John Sullivan. Do it, therefore.
Resolved—That we the members of Branch 10, C. M. B. A., extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Sullivan in the loss he and his children have sustained in the death of his loving wife and a kind and affectionate mother, and pray that Almighty God will comfort them in this their bereavement.
Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Brother Sullivan, inserted on the minutes and a copy sent to the official organs.
M. SULLIVAN, Recording Secretary.
C. M. B. A. Hall, St. Catharines, Jan. 21st, 1897.
E. B. A.

St. Mary's Branch, No. 21, ALMONTE.
At the last regular meeting of the following officers were elected for 1897: Chaplain, Very Rev. Canon Foley, President, B. M. R. Con; Vice President, John Malone; Recording Secretary, M. McGrath; Financial Insurance Secretary, P. L. Dowdall; Treasurer, R. Johnson; Steward, F. Malone; Chief Ranger, M. G. Blair; Assistant Marshal, F. Brunnet; Inside Guard, P. Marley; Outside Guard, F. McDonald.

St. Cecilia's Branch No. 29, WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.
Resolved—That we the members of St. Cecilia's Branch No. 29, wish to express our sincere sympathy with our esteemed Chancellor, Bro. E. J. Walsh, and the members of his family in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of his beloved mother, and hereby wish to assure him that we as Emeralds hope God in His infinite mercy will give him grace to bear his sad bereavement with Christian fortitude, knowing that his mother has passed to a happy home, where there will be no more pain or sorrow.
Resolved—That this resolution be entered on the minutes, a copy sent to Brother Walsh and to the G. S. T. for insertion in the official organs.
J. FAHEY, President.
W. BOYLAN, Recording Secretary.
W. LANE, S. T.
C. O. F.

St. Peter's Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, Peterborough, met on the 19th when the officers were installed by Brother J. P. Bryson as follows: Brother M. Coughlin, Past Chief Ranger; Brother John O'Brien, Chief Ranger; Brother S. Gault, Vice Chief Ranger; Brother J. P. Bryson, Recording Secretary; Brother J. J. Lynch, Financial Secretary; Brother James Clancy Treasurer; Brother Rev. Father Fitzpatrick, Chaplain; Brother Dr. Mohr, Physician; Brothers J. Halpin, S. Hayes, J. Grady, Trustees.
St. Peter's Court is enjoying much prosperity and now has 84 members.

MR. MOREAU'S JUBILEE.
Celebration at St. Hyacinthe—a Great Gathering of Bishops.
St. Hyacinthe, Que., January 21.—The celebration in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the episcopal consecration of Mgr. Moreau, Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, is being celebrated with much eclat here. There is a large gathering of bishops and clergy from all parts of Canada and some from the United States. Among those in attendance are: Archbishop Duhamel, Ottawa; Archbishop Egbin, coadjutor of Quebec; Archbishop Langevin, St. Boniface; Bishops Lafleche, Three Rivers; Gravel, Nicolet; Pless, Rimouski; Labrosse, Chicoutimi; Larocque, Sherbrooke; Emard, Valleyfield; Pacesal, Saskatchewan; Gabriel, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Michaud, coadjutor of Burlington; Dom Antoine, retired abbot of Oka; Mgr. Decelles, coadjutor of St. Hyacinthe; Rev. Canon Bourgeois, administrator of Montreal; Rev. Osmo Bruchesi.

Mgr. Louis Zephrin Moreau is the fourth Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, the other three having been Mgr. Prince, Mgr. Joseph Larocque, and Mgr. Chas. Larocque. The Bishop of St. Hyacinthe was born in Beauceau, Nicolet county, on April 1, 1824, and is therefore in his 73rd year. After his education at the St. Hyacinthe College he entered holy orders, and was ordained to the priesthood on December 19, 1846, and made Bishop of St. Hyacinthe November 19, 1876. He was consecrated January 16, 1876. Mgr. Moreau has been in failing health in later years and three years ago asked for the appointment of a coadjutor bishop, his request being granted by the Holy See, when Rev. Maximilien Decelles was appointed coadjutor with right of succession. A fine new cathedral and convents have been erected since Mgr. Moreau became bishop. The city and diocese have increased wonderfully since he became bishop, and now there are over 120,000 Catholics in it.

Archbishop Langevin Appeals to the French-Canadians.
Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface, visited Boucherville on Thursday and attended a requiem service for the repose of the soul of the late Archbishop Fabre. Abbe Primeau tendered the archbishop the sympathies of the parishioners in the struggle in which he was now engaged for separate schools and as a slight contribution for the maintenance of Catholic schools, presented him with \$150. The amount of the collection was \$150. The Archbishop in replying referred to the late Archbishop Fabre, and to Monsignor de Tache, who had been formerly connected with the parish. Preceding His Grace said: I thank you most cordially for the offering which you have just tendered the

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through your pastor, and my joy is great to meet, in this beautiful Province of Quebec, so patriotic, so Canadian and so Catholic, the encouragement which I need in the difficult circumstances in which I am placed.

You all belong to that nation whose broad and generous spirit leads it, in Lower Canada, to walk hand in hand with the Protestant minority and grant to it full freedom of action to direct and administer its own school system. What we ask for in Manitoba is nothing more than the freedom which you grant here to each nationality, to each creed, to control the education of their children and to guide them according to the dictates of their conscience. Notwithstanding this, we have been deprived of our rights as Catholics; we are seeking to overthrow our schools; to destroy our nationality, in spite of the reiterated appeals for the measure of justice which should preside over our social relations.

I love to believe that, in the midst of these persecutions, you will not abandon us, you, our brothers of the Province of Quebec, that you will not leave us to struggle alone against powerful enemies, especially when you are aware that we are contending for the holiest of causes.
If we disappear as French-Canadians from the plains of the West, the misfortune would not perhaps be very great, because we are the minority, the very smallest number; but in giving way before the invader, we open the door to all capitations and humiliations. Moreover, why should we not have the possession of all freedom in that western country which our missionaries and pioneers opened up to civilization, which they pacified and conquered at the price of such hardships and with their blood.

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Almost Frozen out at the Capital.
On Wednesday evening 30th inst., Mr. John E. Redmond M.P. for West Waterford and the leader of the few misguided men who, for factious purposes, and trading on the name of a dead statesman, lectured in the Opera House in this city; the subject being "Fifteen years in the British Parliament."
Under different circumstances, no man could make surer of a hearty welcome from the Irishmen of Ottawa than Mr. Redmond. They know him to be an able man, the son of a loyal follower of O'Connell, who for many years, represented his native county, Westford, in the Imperial Parliament; but they remembered that above and before all men, he is to-day the largely of discord, and that to him is largely due the lamentable position of the Irish National forces at this hour; they remembered his sneers at the great Canadian, Edward Blake, who so worthily represents the Home Rulers of this Dominion at Westminster; they remembered his contemptible treatment of Canadian Delegates to the Irish Race Convention recently held in Dublin; and last, but by no means the least, they had a most keen recollection of the dastardly attempt made by his organ to point out for social outlaws, one of our best and most patriotic citizens. And remembering all these, they studiously avoided the lecture, whilst the lecturer himself was not left in ignorance of the real reasons of their action, and why it was that on a beautiful night an audience of less than 300 could only be gotten to listen to the one of the foremost orators of the Empire.

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