

OTTAWA NEWS

The Work of Catholic and National Societies

The annual meeting of the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's Asylum was held last week and the report of the treasurer showed that the district collections amounted to over five hundred dollars. A part of this work is also done by the men and an effort was made to put the matter entirely in the hands of the ladies, but no decision was reached. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Hon. president—Mrs. F. McDougall. President—Mrs. M. P. Davis. Vice president—Mrs. Batterton, St. Patrick's, Mrs. H. F. Sims, St. Bridget's; Mrs. J. Martin, St. Mary's; Mrs. O'Reilly, St. Joseph's.

Treasurer—Rev. Sister Hawley. Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Mara. Co. officers—Mrs. W. King, Miss McEvoy, Miss Wade, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Mundy, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Baxter. The collectors are the same as last year and are as follows:

St. Patrick's parish—Messrs. John Gorman, Miss R. Smith, Mrs. Slater, Miss McEvoy, Miss T. Burns, Miss Kimmins, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Miss Doyle, Miss Clarke and Miss Ahearn.

St. Joseph's parish—Mrs. John O'Reilly. St. Bridget's parish—Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Mundy. St. Mary's parish—Mrs. Coulter. Hull and Aylmer—Mrs. Walsh.

A resolution of condolence was passed to Mrs. Slater on the recent death of her husband.

The A.O.H., Division No. 1, held a meeting some days ago, and it was decided to send out circulars to the local Irishmen not members of the Order stating the benefits to be derived from joining the Hibernians.

The circular states that Irishmen will be benefited generally by being brought into closer union and also points out the fact that there is a fund from which members will receive support during times of sickness.

Division No. 2 also held their regular meeting last week, and among other business transacted, a committee in regard to increasing the membership of the Order was appointed to co-operate with the members of Division No. 1.

The Catholic Foresters is a busy and active organization. Its membership is continually increasing, and every effort is being made to make it attractive. At home and other entertainments are regularly arranged at intervals to bring the members together. A subscription is being taken up among the several Courts for the benefit of the Casselman Court, which lost its equipment during the recent fire.

Even the hotelkeepers have been bitten by the craze for "reform." At a recent meeting of the trade, held in the Capital city, it was determined to raise the price of whiskey in order that the barkeeper might be enabled to sell a "good" quality of liquor. Perhaps the fact—self confessed—that Ottawa hotelmen have been selling cheap and poor whiskey may account for some of the peculiar actions of our legislators in times past.

There is a real scare over the milk question. It is feared that the tuberculosis which has been discovered among the dairy cows of the district may affect consumers and produce consumption among the people who drink the milk coming from this infected source. There is an agitation on foot for the appointment of a milk inspector, and meanwhile the great majority of the citizens are fattening on boiled milk as a precautionary measure.

According to the Free Press, the Manitoba school question is no longer a political factor and the decision of His Holiness on the vexed question will have no effect on the destinies of Canada. It says: "The matter can no longer be regarded as a public question and any future dealing with it will not be in the domain of politics. The affairs of God and Caesar will be completely separated."

Sir Oliver Mowat spent his last day in Ottawa immersed in the business of the office he was about to surrender to accept one of still higher honor, though not greater responsibility. To all appearance it seemed that there was to be no change and that the next day would still see him Minister of Justice.

The Free Press says that Branch 54 of the C. M. B. A. has been dissolved. The dissolution has been brought about for the mutual good of Branches Nos. 59 and 476, which had each a membership of 28, and could well afford to continue as separate branches. But these branches agreed to amalgamate in order (1) to reduce expenses of administration; (2) to ensure a larger attendance at meetings; (3) to bring together more members in the transaction of business and consideration of matters affecting the welfare of our association; (4) lastly, to heartily contribute, when authorized requests are made, to the funds asked in support of brothers visited by the hand of adversity. This they will be able to do, when the consolidated

branch has been in existence for about a month, and the report that Branch 54 has been dissolved is unfortunate to lose the numerical designation when the number of the branch that should be dissolved was drawn. However, the result was accepted in this respect with good nature. The new branch has a bright future in store for it.

C. M. B. A.

ANNUAL NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

It was pleasant, indeed, to witness the grand rally made by Branch 1, C. M. B. A., Quebec Grand Council, on Monday evening, when some 75 members took their seats and prepared to nominate their officers—good and true men—for the next term of twelve months, President John Lappin presiding. Bros. W. J. Scullion, Fin. Sec., T. J. White, Treasurer, F. C. Lawlor, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, were specially honored by a letter having been received from the Grand Recorder, Quebec city, expressing himself well pleased with the manner in which they had transacted the business of their Branch in all their correspondence with him, and most heartily wishing they might be re-elected by acclamation, as indeed they were as a reward for their many years faithful services. In fact, other old officers, in particular the respected President, were also elected by acclamation, and the remainder received no opposition in any case, thus proving the good will and harmony existing in this Branch. During the evening some Constitutional questions were debated by many members in a highly creditable manner, that would do honor to any society. But the memory of the departed brothers of this Branch was not forgotten, and arrangements are being made for having a grand requiem Mass for their benefit.

The Secretary read four applications for membership, and as many more are in preparation. Next meeting on 13th Dec., and the Installation of Officers will take place on the 10th January next, when it is expected the Rev. Spiritual Adviser and the Grand President will be present.

F. C. LAWLOR, Sec. Br. 1.

Branch 232.

Branch No. 232, C. M. B. A., Grand Council of Canada, will hold the second of its monthly socials in the Queen's Hall Assembly rooms, on Friday evening next. The inauguration of these monthly socials by this Branch has always proved to be of much good, as it has been the means of bringing the members, with their families and friends, into social intercourse, while at the same time affording them an opportunity of passing a pleasant evening. The programme outlined for the evening, it is needless to say, is a varied one, and will please the most fastidious. The following gentlemen compose the committee for these socials: President, T. M. Ireland; Bros. T. A. Lynch, Thos. Cowan, J. Rishan, W. E. Durack, A. Galley, P. J. Cherry, N. Butler, A. C. Coleman and J. Macdonald. According to the statement of the popular president of the Branch, it is the intention to leave nothing undone to guarantee to all who attend the socials a most enjoyable and pleasant time. The Branch also intends to celebrate the anniversary of its organization by a grand supper and social in the Queen's Hall Assembly Rooms during the month of February.

Branch 26.

The regular meeting of Branch 26 of the C. M. B. A., which was held at St. Patrick's Hall, St. Alexander Street, on Monday evening, was largely attended. President Michael Sharkey presided. One new member was initiated, and two applications for membership were referred to the Board of Trustees.

The "At Home" Committee reported that the event which had taken place on the 10th had proved a success. The nomination of officers for the ensuing

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year was next proceeded with and the following staff of officers were unanimously elected:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. M. Callaghan; Grand Deputy, Bro. T. P. Tansey; Medical Advisers, Dr. G. H. Merrill, 150 Steury street, and Dr. Ed. J. O'Connor, 377 St. Antoine street. Chancellor, M. Sharkey; President, Martin Eagan; 1st Vice-President, D. J. McGillis; 2nd Vice-President, Wm. H. Cox, N.F.; Secretary, J. J. Costigan; Asst. do., Jno. P. Curran; Financial Sec., G. A. Gadsby; Treasurer, John H. Feeley; Marshal, James Milroy; Guard, P. J. McDonagh; Trustees—Bros. P. Reynolds, D. J. McGillis, J. E. Shortall, F. J. Curran, B.C.L., Robt. Warren. Representative to Grand Council, Chancellor P. Reynolds; Alternate, Chancellor A. D. McGillis.

Short addresses were made by the newly elected officers, after which the regular business of the meeting was proceeded with. Grand Chancellor T. J. Finn made an address on the good of the Association, and was followed by Chancellors A. D. McGillis, P. Reynolds, J. P. Curran, L. E. Simonsen and others.

A resolution of sympathy was adopted to Bro. Thomas Conway on the recent death in his family. Arrangements were made for the holding of an open meeting on the first Monday in January, and also for the installation meeting on the second Monday of the same month. Considerable other business of importance was transacted, after which the meeting was brought to a close.

OUR IRISH LETTER.

DUBLIN, Nov. 13.—A meeting was held this week in which Archbishop Walsh, a number of the leading Irish Nationalists and others took part, for the purpose of devising ways and means of bringing about a speedy settlement of the Irish University question. After the matter had been fully considered in its various aspects, it was decided that the necessary steps should at once be taken for the holding of a representative public meeting in Dublin to press upon the Government the necessity of meeting the Catholic claim by introducing in the next session of Parliament a measure embodying the principles which were enunciated in the recent declaration of the Catholic laity of Ireland, and have since been practically endorsed by the First Lord of the Treasury with the concurrence of representative members of all parties in Parliament.

A committee was appointed to carry out the idea.

A proposal to convert the old Cabbage garden graveyard into a public park, it is said by a local paper, has been made to the Corporation and other authorities. The author of the idea is Lord Iveagh.

The recent fires in public buildings throughout different parts of the continent has been the means of awakening the local municipal authorities to look closely into the arrangements made for the public in these places. An Irish exchange, referring to a leading city in the South, has this to say: "The City Engineer's report on the means of exit from places of public resort in the city is the most important matter brought before the public for a considerable time. Out of nearly fifty buildings examined the engineer only finds about eight in which he does not consider some alteration necessary to provide for possible contingencies such as panic from fire, etc. Perhaps the most important paragraph in the report is that dealing with the exit from the gallery of the Opera House. Anyone who has been in the theatre on a crowded night must have shuddered at the thought of what would occur in the event of a fire. The tortuous passage leading from the gallery especially seems to have been designed as much as possible to retard the progress of the people leaving the house, even under ordinary circumstances, and one shrinks from contemplating the horrors which would necessarily attend a rush of panic-stricken people, driven by that greatest of all human terrors, the fear of death by fire! The engineer has done good service by his report, and the sooner the reforms he suggests are carried out by the Opera House Company and all the other parties concerned the better."

The municipal elections in Belfast are awakening unusual interest now that the final struggle is but two weeks distant, the nominations being fixed for the 16th, and the elections a week later. There has been a great deal of discussion in the circles of Catholics on account of the special effort being made to secure their just quota of representation in the council. His Lordship Bishop Henry, who has been the leader in the gallant struggle for this representation, recently referred to certain rumors circulated to do the cause injury. His Lordship said:—

He wished to make one or two remarks on a subject painful to him as their parish priest and bishop. "It appeared that misguided men were going about among their fellow Catholics endeavoring to mislead them with regard to himself and his priests. He had been informed that they were telling the people that the Bishop had given up the Catholic Association and its candidates for the Town Council, and that priests were in favor of their candidates. Now, he wished them and all the Catholics of that district to understand that it was false—absolutely false—that he had given up the Catholic Association or its candidates. On the contrary, he held that it would be a calamity for Catholic interests if any other men were returned by them to the Council. It was, therefore, his most earnest desire that the candidates of the Catholic Association be one and all returned to represent him and them and all the Catholics of the city in the new Council. Neither he (his Lordship) nor they need expect much consideration from the other candidates, if returned, who had treated him, their Bishop, and his advice in this most important matter with what he considered great discourtesy. With regard to his priests, all he had to say was that, if any priest was, as some stated, in favor of men who had spurned his authority and advice as Bishop on an important Catholic question, that priest was false to his duty as a priest; he had no evidence, however, that any priest in the city had so far forgotten what he owed to his Bishop and himself."

CLERICAL CHANGES IN THE DIOCESE OF CLOUGH.

His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Owens has been pleased to make the following changes among the clergy of the diocese of Clough:—Rev. A. Maguire, Enniskillen, to be C.C., Carrickmacross. Rev. P. Connolly, Threemilehouse, to be C.C., Enniskillen. Rev. W. Doherty, Carrickmacross, to be C.C., Fintona. Rev. J. J. Mohan, Carrickmacross, to be C.C., Threemilehouse. Rev. John McGlone, Fintona, to be C.C., Magheraclooney. Rev. N. Maguire, Magheraclooney, to be C.C., Drogheda. Rev. J. Sheil, Drogheda, to be C.C., Newtownbutler. Rev. J. McKenna, Newtownbutler, to be C.C., Donaghmoyny. Rev. P. McCleary, Maguirebridge, to be C.C., Carrickmacross. Rev. P. Fitzpatrick, Rockcorry, to be C.C., Maguirebridge. Rev. E. Quigley, Carrin, to be C.C., Rockcorry. Rev. E. Gallagher, Garrison, to be C.C., Carrin. Rev. J. J. Soraghan, Derrygonnelly, to be C.C., Garrison. Rev. P. Marron, Castleblaney, to be C.C., Derrygonnelly. Rev. J. McPhillips, Donaghmoyny, to be C.C., Castleblaney. Rev. P. J. Lynch, Clontibret, to be C.C., Monaghan. Rev. J. Rannand, Clough, to be C.C., Clontibret. Rev. F. Eckett, Monaghan, to be C.C., Tydavnet. Rev. P. McNeaney, Tydavnet, to be C.C., Clough. Rev. J. Meenan, Threemilehouse, to be C.C., Fivemiletown.

DEATH OF AN IRISH BISHOP IN QUEENSLAND.

News has reached New Ross of the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, Bishop of Cookstown, North Queensland, Australia. The sad event took place on Thursday last. Deceased was brother of Mr. James Hutchinson, J. P., Rosbercon Castle, and Mr. Matthew Hutchinson, merchant, New Ross. When the first cable of Bishop Hutchinson's death arrived and became known every part of the town manifested signs of mourning. Early in life he entered the Order of St. Augustine, and from his entry, by his open and straightforward character, endeared himself to his brethren in religion, who, later on, when the opportunity offered, marked their appreciation of him by electing him Provincial of the Irish Province. The Augustinian Mission in Hoxton, London, owes much to his zeal. He laboured there for many years, and to provide funds for in the early days of its existence he cheerfully undertook the unpleasant task of collecting throughout the United States. He was beloved by his people, and by his brother Augustinians his memory will for long be cherished. By his brethren in religion he will be for ever held in grateful remembrance because of the noble sacrifices he made to found and maintain the Augustinian

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DEATH OF A NOTED PRIEST.

Scarcely has the grave closed upon the popular and esteemed Carmelite Father (Father Hall) than the Order has again to lament for another of its best and most sainted priests, the Very Rev. Father Bennett, whose death took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Carmelite College, St. Joseph's, Terremore. Deceased was attached, many years ago, to the church in Whitefriar street, and was, perhaps, the oldest priest in the diocese, having attained the venerable age of 93 years. He was a distinguished scholar and theologian, and with the Most Rev. Dr. Woodcock was, we believe, one of the first professors at All Hallows' Missionary College, Drumcondra, and had much to do with its inception. A life-long intimacy between the two clerics existed. For many years past Father Bennett retired from active duties in the Order. He filled the various offices with great ability and piety, and was greatly respected by his brother priests. He was, about 50 years ago, the Assistant-General.

A most extraordinary surgical operation was performed a few days ago by several members of the staff of the Eye and Ear Hospital. It was nothing less than the cutting off from a recently deceased pig of an eyelid and the attaching of the same to the eye of a man who needed the appendage. By permission of Mr. Michael Roche the experiment was carried out in the Garden Lane Stores of the old-established bacon curing establishment of Mr. P. Kehoe, Francis street, of which Mr. Roche is proprietor. The patient operated upon is John Ryan. He is 45 years of age and is an army man. He has been for some time in the Clonmel union hospital suffering from ophthalmia, resulting from absence of the eyelid. The guardians sent him to the Ear and Eye Hospital, Molesworth street, where he has been under treatment now for many years. As it was found impossible that his eye could be cured—that if it were exposed to light without the protection of a lid the disease would return, Dr. Maxwell, who had him in charge, determined to make an operation. He obtained the assistance of Dr. Mooney and Dr. Large. Having obtained the permission of Mr. Roche he visited the premises and a healthy pig was selected. On Wednesday at a quarter to 11 the three medical men arrived at the premises with the patient in a cab. A screen

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